

### Exercises on factorization into $A = LU$

**Problem 4.1:** What matrix  $E$  puts  $A$  into triangular form  $EA = U$ ? Multiply by  $E^{-1} = L$  to factor  $A$  into  $LU$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:** We will perform a series of row operations to transform the matrix  $A$  into an upper triangular matrix. First, we multiply the first row by 2 and then subtract it from the second row in order to make the first element of the second row 0:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, we multiply the first row by 2 (again) and subtract it from the third row in order to make the first element of the third row 0:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we multiply the second row by 3 and subtract it from the third row in order to make the second element of the third row 0:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U.$$

We take the three matrices we used to perform each operation and multiply them to get  $E$ :

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E.$$

To check, we evaluate  $EA$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = U.$$

To find  $E^{-1}$ , use the Gauss-Jordan elimination method (or just insert the multipliers 2, 2, 3 into  $E^{-1}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] &\longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\longrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

We can check that this is in fact the inverse of  $E$ :

$$EE^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I.$$

Finally, to factorize  $A$  into  $LU$  (where  $L = E^{-1}$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A = LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 4.2:** (2.6 #13. *Introduction to Linear Algebra*: Strang) Compute  $L$  and  $U$  for the symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ a & b & b & b \\ a & b & c & c \\ a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find four conditions on  $a, b, c, d$  to get  $A = LU$  with four pivots.

**Solution:** Elimination subtracts row 1 from rows 2-4; the result is  $U$ . All the multipliers  $\ell_{ij}$  are equal to 1; so  $L$  is the lower triangular matrix with 1's on the diagonal and below it.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &\longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ 0 & b-a & b-a & b-a \\ 0 & b-a & c-a & c-a \\ 0 & b-a & c-a & d-a \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ 0 & b-a & b-a & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & c-b & c-b \\ 0 & 0 & c-b & d-b \end{bmatrix} \\ &\longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ 0 & b-a & b-a & b-a \\ 0 & 0 & c-b & c-b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d-c \end{bmatrix} = U, L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The pivots are the nonzero entries on the diagonal of  $U$ . So there are four pivots when these four conditions are satisfied:  $a \neq 0, b \neq a, c \neq b$ , and  $d \neq c$ .

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