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Dr. Robert van de Geijn: We're going to come up with an algorithm for solving  $Lz$  equals  $b$ , where  $L$  is a unit lower triangular matrix. Why is this interesting? Well, remember that we were trying to solve  $Ax$  equals  $b$ .

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Homework 6.3.2.1

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Algorithm:  $[b] := \text{LTRSV\_UNB\_VAR1}(L, b)$

Partition

$$L \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array} \right), b \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right)$$

where  $L_{TL}$  is  $0 \times 0$ ,  $b_T$  has 0 rows

while  $m(L_{TL}) < m(L)$  do

Repartition

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} L_{00} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline l_{10}^T & \lambda_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{20} & l_{21} & L_{22} \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} b_0 \\ \hline \beta_1 \\ \hline b_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$b_2 := b_2 - \beta_1 l_{21}$$

Continue with

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} L_{TL} & 0 \\ \hline L_{BL} & L_{BR} \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} L_{00} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline l_{10}^T & \lambda_{11} & 0 \\ \hline L_{20} & l_{21} & L_{22} \end{array} \right), \left( \begin{array}{c} b_T \\ \hline b_B \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} b_0 \\ \hline \beta_1 \\ \hline b_2 \end{array} \right)$$

endwhile

Write the routine `Ltrsv_unb_var1( L, b )` that solves  $Lx = b$ , overwriting  $b$ .

- `[ b_out ] = Ltrsv_unb_var1( L, b )`

You can check that they compute the right answers with the following script:

- `test_Ltrsv_unb_var1.m` (In LAFF-2.0xM/Programming/Week06/ )

Unfortunately, PictureFLAME does not work for this problem.

This script exercises the functions by factoring the matrix

```
A = [
    2      0      1      2
   -2     -1      1     -1
    4     -1      5      4
   -4      1     -3     -8
]
```

by calling

```
LU = LU_unb_var5( A )
```

Next, it solves  $Lz = b$  with the right-hand size vector

```
b = [
    2
    2
   11
   -3
]
```

by calling

```
z = Ltrsv_unb_var1( LU, b )
```

Finally, it extract upper triangular matrix  $U$

```
U = triu( LU )
```

and solves  $Ux = z$  with the intrinsic operation

x = U \ z

We can the check if this solves  $Ax = b$  by computing

b - A \* x

which should yield a zero vector.

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Here is our implementations of the function:

- [Ltrsv\\_unb\\_var1.m](#)

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