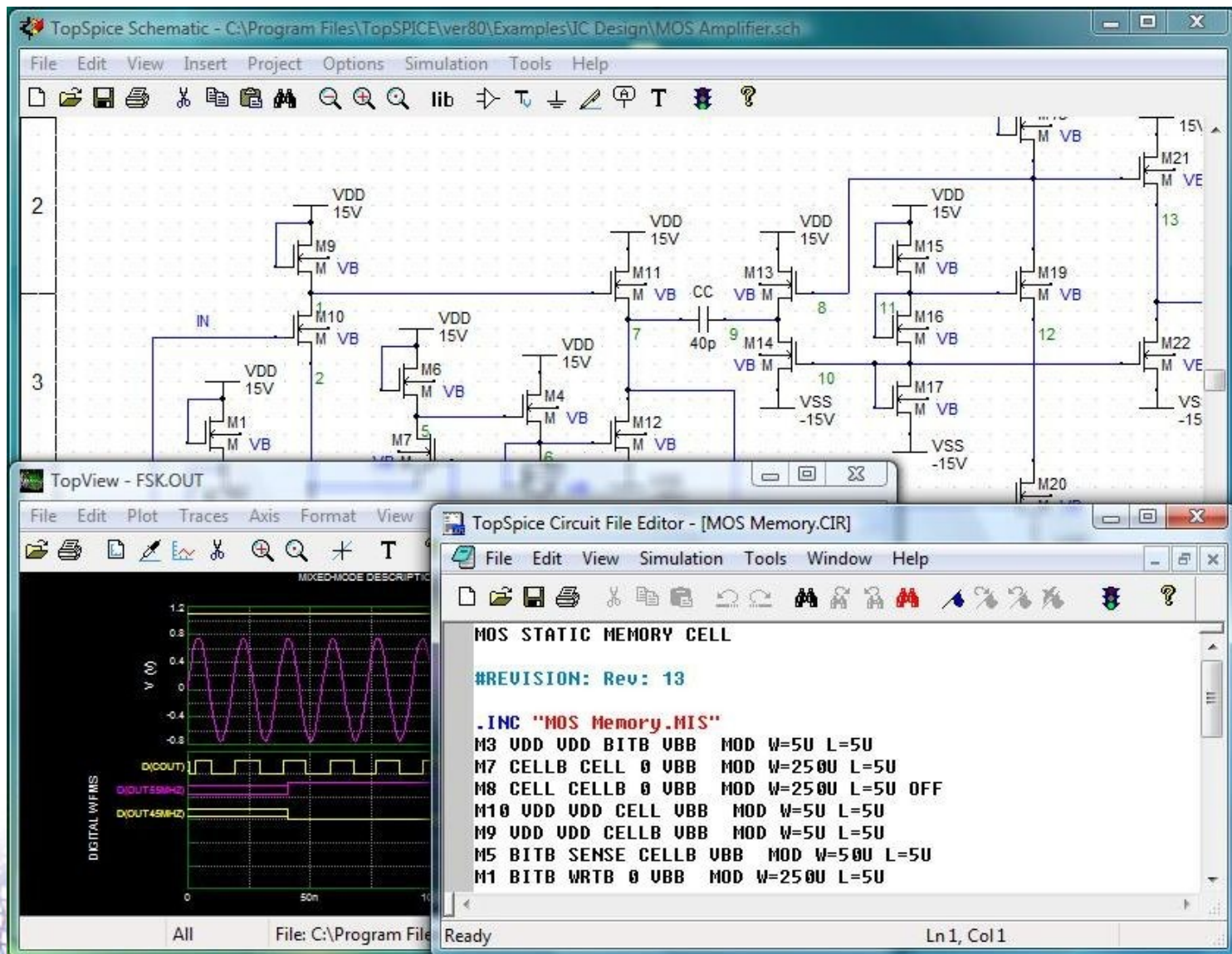


# SPICE

- Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis





# SPICE under the covers

## In a Nutshell: How SPICE Works

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**I**ntended audience: This article won't help software engineers who have to *implement* circuit simulators: they invest time with the classic textbooks<sup>1</sup>. But I believe that textbooks are over kill for SPICE *users* and that a shorter, simpler explanation is a better investment of time, hence this article.

Let's start simply with a onetime step (i.e. DC) solution of a circuit that consists of two unknown node voltages,  $V_1$ ,  $V_2$ , a ground node  $V_0$ , three known ohmic conductances,  $G_{xy} = 1/R_{xy}$  (where  $I_{xy} = G_{xy} (V_y - V_x)$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are the node indices), and three known current sources (Fig. 1).

You can solve a circuit using either Kirchhoff's current law or voltage law or both. These laws are named after the German physicist Gustav Robert Kirchhoff (1824–87)<sup>2</sup>. SPICE is a modified nodal solver and uses the current law: the sum of the currents into each node is zero. We'll talk about what the 'modified' bit means in a future article on 'super nodes.' We'll also postpone a

discussion about when Kirchhoff's laws break down for a future article (hint: Faraday's law trumps Kirchhoff's law).

The nodes are joined by branches, so the other ingredients are the *branch constitutive equations* of the components that join them; for example  $V = IR$  if it's an ohmic resistor,  $V = L di/dt$  for an inductor, etc. In this simple example, we have three simultaneous equations, one each from node 0, 1, and 2:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{01}(V_1 - V_0) - G_{20}(V_0 - V_2) + I_{20} - I_{01} &= 0 \\ G_{12}(V_2 - V_1) - G_{01}(V_1 - V_0) + I_{01} - I_{12} &= 0 \\ G_{20}(V_0 - V_2) - G_{12}(V_2 - V_1) + I_{12} - I_{20} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

... with three unknowns,  $V_0$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $V_2$ .

The same equations can be rearranged into matrix form; in this case the augmented (or indefinite) node conductance matrix relates the voltage and current vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (G_{01} + G_{20}) & -G_{01} & -G_{20} \\ -G_{01} & (G_{12} + G_{01}) & -G_{12} \\ -G_{20} & -G_{12} & (G_{20} + G_{12}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{20} - I_{01} \\ I_{01} - I_{12} \\ I_{12} - I_{20} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note the 'pattern of four' that each conductance (e.g.  $G_{01}$  highlighted below) impresses into the conductance matrix (Table 1).

In SPICE parlance, making this 'pattern of four' impression is called 'stamping the matrix.' Conveniently, this 'stamping' generalizes for any number of nodes and two termi-

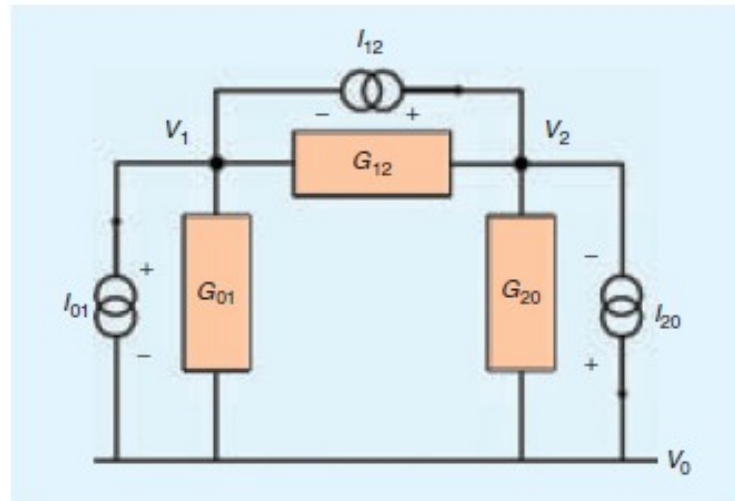


Fig. 1.

TABLE 1.

# Mini-Projects

- Some ideas for mini-projects are on Canvas now. Please use them for inspiration.
- Please choose one (or make up your own) and fill out a project proposal form by next week's class.
  - Proposal forms are mandatory, and they are also helpful to you.
- After I approve your mini-project (perhaps after modifications), then do your project and create your presentation.
- Presentations are on Fri, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - We'll use Matlab to determine order of presentations.



## Mini-project Proposal Form

Your name:

### ***Project description.***

Please describe your project. Include a description of the problem to be solved, and describe any real-world applications involving this problem.

### ***Inputs and outputs***

Please describe any input data your program will use, i.e. is it text, numeric, or what? If the data comes from a third-party source (e.g. off the internet), please tell where it comes from.

Please describe what outputs your program will produce, for example, graphs, text output, etc.

### ***Solution algorithm.***

Please describe the algorithm you will use to solve the problem. In best case, this should be a numbered list of steps, similar to what is presented in class lectures.

### ***Corner cases***

Please describe any “corner cases” or particular inputs which require special treatment by your program.

### ***Testing***

Please describe how you will test your program to verify that it produces correct results.

# Available on Canvas

# **A word about your mini-project presentations**

- Give presentation from your laptop using PowerPoint or equivalent.
- Rule of thumb: 1 slide every 2 minutes.
- Count on 12 – 14 minutes.
  - 6 or 7 slides max.
  - Allow time for a question.
- Maximum 5 main points (main bullets) per slide.
- Pictures are better than words. Draw a picture to convey your idea if you can.

# Mini-projects....

- Please rehearse your presentation before you give it in class.
- Make sure you know how to project using your laptop.
  - Suggestion: try to project using the math department's projector prior to class.
- Put a copy of your presentation (.pdf format) onto a flash drive in case of emergency.



# Ideal presentation

- 3 slides introducing your general topic area, and talking about the specific problem you want to solve.
- 2 slides reviewing your computation and algorithm
- 1 slide presenting your results.
- Maybe one more slide to expand on one of the above. Maybe.....

# Next topic: Solvers for dense systems of linear equations

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m.$$

$$Ax=b$$



# Linear solver: Problem statement

Given elements of matrix  $A$ , and elements of vector  $b$ , find the elements of vector  $x$ .

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m.$$

$$Ax = b$$

# Gauss elimination

- Algorithm to solve linear system  $Ax = b$
- Named after Gauss (early 19<sup>th</sup> c. German mathematician)
- Known to Chinese mathematicians as early as 179 AD.
- Example on white board



Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss,  
1777-1855



# Step 1: Forward elimination

Start with

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 4$$

$$3x - y + z = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} r_2 + \frac{1}{2}r_1 \\ r_3 + \frac{1}{2}r_1 \end{array} \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$
$$\begin{array}{l} r_3 - \frac{1}{4}r_2 \end{array} \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

Pivot elements in green

After elimination

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$4y - 4z = 5$$

$$4z = 3/4$$

- Use forward elimination to get triangular system

# Step 2: Backsubstitution

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$4y - 4z = 5$$

$$4z = 3/4$$

$$z = 3/16$$

$$4y = 5 - 4 \times (3/16)$$

$$y = 23/16$$

$$-6x = 2 - 4 \times (3/16) - 4 \times (23/16)$$

$$x = 3/4$$

- Use backsubstitution on triangular system to get x, y, z values.



# Forward elimination

- Start with system:

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$3x + 2y - 6z = 4$$

$$3x - y + z = 1$$

- Create augmented matrix

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

- Identify pivot element

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

# Forward elimination

- Multiply rows by constants then subtract to clear first column.

$$\begin{array}{l} r_2 + \frac{1}{2}r_1 \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 & | & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 & | & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ r_3 + \frac{1}{2}r_1 \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$



# Forward elimination

- Identify next pivot element
- Multiply rows by constants then subtract to clear next column.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$r_3 - \frac{1}{4}r_2 \leftarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3/4 \end{array} \right)$$

# Result of forward elimination

- We now have upper triangular LHS

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} -6 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 3/4 \end{array} \right)$$

- Equivalent linear system

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$4y - 4z = 5$$

$$4z = 3/4$$

- All operations performed in forward elimination preserve the solution, so this system has the same solution as the original

# Back substitution

- Equivalent linear system
- Backsubstitute bottom row to get  $z$
- Backsubstitute:  
Work upwards to get remaining rows

$$-6x + 4y + 4z = 2$$

$$4y - 4z = 5$$

$$4z = 3/4$$

$$4z = 3/4 \Rightarrow z = 3/16$$

$$4y = 5 - 4 \times (3/16)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 23/16$$

$$-6x = 2 - 4 \times (3/16) - 4 \times (23/16)$$

$$x = 3/4$$



# Remarks about Gauss elimination

- Two stages to Gauss elimination:
  - Forward elimination
  - Back substitution
- Useful for dense matrices.
  - Use other solvers for sparse.
- *Important:* Gauss elimination is  $O(N^3)$  overall.
  - Forward elimination  $O(N^3)$
  - Back substitution  $O(N^2)$
  - Demonstration on whiteboard.

# Gaussian elimination code

```
function x = naive_gauss(A,b);  
    % Get length of input vector b.  
    n = length(b);
```

Code is on Blackboard in  
Class 5 folder.

```
    % preallocate output x vector.  
    x = zeros(n,1);
```

```
    % Perform forward elimination to create triangular matrix.
```

```
    fprintf('----- Forward elimination -----\n')
```

```
    for k=1:n-1      % Iterate over pivots  
        for i=k+1:n  % Iterate over rows  
            xmult = A(i,k)/A(k,k); % Divide by pivot  
            for j=1:n % Third inner loop over cols -- algorithm is  $O(N^3)$   
                A(i,j) = A(i,j)-xmult*A(k,j);  
            end  
            b(i) = b(i)-xmult*b(k);  
        end  
    end  
end
```

Elimination step: Three  
nested loops

```
    % Now do back substitution to get x.
```

```
    fprintf('----- Backward substitution -----\n')
```

```
    x(n) = b(n)/A(n,n);  
    for i=n-1:-1:1  
        sum = b(i);  
        for j=i+1:n  
            sum = sum-A(i,j)*x(j);  
        end  
        x(i) = sum/A(i,i);  
    end  
end
```

Back substitution step:  
Two nested loops.

```
>> naive_gauss(A, b)
----- Forward elimination -----
After iteration 1,
A =
    0.1952   -0.6336    0.0297   -1.9038
         0   -0.1459   -1.0608   -3.4057
         0   -0.0281    0.0671   -0.3557
         0    6.2837    0.0578   17.7575
```

```
b =
    0.6970
    2.0223
    0.0976
   -6.5570
```

```
After iteration 2,
A =
    0.1952   -0.6336    0.0297   -1.9038
         0   -0.1459   -1.0608   -3.4057
         0         0    0.2717    0.3013
         0         0  -45.6376 -128.9532
```

```
b =
    0.6970
    2.0223
   -0.2925
   80.5599
```

```
After iteration 3,
A =
    0.1952   -0.6336    0.0297   -1.9038
         0   -0.1459   -1.0608   -3.4057
         0         0    0.2717    0.3013
         0         0    0.0000  -78.3423
```

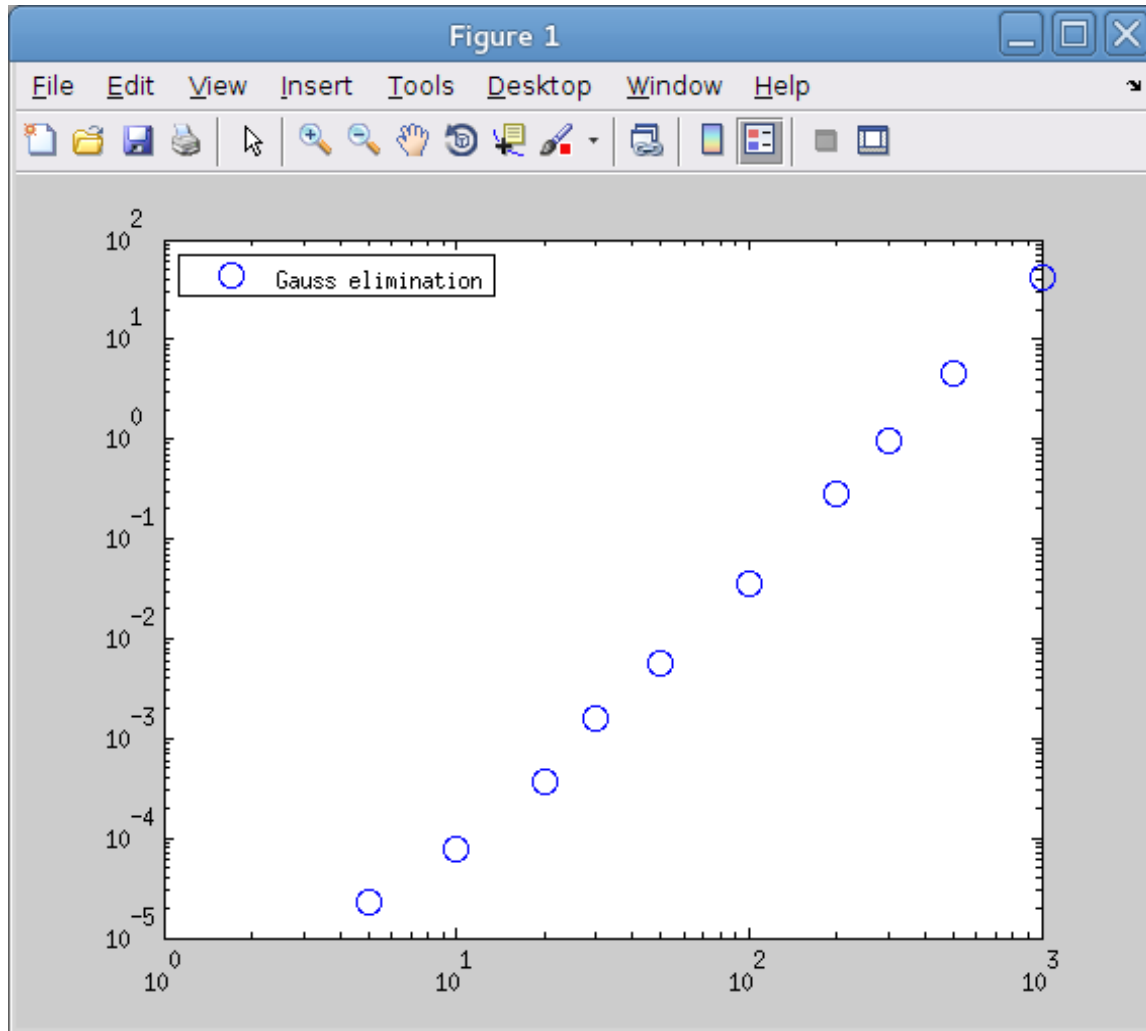
```
b =
    0.6970
    2.0223
   -0.2925
   31.4191
```

# Demo

~/Class4/NaiveGauss



# Timing of naive\_gauss



- Gauss elimination:  $O(N^3)$

```
>> time_naive_gauss
Testing [3, 3] matrix
Testing [5, 5] matrix
Testing [10, 10] matrix
Testing [20, 20] matrix
Testing [30, 30] matrix
Testing [50, 50] matrix
Testing [100, 100] matrix
Testing [200, 200] matrix
Testing [300, 300] matrix
Testing [500, 500] matrix
Testing [1000, 1000] matrix
Gauss elimination is 0(2.990)
```

# Pivoting

- Consider trying to solve this system using Gaussian elimination:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & -6 & 1 \\ -1 & 7 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- System is non-singular, well conditioned.
- But we can't do Gaussian elimination due to 0 in upper left position.
- However, we **can** solve this system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 7 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Same as above, except with rows 1, 2 swapped.

# Pivoting and stability

- Consider simple system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1\text{e-}20 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- By observation, solution is close to

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- But what is the result of Gaussian elimination on this system? (Matlab demo: pivot\_demo)



# Pivoting

- Pivoting: Means putting largest possible value into “pivot element” before doing elimination.
  - Partial pivoting: Row permutations only
  - Complete pivoting: Both row and column permutations
- Pivoting is important for two reasons:
  - Removing zeros
  - Numerical stability
- If you can't eliminate zeros using pivoting, your matrix is probably singular.

# Next: LU decomposition

- Derived from Gauss elimination
- Recall LU decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}.$$

L = non-zeros on lower triangle

U = non-zeros on upper triangle

- Why is it good? Decompose matrix once, use for many different b vectors

$$\begin{array}{lcl} Ax = b & \leftarrow & \text{Hard to solve} \\ LUx = b & \Rightarrow & Ly = b \quad \leftarrow \text{Easy to solve} \\ & & Ux = y \quad \leftarrow \text{Easy to solve} \end{array}$$

# LU decomposition walk-through

- Put 1 on diagonal of L.
- Put neg of Gauss elimin coeffs into off-diags of L.

U                      L

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 r_2 + \frac{1}{2}r_1 \\
 r_3 + \frac{1}{2}r_1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & & \\ -1/2 & & \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & \\ -1/2 & 1/4 & \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$



# Check LU decomposition

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↖ We get original matrix back.

# LU – the main points

- We want to solve  $Ax = b$
- Forward iteration to get  $A = LU$ .  $O(N^3)$
- Now we have  $LUx = b$ . Use back substitution to get  $x = U \setminus (L \setminus b)$ .  $O(N^2)$
- This is useful for problems where  $A$  remains the same, but  $b$  changes.
- Generally used for dense matrices.
- Matlab command:  $[L, U] = \text{lu}(A)$
- Default Matlab solver for  $Ax=b$  when  $A$  is square.

# LU demo

```
>> A
```

```
A =
```

```
    -6     4     4  
     3     2    -6  
     3    -1     1
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -6 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
>> [L, U] = lu(A)
```

```
L =
```

```
    1.0000         0         0  
   -0.5000    1.0000         0  
   -0.5000    0.2500    1.0000
```

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1/4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
U =
```

```
    -6     4     4  
     0     4    -4  
     0     0     4
```

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Another demo

- Note: to get LU form in general, you need to pay attention to the permutation matrix returned along with decomposition.

```
>> A = randn(4,4)
```

```
A =
```

-0.1953	-1.2125	0.5279	1.0228
0.8734	0.4541	0.6959	0.5313
-0.4659	1.0691	-1.1500	-1.5655
-0.8709	0.2928	-0.6465	-0.9258

```
>> [L,U] = lu(A)
```

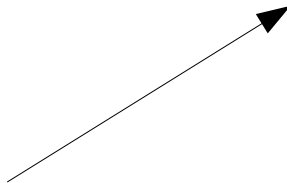
```
L =
```

-0.2236	-0.8472	0.0483	1.0000
1.0000	0	0	0
-0.5335	1.0000	0	0
-0.9971	0.5686	1.0000	0

```
U =
```

0.8734	0.4541	0.6959	0.5313
0	1.3114	-0.7788	-1.2821
0	0	0.4902	0.3329
0	0	0	0.0393

What happened here?!?





# How to pivot? Permutation matrices

- Upon multiplication a permutation matrix will swap rows/cols. Examples:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $PA$  – swap rows
- $AP$  – swap columns.

# Make a permutation matrix in Matlab

```
>> P = eye(5)
```

```
P =
```

1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1

```
>> P = P(:, [1 4 3 2 5])
```

```
P =
```

1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1

# Row swap

```
>> A
```

```
A =
```

1	1	1	1	1
1	2	3	4	5
1	3	6	10	15
1	4	10	20	35
1	5	15	35	70

```
>> P*A
```

```
ans =
```

1	1	1	1	1
1	4	10	20	35
1	3	6	10	15
1	2	3	4	5
1	5	15	35	70

# Column swap

```
>> A
```

```
A =
```

1	1	1	1	1
1	2	3	4	5
1	3	6	10	15
1	4	10	20	35
1	5	15	35	70

```
>> A*P
```

```
ans =
```

1	1	1	1	1
1	4	3	2	5
1	10	6	3	15
1	20	10	4	35
1	35	15	5	70

# Permutation matrices

- When we do Gaussian elimination, we do pivoting by hand.

```
>> A = randn(4,4)
```

A =

-0.1953	-1.2125	0.5279	1.0228
0.8734	0.4541	0.6959	0.5313
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```
>> [L,U] = lu(A)
```

L =

-0.2236	-0.8472	0.0483	1.0000
1.0000	0	0	0
-0.5335	1.0000	0	0
-0.9971	0.5686	1.0000	0

- When Matlab does pivoting, it can return a permutation matrix along with the matrix decomposition.

U =

0.8734	0.4541	0.6959	0.5313
0	1.3114	-0.7788	-1.2821
0	0	0.4902	0.3329
0	0	0	0.0393



```
>> A
```

```
A =
```

```
-0.1953    -1.2125     0.5279     1.0228  
 0.8734     0.4541     0.6959     0.5313  
-0.4659     1.0691    -1.1500    -1.5655  
-0.8709     0.2928    -0.6465    -0.9258
```

```
>> [L,U, P] = lu(A) ←
```

Ask for  
permutation matrix  
as part of return

```
L =
```

```
 1.0000     0     0     0  
-0.5335     1.0000     0     0  
-0.9971     0.5686     1.0000     0  
-0.2236    -0.8472     0.0483     1.0000 ← L
```

```
U =
```

```
 0.8734     0.4541     0.6959     0.5313  
      0     1.3114    -0.7788    -1.2821 ← U  
      0      0     0.4902     0.3329  
      0      0      0     0.0393
```

```
P =
```

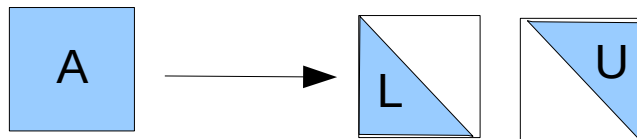
```
 0     1     0     0  
 0     0     1     0  
 0     0     0     1  
 1     0     0     0 ← Permutation matrix
```

$$P^*A = L*U$$

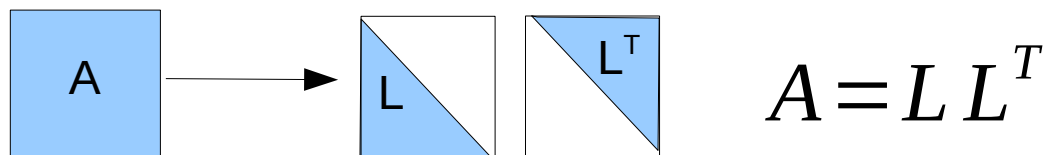
$$A = P^T*L*U$$

# Next: Cholesky decomposition

- The story so far:
  - Gauss elim is  $O(N^3)$
  - LU is  $O(N^3)$  for decomposition,  $O(N^2)$  to re-use the decomposition for different b vectors.



- For symmetric, positive-definite matrices:  
Cholesky decomposition
  - Still  $O(N^3)$ , but 1/2 time required by LU



# Derivation

Cholesky  
decomposition –  
SPD matrix only

Note symmetric

$$A = L L^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & l_{21} & l_{31} \\ 0 & l_{22} & l_{32} \\ 0 & 0 & l_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} l_{11}^2 & \text{same} & \text{same} \\ l_{21}l_{11} & l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 & \text{same} \\ l_{31}l_{11} & l_{31}l_{21} + l_{32}l_{22} & l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Walk through on white board

# Working backwards....

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & a_{31} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{32} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11}^2 & \text{same} & \text{same} \\ l_{21}l_{11} & l_{21}^2 + l_{22}^2 & \text{same} \\ l_{31}l_{11} & l_{32}l_{21} + l_{32}l_{22} & l_{31}^2 + l_{32}^2 + l_{33}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$$

$$l_{21} = a_{21}/l_{11} \longrightarrow l_{22} = \sqrt{a_{22} - l_{21}^2}$$

$$l_{31} = a_{31}/l_{11} \longrightarrow l_{32} = (a_{32} - l_{31}l_{21})/l_{22} \longrightarrow l_{33} = \sqrt{a_{33} - l_{31}^2 - l_{32}^2}$$

- Each element depends only upon previously computed values.



# Cholesky algorithm

1. Initialize by computing  $\longrightarrow l_{11} = \sqrt{a_{11}}$
2. Loop on  $i = 2:N$
3. Loop on  $j = 1:i-1$  (lower triangle)
4. Compute off diagonals  $\longrightarrow l_{ij} = \left( \frac{1}{l_{jj}} \right) \left( a_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} l_{ik} l_{jk} \right)$
5. End j
6. Compute diagonal entry  $\longrightarrow l_{ii} = \sqrt{a_{ii} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} l_{ij}^2}$
7. End i
8. Return lower triangular matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{pmatrix}$

```
function L = mychol(A)
% My simple implementation of the basic
% Cholesly factorization algorithm.
% Written for Numerical Analysis 1, Spring 2016.
% Note: This version is not vectorized. Performance
% may stink.
```

# Simple Matlab implementation

```
N = size(A,1);
L = zeros(size(A));

fprintf('Computing [%d, %d]\n', 1, 1)
L(1,1) = sqrt(A(1,1));
for i=2:N
    % Do sum giving lower off-diagonals.
    for j=1:(i-1)
        s = 0;
        for k=1:(j-1)
            s = s + L(i,k)*L(j,k);
        end
        fprintf('Computing [%d, %d]\n', i, j)
        L(i,j) = (A(i,j) - s)/L(j,j);
    end

    % Do sum giving diagonal piece.
    s = 0;
    for j=1:(i-1)
        s = s + L(i,j)*L(i,j);
    end
    fprintf('Computing [%d, %d]\n', i, i)
    L(i,i) = sqrt(A(i,i) - s);

end

end
```

```
>> B = 100*randn(4,4)
```

```
B =
```

-135.5593	-71.7969	-4.3032	52.2341
45.9567	85.5801	219.6252	-55.9906
44.2279	155.6688	-75.9326	-63.3317
-25.6306	-38.9228	134.5036	-46.2980

```
>> A = B'*B
```

```
A =
```

1.0e+04 \*

2.3101	2.1548	0.3871	-1.1268
2.1548	3.8226	0.2049	-1.6599
0.3871	0.2049	7.2111	-1.3940
-1.1268	-1.6599	-1.3940	1.2018

← This creates SPD  
matrix

```
>> L = mychol(A)
```

```
Computing [1, 1]
```

```
Computing [2, 1]
```

```
Computing [2, 2]
```

```
Computing [3, 1]
```

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Computing [3, 2]
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Computing [3, 3]
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Computing [4, 1]
```

```
Computing [4, 2]
```

```
Computing [4, 3]
```

```
Computing [4, 4]
```

```
L =
```

151.9914	0	0	0
141.7728	134.6364	0	0
25.4675	-11.5992	267.0723	0
-74.1381	-45.2172	-47.0899	47.5316

```
>> L*L' - A
```

```
ans =
```

1.0e-10 \*

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	-0.1455	0
0	0	0	0

# Test

```
function test_mychol()

    basetol = 2e-11;
    pass = 0;
    fail = 0;

    % Generate representative sample of different sized matrices for test.
    for n = 3:13:200
        tol = n*basetol;

        % Generate random SPD matrix of size nxn.
        B = 100*randn(n,n);
        A = B'*B;

        % Now send to mychol
        L = mychol(A);

        % Now check decomposition
        diff = norm(L*L' - A);
        fprintf('Testing [%d, %d] matrix... diff = %e, tol = %e ', n, n, diff, tol)
        if (diff < tol)
            fprintf('Test passed!\n')
            pass = pass+1;
        else
            fprintf('Test failed!\n')
            fail = fail+1;
        end
    end

    if (fail > 0)
        fprintf('At end, at least one test failed -- general failure\n')
    else
        fprintf('All tests pass!\n')
    end

end
```



# Testing different matrix sizes

```
>> test_mychol
Testing [3, 3] matrix... diff = 2.943187e-12, tol = 6.000000e-11 Test passed!
Testing [16, 16] matrix... diff = 3.382943e-11, tol = 3.200000e-10 Test passed!
Testing [29, 29] matrix... diff = 8.032349e-11, tol = 5.800000e-10 Test passed!
Testing [42, 42] matrix... diff = 1.963549e-10, tol = 8.400000e-10 Test passed!
Testing [55, 55] matrix... diff = 2.601481e-10, tol = 1.100000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [68, 68] matrix... diff = 3.717185e-10, tol = 1.360000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [81, 81] matrix... diff = 3.559407e-10, tol = 1.620000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [94, 94] matrix... diff = 5.008336e-10, tol = 1.880000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [107, 107] matrix... diff = 5.222256e-10, tol = 2.140000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [120, 120] matrix... diff = 7.884064e-10, tol = 2.400000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [133, 133] matrix... diff = 9.766660e-10, tol = 2.660000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [146, 146] matrix... diff = 1.187644e-09, tol = 2.920000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [159, 159] matrix... diff = 1.042439e-09, tol = 3.180000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [172, 172] matrix... diff = 1.229054e-09, tol = 3.440000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [185, 185] matrix... diff = 1.499971e-09, tol = 3.700000e-09 Test passed!
Testing [198, 198] matrix... diff = 2.454740e-09, tol = 3.960000e-09 Test passed!
All tests pass!
```

```
>> B = 100*randn(4,4)
```

```
B =
```

```
-43.7288 -177.1440 -15.6100 -84.0567  
-58.3422 -68.3055 -131.0864 -140.8051  
 5.8492 -85.7203 44.9550 155.4949  
-121.6094 59.1517 -179.1292 -162.2765
```

```
>> L = mychol(B)
```

```
Computing [1, 1]  
Computing [2, 1]  
Computing [2, 2]  
Computing [3, 1]  
Computing [3, 2]  
Computing [3, 3]  
Computing [4, 1]  
Computing [4, 2]  
Computing [4, 3]  
Computing [4, 4]
```

```
L =
```

```
0.0000 + 6.6128i 0.0000 + 0.0000i 0.0000 + 0.0000i 0.0000 + 0.0000i  
0.0000 + 8.8227i 3.0877 + 0.0000i 0.0000 + 0.0000i 0.0000 + 0.0000i  
0.0000 - 0.8845i -30.2894 + 0.0000i 0.0000 +29.5247i 0.0000 + 0.0000i  
0.0000 +18.3901i 71.7046 + 0.0000i 0.0000 -66.9436i 0.0000 +22.0041i
```

```
>> L*L' - B
```

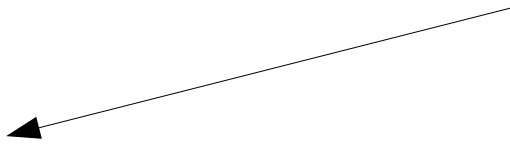
```
ans =
```

```
1.0e+04 *
```

```
0.0087 0.0235 0.0010 0.0206  
0.0117 0.0156 0.0030 0.0524  
-0.0012 -0.0016 0.1745 -0.4320  
0.0243 0.0324 -0.3986 1.0608
```

# What if input matrix is not SPD?

Returned L does not  
satisfy  $B = L L^T$



# Another decomposition: QR

- Decompose matrix into product of orthogonal and upper triangular matrices.

$$A = QR$$

- Upper triangular R:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & \cdots & r_{1N} \\ 0 & r_{22} & r_{23} & \cdots & r_{2N} \\ 0 & 0 & r_{33} & \cdots & r_{3N} \\ & & \vdots & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & r_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Orthogonal matrix Q spanning space of A.

*We will use the QR decomposition later....*



# Orthogonal matrix

- Orthogonal matrix: columns are vectors orthogonal to each other.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & \cdots & e_N \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- Nice property of orthogonal matrices:

$$Q^T Q = I \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad Q^{-1} = Q^T$$

- But how to create an orthogonal matrix?



# Gram-Schmidt procedure

- Details in handout on Canvas
- Goal: Given matrix  $A$ , create set of orthonormal basis vectors  $e_i$  spanning space of  $A$ .
- The idea is to take each column of input matrix  $A$ , and shave off non-orthogonal components of each column.
- Picture on white board.

# Gram-Schmidt procedure

Start with:  $A = (a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | \cdots | a_N)$

First vector:  $u_1 = a_1$   $e_1 = \frac{u_1}{\|u_1\|}$

$$u_2 = a_2 - (a_2 \cdot e_1) e_1$$

$$e_2 = \frac{u_2}{\|u_2\|}$$

$$u_3 = a_3 - (a_3 \cdot e_2) e_2 - (a_3 \cdot e_1) e_1$$

$$e_3 = \frac{u_3}{\|u_3\|}$$

# Gram-Schmidt code

```
function e = gram_schmidt(A)
% This fcn returns the orthogonalization of the
% matrix A computed using Gram-Schmidt

N = size(A, 2);
e = zeros(size(A));

% Initialize computation by computing u and e for first col.
un = A(:, 1);
e(:, 1) = un/norm(un);

% Iterate over remaining columns of A
for k = 2:N
    an = A(:, k);
    un = an;
    % Iterate over previous e values and subtract off
    % component parallel to each ei
    for i = k-1:-1:1
        un = un - dot(an,e(:, i))*e(:, i);
    end
    % Compute next col of e
    e(:, k) = un/norm(un);
end
end
```



# QR algorithm – Gram-Schmidt

$$A = (a_1 | a_2 | a_3 | \cdots | a_N)$$

Start by considering A as collection of column vectors.

$$= (e_1 | e_2 | e_3 | \cdots | e_N) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \cdot e_1 & a_2 \cdot e_1 & a_2 \cdot e_1 & \cdots & a_N \cdot e_1 \\ 0 & a_2 \cdot e_2 & a_2 \cdot e_2 & \cdots & a_N \cdot e_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \cdot e_3 & \cdots & a_N \cdot e_3 \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_N \cdot e_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Use Gram-Schmidt to compute orthonormal basis set  $e_i$  from  $a_i$  vectors. This forms orthogonal matrix Q.

Use  $e_i$  and  $a_i$  to compute elements of R matrix.

$$= QR$$



# Code implementing QR decomposition

```
function [Q, R] = my_qr(A)
    % This fcn implements the QR algorithm using Gram-Schmidt

    e = gram_schmidt(A);

    N = size(A, 1);
    Q = e;
    R = zeros(size(A));
    for r = 1:N
        for c = r:N
            R(r, c) = dot(A(:, c), e(:, r));
        end
    end

end
```

Two steps:

1. Compute the e vectors from A.
2. Compute the R elements from e and A.

# Remarks

- You can do a QR decomposition on a non-square matrix.
  - Important in linear regression.
- Gram-Schmidt is numerically unstable. Better methods use:
  - Householder transformation
  - Givens Rotations

# Topics covered in this session

$$Ax = b$$

- Gauss elimination
  - Works for every type of (nonsingular) matrix
  - $O(N^3)$
- LU decomposition
  - $O(N^3)$  decomposition,  $O(N^2)$  re-use.
  - Pivoting and permutation matrices
- Cholesky
  - $O(N^3)$  but faster... for SPD matrices only.
- QR decomposition
  - Can do for non-square