

LU Decomposition using Crout's Method

Procedure-

1. Choose a matrix (**m X n**) (e.g., 3X 3, 3 X 4, 4 X 4, etc.,)
2. *The Crout's matrix decomposition algorithm differs slightly from the Doolittle method. Doolittle's method returns a unit lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix, while the Crout's method returns a lower triangular matrix and a unit upper triangular matrix.*
3. Initialize the **L** and **U** matrices. **L** matrix size will be (**m X m**). The values of matrix elements below the main diagonal can be assigned to l_{21} , l_{31} , etc., and so on. And the matrix elements above the diagonal are zeroes.

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & l_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

l_{21} , l_{31} , etc. are unknown

4. For matrix **U**, take a matrix with all diagonal elements assigned to 1, and the matrix elements below the diagonal are zeroes. Size of matrix **U** will be as same as matrix **A** (**or, m X n**). Matrix **U** can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} & u_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} & u_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & u_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

u_{11} , u_{12} , u_{13} , u_{14} , u_{22} , etc. are unknown.

5. For a given example,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L} * \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & l_{33} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & (l_{11} * u_{12}) & (l_{11} * u_{13}) \\ l_{21} & (l_{21} * u_{12} + l_{22}) & (l_{21} * u_{13} + l_{22} * u_{23}) \\ l_{31} & (l_{31} * u_{12} + l_{32}) & (l_{31} * u_{13} + l_{32} * u_{23} + l_{33}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, resolve the basic matrix multiplication equations from above,

$$l_{11} = 1$$

$$l_{11} * u_{12} = 2$$

$$l_{11} * u_{13} = 3$$

$$l_{21} = 2$$

$$l_{21} * u_{12} + l_{22} = 5$$

$$l_{21} * u_{13} + l_{22} * u_{23} = 2$$

$$l_{31} = 3$$

$$l_{31} * u_{12} + l_{32} = 2$$

$$l_{31} * u_{13} + l_{32} * u_{23} + l_{33} = 5$$

We obtain matrices \mathbf{L} and \mathbf{U} by solving the aforementioned equations.