

Lecture 6

# LU and LDU Factorizations

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**Strang Sections 2.6 – Elimination = Factorization:  $A = LU$   
and 2.7 – Transposes and Permutations**

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# LU Factorization

# Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_L \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_U$$

elimination → upper triangular form.

Step ①  $E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Rowke } R_2 \text{ by } R_2 + (-2) \cdot R_1$

$$E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \\ = 5 + (-2) \times 1 \end{matrix}$$

Step ②  $E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ -4 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{Rowke } R_3 \text{ by } R_3 + (-4) \cdot R_1$

$$E_{31} (E_{21} A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1.  $E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$E_{32} [E_{31} E_{21} A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4+(-2) \times 3)$$

Upper Triangular Form. U

$$E_{31} (E_{21} A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower Triangular

$$\underbrace{E_{32} E_{31} E_{21}} A = U$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= (E_{31} E_{32} E_{21})^{-1} \cdot U \\ &= \underbrace{(E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1})}_{L} \cdot U \end{aligned}$$

order!

# Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} E_{21}^{-1} & E_{31}^{-1} & E_{32}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}}_L \cdot \underbrace{U}_{\text{order!}}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

diag = 1

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

May not be 1

Last Step Calculate L

review the inverse of elimination matrix

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ -4 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ 4 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{32}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

easy

$$L = \underbrace{E_{21}^{-1} \cdot E_{31}^{-1} \cdot E_{32}^{-1}}_{\text{good order}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

! just need to copy non-zero element!!

just can be used for LU decomposition!!!!



**Why is this Important?**

# Why are LU Factorizations Important?

Consider the system  $Ax = b$  with LU factorization  $A = LU$ . Then we have

$$\boxed{L \underbrace{Ux}_{=y} = b.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & L \underbrace{Ux}_{=y} = b \\ \text{Step 1} & - L \cdot y = b \quad \leftarrow \text{easy to solve} \\ \text{Step 2} & - U \cdot x = y \quad \leftarrow \text{easy to solve} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can perform (a now familiar) 2-step solution procedure:

1. Solve the lower triangular system  $Ly = b$  for  $y$  by forward substitution.
2. Solve the upper triangular system  $Ux = y$  for  $x$  by back substitution.

Moreover, consider the problem  $AX = B$  (i.e., many different right-hand sides that are associated with the same system matrix). In this case we need to compute the factorization  $A = LU$  only once, and then

$$AX = B \iff LUX = B,$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ly &= b, \\ \begin{cases} L_{11}y_1 = b_1 \\ L_{21}y_1 + L_{22}y_2 = b_2 \\ L_{31}y_1 + L_{32}y_2 + L_{33}y_3 = b_3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and we proceed as before:

1. Solve  $LY = B$  by many forward substitutions (in parallel).
2. Solve  $UX = Y$  by many back substitutions (in parallel).



# Solving Systems of Equations

$$\begin{aligned}7x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 &= 12 \\14x_1 - 7x_2 - 3x_3 &= 17 \\-7x_1 + 11x_2 + 18x_3 &= 5\end{aligned}$$

Do it at recitation

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## LDU Factorization

# Goal

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

diag = 1

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

May not be 1

$$A = L \cdot U.$$

$$A = L \cdot D \cdot U$$

diag      change U's diag to 1

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & & \\ & d_{22} & \\ & & d_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D \cdot U = \begin{pmatrix} d_{11} \cdot U \text{ row 1} \\ d_{22} \cdot U \text{ row 2} \\ d_{33} \cdot U \text{ row 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = L \cdot D \cdot U$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 3 \\ & & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ (?) \\ \text{row 1 / 1} \\ \text{row 2 / 1} \\ \text{row 3 / -2} \end{matrix}$$

# Let's try this with an Example

Find the  $LDU$  factorization of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

→ Find  $LU$  decomposition

→ Rewrite  $U = D \cdot U'$   
↑  
 $U'$  diag is 1

# Let's try this with an Example – Find U

Find the  $LDU$  factorization of  $A =$

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

*LDU Decomposition*

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -\frac{1}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = L \cdot U$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \\ & & \frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32} (E_{21} A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

*This is U*

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & \frac{3}{2} & \\ & & \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

*Row 1 / 2*  
*Row 2 / 3/2*  
*Row 3 / 4/3*

$$U' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ & 1 & \frac{2}{3} \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Let's try this with an Example – Find L

Find the  $LDU$  factorization of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .





# Symmetric Matrices

# What is a Symmetric Matrix?

If  $A = A^T$ , then it's a symmetric Matrix

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} & & \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \end{array}$$

A must be a square Matrix

ex.

M. Symmetric

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Properties of a Symmetric Matrix

- The inverse of a symmetric matrix is symmetric.

If  $A = A^T$  then  $(A^{-1})^T = A^{-1}$

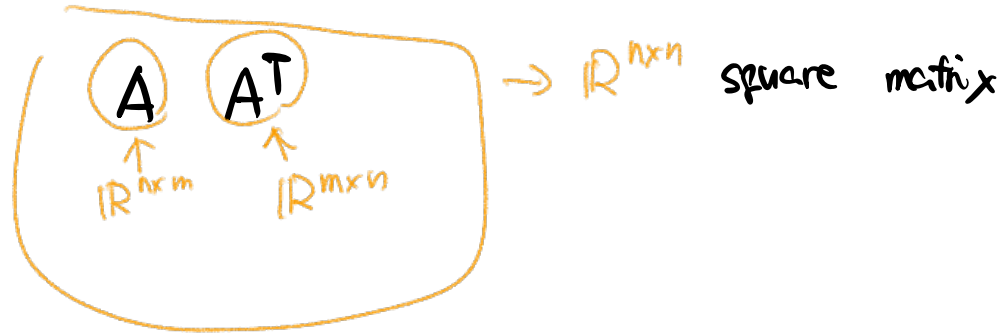
pf. need to check  $(A^{-1})^T A = I$        $A (A^{-1})^T = I$

$(A^{-1})^T = \underline{(A^T)^{-1}} = A^{-1}$

# Properties of a Symmetric Matrix

- $AA^T$  and  $A^T A$  are symmetric.

$A$  can be any  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$



$$\begin{matrix} A^T & A \\ \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} & \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

Need to check

$$(AA^T)^T = AA^T$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$= \underbrace{(A^T)^T}_A \cdot A^T$$

$$= A \cdot A^T$$

by  $(A \cdot B)^T = B^T \cdot A^T$

# Properties of a Symmetric Matrix

- If  $A$  is symmetric, then elimination leads to  $A = LDL^T$ .

LDU

$$A = L \cdot D \cdot U$$

$$A^T = \underbrace{U^T}_{\text{Lower Triangular}} \cdot D^T \cdot \underbrace{L^T}_{\text{Upper Triangular}}$$

← another LDU Decomposition.

Lower Triangular

Upper Triangular

Because LDU Decomposition is Unique!

$$\text{So, } L = U^T, \quad U = L^T, \quad \rightarrow \quad A = L \cdot D \cdot L^T.$$

# Let's try this with an Example – Find D

Find the  $LDU$  factorization of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

is symmetric

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & \\ \frac{4}{3} & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & & \\ & 3/2 & \\ & & 4/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ & & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

!!!  $U' = L^T$

$$A = L \cdot D \cdot U'$$

$$= L \cdot D \cdot L^T (!!)$$

LDL decomposition!!!

# Example

Factor the following symmetric matrices into  $A = LDL^T$ :

$$\bullet A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 3R_1} \quad L = E_{21}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = U$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad U' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example

Factor the following symmetric matrices into  $A = LDL^T$ :

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



# Example

Factor the following symmetric matrices into  $A = LDL^T$ :

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



$$PA = LU$$

## PA = LU?

So far, our assumption has been that we always have nonzero pivots. In case a pivot is zero, we can't use it to eliminate elements below it, so we have to exchange rows to find a nonzero pivot before we can start eliminating.

In this case, we can't find  $A = LU$ . We can, however, find  $PA = LU$ , where  $P$  corresponds to row exchanges done on  $A$  (in advance).

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

**Find  $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$  for  $\mathbf{A}$  below**

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