

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

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \underset{\substack{\text{elimination} \\ \uparrow}}{\underbrace{L}} \cdot \underbrace{U}_{\text{upper triangular form.}}$$

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

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

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

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

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

Lower Triangular

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

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

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

$$E_{32} [E_{31} E_{21} A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper Triangular Form. U

Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 4R_1 \end{array}$$

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

$$E_{21} A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

Step 2. $E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ -4 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$E_{31}(E_{21} A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow R_3 - 4R_1 \quad \begin{array}{l} R'_1 \\ R'_2 \\ R'_3 \end{array}$$

Step 3. $E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$E_{32}(E_{31} E_{21} A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow R'_3 - 2R'_2$$

$$\underbrace{E_{32} E_{31} E_{21}}_{U} A = U \quad A = \underbrace{E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1}}_{L} U \quad \leftarrow \text{L decomposition}$$

Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

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

$$A = \underbrace{(E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1})}_{\text{order!}} \cdot U$$

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

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

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 3 \\ & & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

diag = 1

May not be 1

! just need to copy non-zero element!!

just can be used for LU decomposition!!!!

Example – Factorize (LU) the matrix A

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

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

IS LU decomposition is Unique?? **No!!**

$$A = \underline{L_1} \underline{U_1} = \underline{L_2} \underline{U_2}$$

\Downarrow

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} L_2^{-1} & L_1 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{L.T.} & \text{L.T.} \end{array}} \\ \text{L.T.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} U_2 & U_1^{-1} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{U.T.} & \text{U.T.} \end{array}} \\ \text{U.T.} \end{array}$$

$$\underline{L_2^{-1}} \underline{L_1} \underline{U_1} \underline{U_1^{-1}} = \underline{L_2^{-1}} \underline{L_1} \underline{U_2} \underline{U_1^{-1}}$$

= a diagonal matrix D!!

$$L_2^{-1} L_1 = U_2 U_1^{-1} = D$$

$$\rightarrow L_1 = L_2 \cdot D$$

$$U_2 = D \cdot U_1$$

"LDU" decomposition

$$A = \underline{L} \quad D \quad \underline{U}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ * & \ddots & \\ & * & 1 \end{pmatrix} \downarrow \text{diag Matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & * & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

LDU Factorization is Unique!!!!



Why is this Important?

Why are LU Factorizations Important?

Consider the system $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ with LU factorization $A = LU$. Then we have

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

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

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

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

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).

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

Solving Systems of Equations

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

Do it at recitation

Solving Systems of Equations

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LDU Factorization

Goal

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 3 \\ & & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = L \cdot U.$$

diag = 1

May not be 1

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

↑
diag

↑
change U's diag to 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -\frac{4}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = L \cdot U$$

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

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

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

This is U

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

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

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

$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

A must be a square Matrix

ex.

M. symmetric

M =

1	2	3	0
2	0	5	1
3	5	-7	-1
0	1	-1	4

M^T :  \rightarrow 

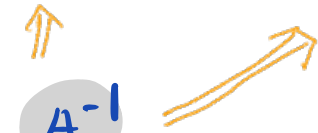
Properties of a Symmetric Matrix

- The inverse of a symmetric matrix is symmetric.

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

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

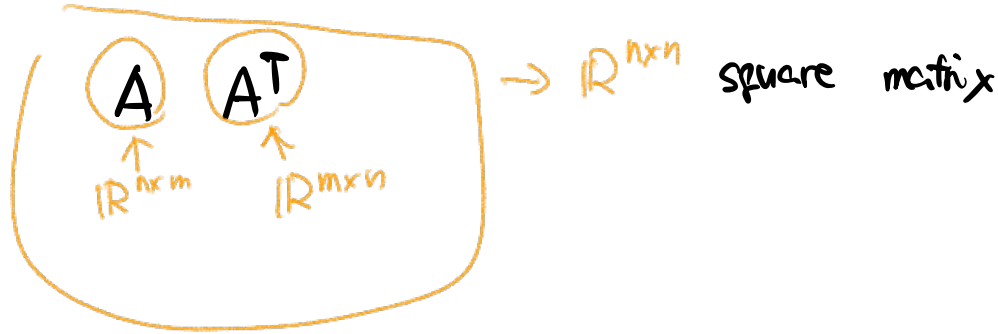
$(A^{-1})^T = (\underline{A^T})^{-1} = A^{-1}$



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

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

$$\downarrow$$
$$= (A^T)^T \cdot A^T$$

\parallel
 A

$$= A \cdot A^T$$

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

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

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

Lower Triangular

Upper Triangular

← another LDU Decomposition.

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

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

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

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

!! $U' = L^T$

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

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

\uparrow
LDL decomposition!!!

Example

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

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

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

$$\Downarrow$$
$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad U' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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