

# LU - Decomposition (or Factorisation)

$$\underline{e_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, e_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I = (e_1, e_2, e_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1)$$

$I$  is the identity matrix:  $Ix = x, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $n \times n$

Consider elimination matrices:  $E_{ij}$

$$\underline{E}_{ij} = I + \underline{l}_{ij} e_i e_j^T, \quad i > j$$

For example:

$$\underline{E}_{31} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \underline{1} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I + \underline{1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = I + \underline{1} e_3 \underline{e_1^T}$$

Gaussian elimination:

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

$\rightarrow$  upper triangular

$\rightarrow j \geq i$

$\Leftrightarrow u_{ij} = 0, \quad i > j$

$A_{3 \times 3}$

$u_{12}$

$u_{21}$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, every  $E_{ij}$  is a lower triangular matrix.

So,

$$\left( \underline{E_{32}} \underline{E_{31}} \underline{E_{21}} \right) A = U$$

**NOTICE: THERE IS NO DIVISION HERE!**

Definition  $A$  is invertible, if there exists  $n \times n$  a matrix  $A^{-1}$  such that

$$A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I.$$

$A^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $A$ .

**WARNING:**  $Ax = b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$

For a product:  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

We claim:  $E_{ij}^{-1} = I - l_{ij} e_i e_j^T$

$$E_{ij} E_{ij}^{-1} = (I + l_{ij} e_i e_j^T) (I - l_{ij} e_i e_j^T)$$

$$= I + l_{ij} e_i e_j^T - l_{ij} e_i e_j^T$$

$$- l_{ij}^2 e_i \underbrace{(e_j^T e_i)}_{=0} e_j^T, \quad i > j$$

$$= I$$

$$A = (E_{32} E_{31} E_{21})^{-1} U$$

$$= E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1} U$$

$$= LU, \text{ where } L \text{ is lower triangular}$$

Why?

$$E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1} = (I - l_{31} e_3 e_1^T) (I - l_{32} e_3 e_2^T)$$

$$= I - l_{31} e_3 e_1^T - l_{32} e_3 e_2^T$$

$$E_{21}^{-1} E_{31}^{-1} E_{32}^{-1} = I - l_{21} e_2 e_1^T - l_{31} e_3 e_1^T - l_{32} e_3 e_2^T$$

Example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \downarrow -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \downarrow -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} \end{array}$$

U

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Every  $U$  can be decomposed further :

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u_{12}/d_1 & \dots & \\ & 1 & u_{23}/d_2 & \dots \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= D \hat{U}$$

Standard notation :  $A = LDU$

Symmetric case :  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$

$$A = LDU ; \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & & \\ 3/2 & 4/3 & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$L \qquad \qquad \qquad D \qquad \qquad \qquad U = L^T$

$$= \underbrace{L D^{1/2} D^{1/2} L^T}_{\text{Cholesky decomposition}} = \hat{L} \hat{L}^T ; D^{1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & & 0 \\ & \sqrt{3/2} & \\ 0 & & \sqrt{4/3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Cholesky decomposition

Thus, solution of  $Ax = b$  becomes

$$(1) A = LU \quad (\text{factorisation})$$

$$(2) LUx = b \iff \begin{cases} Ly = b & \text{"forward"} \\ Ux = y & \text{"backward"} \end{cases}$$

Computational complexity:  $A_{n \times n} = LU$

1. elimination step :  $n^2$  multiplications
2. " :  $(n-1)^2$  "
3. " :  $(n-2)^2$  "

Together :

$$n^2 + (n-1)^2 + (n-2)^2 + \dots + 2^2 + 1^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1) \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} n^3 \text{ is the leading term}$$

Triangular systems :  $n^2$

**NOTICE**: Decomposition is the expensive part!

But, finding the inverse is even more expensive!  
 $\rightarrow$  the memory requirements for inverses are higher

$$\underline{PA = LU}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|ccc} \uparrow & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \downarrow & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & 2 & 7 & 9 & 2 & 7 & 9 & & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \downarrow -3$$

$$LU = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = PA,$$

where  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a permutation matrix.

$$P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem For every invertible matrix  $A$  there exists a decomposition

$$PA = LU.$$

( $P$  is not unique.)