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# Linear Systems

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**SUMMARY** LU Decomposition and Permutation Matrices

**CURRENT READING** Poole 3.4

## Summary

We have found that we could (sometimes) find a matrix  $A^{-1}$  which converted  $A$  into the identity matrix  $I$ , on multiplication. We had also previously shown that we could find a series of  $E_{ij}$  matrices which when multiplied in sequence would convert  $A$  into an upper triangular matrix. Today we will attempt to regularize this process and show we can use these ideas to factor a matrix  $A$  into the product of a lower triangular matrix  $L$  and upper triangular matrix  $U$ .

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*Homework Assignment*

*HW # 14: Section 3.4: 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,13,19,20. EXTRA CREDIT 26.*

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## 1. LU Factorization

Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Can you show that this can be converted into upper triangular form by multiplying by a series of matrices  $E_{21}$ ,  $E_{31}$  and  $E_{32}$ ?

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

We have that  $E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = U$

This means that

$$A = E_{21}^{-1}E_{31}^{-1}E_{32}^{-1}U = L \cdot U$$

Write down the elimination matrices you used to convert  $A$  into  $U$

Write down the INVERSE of each of these three matrices.

Note that all of these matrices  $E_{21}$ ,  $E_{31}$ ,  $E_{32}$ ,  $E_{21}^{-1}$ ,  $E_{31}^{-1}$  and  $E_{32}^{-1}$  are **all LOWER TRIANGULAR**. Compute the product  $E_{21}^{-1}E_{31}^{-1}E_{32}^{-1}$ . It is ALSO lower triangular. We call it  $L$ .

Now check that the product of  $L$  and  $U$  is, in fact,  $A$ .

**The Point**

We can use  $LU$  factorization to assist us in solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$   
 $LU\vec{x} = b$  becomes the two systems of  $L\vec{y} = \vec{b}$  and  $U\vec{x} = \vec{y}$

Solving a lower triangular system and then an upper triangular system is much more computationally efficient than finding  $A^{-1}$ .

Let's do an example with  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$  and our given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & 9 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**2. Permutation Matrices** An  $n \times n$  *permutation matrix*  $P$  has the rows of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I$  in any order. in other words it has exactly one 1 in each row and column.

Clearly, there are  $n!$  permutation matrices of order  $n$ . (Think about how you would prove this.)

Permutation matrices have the property that  $P^T = P^{-1}$ .

**GROUPWORK**

Write down the  $2!$  matrices of order 2 (i.e. of dimension  $2 \times 2$ )

Write down the  $3!$  matrices of order 3

**Exercise**

Choose any one of your permutation matrices of order 3 from above and confirm that it has the property that  $P^T = P^{-1}$ .