Lecture plan Linear Algebra (401-0131-00L, HS24), ETH Zürich Numbering of Sections, Definitions, Figures, etc. as in the [Lecture Notes](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf)

# **Week 5**

# **LU and LUP decomposition (Section [3.4\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#section.3.4)**

### **LU decomposition**:

Gauss elimination,  $3 \times 3$ , no row exchanges:

$$
\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & -c_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 \ -c_{31} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \ -c_{21} & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A = U.
$$
\nsubtract  $c_{32}$  (row 2)  
\nfrom (row 3)  
\nfrom (row 3)  
\nfrom (row 3)  
\nfrom (row 3)  
\nfrom (row 2)

Multiplying it out:

$$
L^{-1}
$$
, complicated  
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n1 & 0 & 0 \\
-c_{21} & 1 & 0 \\
c_{32}c_{21} - c_{31} & -c_{32} & 1\n\end{bmatrix}
$$
\n
$$
A = U
$$
\n
$$
\downarrow
$$
 (take inverse)  
\n
$$
\begin{bmatrix}\n1 & 0 & 0 \\
c_{21} & 1 & 0 \\
c_{31} & c_{32} & 1\n\end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A = LU
$$
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$$
\Rightarrow A = LU
$$

Always works: focus on  $A \rightarrow U$  (Table [3.6](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#table.3.6) without lines 12 and 22 for b)

**Theorem [3.13](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.3.13)**: Let A be an  $m \times m$  matrix on which Gauss elimination succeeds without row exchanges, resulting in an upper triangular matrix  $U$ . Let  $c_{ij}$  be the multiple of row  $j$ that we subtract from row  $i > j$  when we eliminate in column j. Then  $A = LU$  where

$$
L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ c_{21} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ c_{m1} & \cdots & c_{m,m-1} & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
$$

L is lower triangular with 1's on the diagonal.

L is computed "on the side": time still  $O(m^3)$ .

*Proof.* Look at a fixed row *i*. Whenever we change row *i*, we subtract  $c_{ij} \cdot (\text{row } j)$  from it, for some previous row  $j$ . At this point, row  $j$  is "finalized".

> $u_{11} \quad \cdots \qquad \qquad \mid \leftarrow \text{finalized (in } U)$ 0  $u_{22}$   $\cdots$   $\leftarrow$  finalized (in U)  $0 \quad 0 \quad \therefore$ row  $j \begin{array}{|l} \mid 0 \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{u_{jj}} \quad \cdots \quad u_{jm} \mid \leftarrow \text{finalized (in } U) \end{array}$ . . . row  $i \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & \cdots & \star_{ij} & \cdots & \star_{im} \end{array} \right] \leftarrow \text{now subtract } c_{ij} \cdot (\text{row } j)$

What happens to row i?

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}\n & & \text{(row } i) \text{ in } A & \text{ initially} \\
- & c_{i1} & \text{(row 1) in } U & \text{step 1} \\
- & c_{i2} & \text{(row 2) in } U & \text{step 2} \\
\vdots & & & \text{(row } i-1) \text{ in } U & \text{step } i-1 \\
= & & \text{(row } i) \text{ in } U & \text{finalized.} \n\end{array}
$$

Move all "  $-\cdots$ " to the other side: (row i) in A is a linear combination of the first i rows of U. Matrix notation:

$$
\text{For all rows of } A: \begin{align*}\n\text{for all rows of } A: \\
A = \begin{bmatrix} c_{i1} & c_{i2} & \cdots & c_{i,i-1} & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \text{row vector} & & & \\
\vdots & & & \ddots & \\
c_{m1} & \cdots & c_{m,m-1} & 1\n\end{bmatrix} U.\n\end{align*}
$$

**Solving**  $Ax = b$  **from**  $A = LU$ :

$$
A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} : L\underbrace{U\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{b}.
$$

Solve  $Ly = b$  for y (*forward substitution*):  $O(m^2)$ Solve  $U$ **x** = **y** for **x** (back substitution):  $O(m^2)$ 

#### **What if row exchanges are needed?**

LU-decomposition may not exist:

$$
\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_L \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ 0 & u_{22} \end{bmatrix}}_U
$$
 has no solution *L*, *U*.

 $\Box$ 

**LUP decomposition**: Official correctness proof of Gauss elimination (Section [3.4.3\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#subsection.3.4.3). **Theorem [3.18](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.3.18)**: Let A be an  $m \times m$  matrix with linearly independent columns,  $m \geq 1$ . There exist three  $m \times m$  matrices  $P, L, U$  such that

$$
PA = LU,
$$

where  $P$  is a permutation matrix,  $L$  a lower triangular matrix with 1's on the diagonal, and  $U$  an upper triangular matrix with nonzero diagonal entries.

Permutation matrix: matrix of linear transformation that reorders the entries of v



L, P are computed "on the side": time still  $O(m^3)$ .  $A$ **x** = **b** solved in time  $O(m^2)$  for every **b**.

## **Gauss-Jordan elimination (Section [3.5\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#section.3.5)**

$$
A
$$
**x** = **b**  $\rightarrow$   $R_0$ **x** = **c** with  $R_0$  in

 $i_1 i_2 \qquad i_3 \qquad i_4$ 

row echelon form; works for *every* system!



**Definition** [3.19](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#dfn.3.19): Let  $R = [r_{ij}]_{i=1,j=1}^m$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. R is in *row echelon form* (REF) if the following holds: There exist  $r\leq m$  column indices  $1\leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_r \leq n$  such that:

- (i) For  $i = 1, 2, ..., r$ , we have  $r_{ij} = 1$  (1's in gray).
- (ii) For all i, j, we have  $r_{ij} = 0$  whenever  $i > r$  (completely white rows) or  $j < j_i$ (partially white rows) or  $j = j_k$  (0's in gray) for some  $k > i$ .

If  $r = m$ , R is in *reduced row echelon form* (RREF) (no completely white rows).

Precise description:  $REF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r)$  or  $RREF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_m)$ .

Columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$ : the first r standard unit vectors

I  $(m \times m)$ : in RREF $(1, 2, \ldots, m)$ 

 $0 \ (m \times m)$ : in RREF()  $(r = 0)$ 

**Observation [3.20](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#obs.3.20)**: A matrix R in  $REF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r)$  has rank r.

*Proof.* Columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$  are the independent ones.

 $\Box$ 

**Direct solution**: if A in  $REF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r)$  (rows  $i > r$  are zero) If  $b_i \neq 0$  for some  $i > m$ : no solution! Otherwise:



#### **Elimination**: if A is not in REF

•  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow R_0\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$  (same solutions,  $R_0$  in REF) focus on  $A \rightarrow R_0$ 

• For  $R_0$ **x** = **c**, apply direct solution

Like Gauss, except. . .



. . . embrace ugly case: no downward step, next column!



**Theorem [3.21](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.3.21)**: Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix. There exists an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix M such that  $R_0 = MA$  is in REF.

M: product of (invertible) row operation matrices:

- row exchanges
- row divisions
- row subtractions (below and above the pivot)

Solving  $Ax = b$ :

- $A \rightarrow R_0 = MA$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{c} = Mb$  (like in Gauss, apply row operations also to b)
- $A**x** = **b**$  and  $R_0**x** = **c**$  have the same solutions (*M* is "undoable", proof of Lemma [3.3](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#lem.3.3) applies).
- Use direct solution on  $R_0$ **x** = **c**.

**Lemma** [3.22](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#lem.3.22): Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix, M an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix, and  $R_0 = MA$  in  $REF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r)$ . Then A has independent columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$ .

*Proof.*

Column  $j$  of  $\begin{array}{cc} A & \text{is dependent} \Leftrightarrow \text{there is x in } \mathbb{R}^n: \end{array}$  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  $R_0$ **x** = **0**,  $x_j$  = -1,  $x_k$  = 0 for  $k > j$ 

 ${column j is linear combination of previous ones}$ x works for  $A \Leftrightarrow$  x works for  $R_0$ , since  $A$ x = 0 and  $M A$ x = 0 have the same solutions (proof of Lemma [3.3](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#lem.3.3) with  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ ). A and  $R_0$  have the same (in)dependent columns.

 $R_0$  has independent columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$  (Observation [3.20\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#obs.3.20). Therefore, A has the same.  $\Box$ 

If A is  $m \times m$ , invertible:

all columns are independent  $\Rightarrow R_0 = MA$  in  $\text{RREF}(1,2,\ldots,m) \Rightarrow R_0 = I \Rightarrow M = A^{-1}.$ 

#### **Computing the CR decomposition**:

Recall Theorem [2.23:](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.2.23)

$$
A = \underbrace{C}_{m \times r} \underbrace{R}_{r \times n}.
$$

 $C$  submatrix of independent columns;  $R$  how to combine them to get all columns. **Theorem [3.24](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.3.24)**: Let A be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $A = CR$  (according to Theorem [2.23\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#thm.2.23),  $A \rightarrow R_0 =$  $MA$  in  $REF(j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r)$ . Then

- $R =$  the first r rows of  $R_0$  (the nonzero rows of  $R_0$ ).
- $C = \text{columns } j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r \text{ of } A \text{ (the independent columns of } A\text{)}$

*Proof.*  $R_0 = M_{CR}$  ${\gamma}$ .

- *C* has columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$  of *A* (the independent ones by Lemma [3.22\)](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#lem.3.22).
- *MC* has columns  $j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_r$  of  $R_0 = MA$ : the unit vectors  $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_r$ .

$$
R_0 = MCR = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I \\ \frac{r \times r}{0} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{MC} R = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} R \\ \frac{r \times n}{0} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{R_0}.
$$

Verify this on

$$
\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}}_{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{C} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}}_{R}
$$

from Section [2.2.3](https://ti.inf.ethz.ch/ew/courses/LA24/notes_part_I.pdf#subsection.2.2.3) by doing Gauss-Jordan on A!

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