

2 LU - Factorization

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To solve the linear system $AX = b$:

- Write $A = LU$ where L is lower triangular matrix and U is upper triangular matrix
 - Let $Y = UX \Rightarrow$
 $AX = b$ becomes $LUX = b$
 $LY = b$
 - Now solve $LY = b$ by F.S and find Y
 - Then solve $UX = Y$ by B.S and find X
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* We will see that :

$$\text{cost of LU} = \text{cost of G.E.}$$

Ex ① Use LU factorization to solve the linear 67

system: $4x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 1$

$$-2x_1 - 4x_2 + 5x_3 = 6$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 = 14$$

② find the cost of this method

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$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We need to write $A = LU$
- First we find U using row operations:

Step 1 $m_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{-2}{4} = -0.5 \Rightarrow R_2 + 0.5R_1$

$$m_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 \Rightarrow R_3 - 0.25R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2.5 & 4.5 \\ 0 & 1.25 & 6.25 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{cost} \div : 2 \\ +, - : 2(2) \\ \times : 2(2) \end{array}$$

Step 2 $m_{32} = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} = \frac{1.25}{-2.5} = -0.5 \Rightarrow R_3 + 0.5R_2$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2.5 & 4.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 8.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{cost} \div : 1 \\ +, - : 1(1) \\ \times : 1(1) \end{array}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.25 & -0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Note that cost of $A = LU$ is $13 = \frac{4n^3 - 3n^2 - n}{6} \Big|_{n=3}$

Now solve $LY = b$ using F.S. where $Y = UX$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -0.5 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0.25 & -0.5 & 1 & 14 \end{array} \right)$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

cost
 $\div : 0$

$$y_2 = 6 + 0.5(1) = 6.5$$

$+,- : 3$
 $\times : 3$

$$y_3 = 14 - 0.25(1) + 0.5(6.5) = 17$$

Note that cost of F.S. is $n^2 - n = 3^2 - 3 = 9 - 3 = 6$

Now solve $UX = Y$ using B.S.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 4 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2.5 & 4.5 & 6.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 8.5 & 17 \end{array} \right)$$

cost
 $\div : 3$
 $+,- : 3$
 $\times : 3$

$$x_3 = \frac{17}{8.5} = 2$$

$$x_2 = \frac{6.5 - 4.5(2)}{-2.5} = \frac{-2.5}{-2.5} = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1 + (2)(-1) - 3(1)}{4} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$$

Note that cost of B.S. is $n^2 = 3^2 = 9$

② Hence, total cost is $13+6+9=28$

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Remark The total cost of solving any linear $n \times n$ system $Ax = b$ using LU factorization is cost of LU + cost of F.S. + cost of B.S.

$$= \frac{4n^3 - 3n^2 - n}{6} + n^2 - n + n^2$$

$$= \frac{4n^3 + 9n^2 - 7n}{6} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3}n^3 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

= cost of G.E.