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## **Chapter 2**

**LU Decomposition and Matrix Inversion**

# Introduction

- Gauss elimination solves  $[A] \{x\} = \{B\}$
- It becomes insufficient when solving these equations for different values of  $\{B\}$
- LU decomposition works on the matrix  $[A]$  and the vector  $\{B\}$  separately.
- LU decomposition is very useful when the vector of variables  $\{x\}$  is estimated for different parameter vectors  $\{B\}$  since the forward elimination process is not performed on  $\{B\}$ .

# LU Decomposition

**If:**

**L**: lower triangular matrix

**U**: upper triangular matrix

Then,

$[A]\{X\}=\{B\}$  can be decomposed into two matrices **[L]** and **[U]** such that:

**1.**  $[L][U] = [A] \rightarrow ([L][U])\{X\} = \{B\}$

# LU Decomposition

Consider:

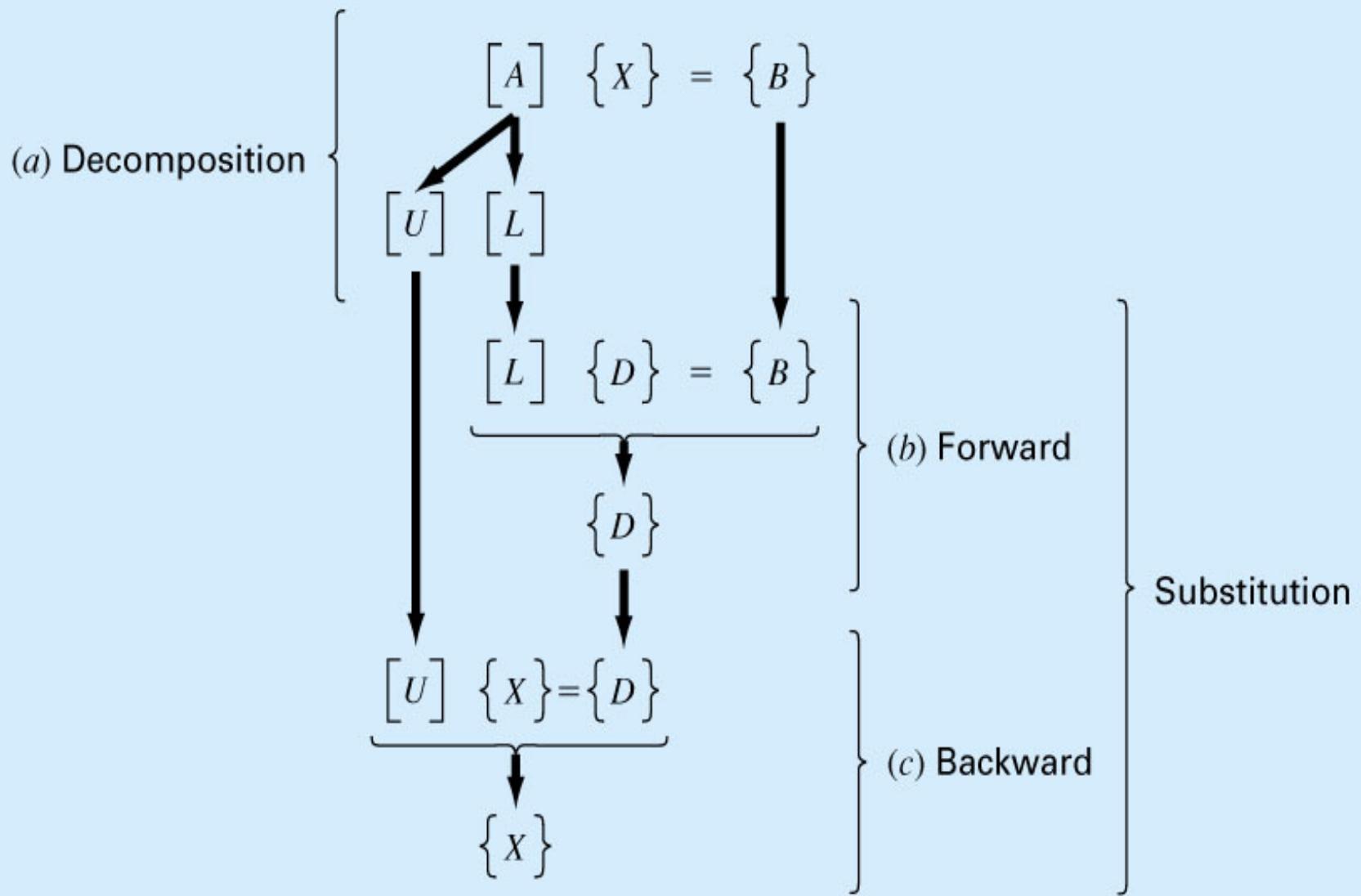
$$[U]\{X\} = \{D\}$$

$$\text{So, } [L]\{D\} = \{B\}$$

2.  $[L]\{D\} = \{B\}$  is used to generate an intermediate vector  $\{D\}$  by **forward substitution.**

3. Then,  $[U]\{X\}=\{D\}$  is used to get  $\{X\}$  by **back substitution.**

# Summary of LU Decomposition



# LU Decomposition

As in Gauss elimination, LU decomposition must employ pivoting to avoid division by zero and to minimize round off errors. The pivoting is done immediately after computing each column.

# LU Decomposition

System of linear equations  $[A]\{x\}=\{B\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad l_{21} = \frac{a_{12}}{a_{11}}; \quad l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}}$$
$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}^{\backslash}}{a_{22}^{\backslash}}$$

**Step 1:** Decomposition

$$[L][U] = [A]$$

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad [L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# LU Decomposition

**Step 2:** Generate an intermediate vector  $\{D\}$  by forward substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**Step 3:** Get  $\{X\}$  by back substitution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## LU Decomposition-Example

$$[A] = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0.1 & 7 & -0.3 \\ 0.3 & -0.2 & 10 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.003 & -0.293 \\ 0 & -0.19 & 10.02 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$l_{21} = \frac{0.1}{3} = 0.03333; \quad l_{31} = \frac{0.3}{3} = 0.1000$$

$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}^{\backslash}}{a_{22}^{\backslash}} = \frac{-0.19}{7.003} = -0.02713$$

$$[U] = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.003 & -0.293 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{Bmatrix} \quad [L] = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.03333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## LU Decomposition-Example (cont'd)

Use previous L and D matrices to solve the system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0.1 & 7 & -0.31 \\ 0.3 & -0.2 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 7.85 \\ -19.3 \\ 71.4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

**Step 2:** Find the intermediate vector {D} by forward substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.0333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 7.85 \\ -19.3 \\ 71.4 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 7.85 \\ -19.5617 \\ 70.0843 \end{Bmatrix}$$

## LU Decomposition-Example (cont'd)

Step 3: Get {X} by back substitution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.0033 & -0.2933 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 7.85 \\ -19.5617 \\ 70.0843 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 3 \\ -2.5 \\ 7.00003 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Decomposition Step

- % Decomposition Step

```
for k=1:n-1
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[a,o]= pivot(a,o,k,n);
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for i = k+1:n
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    a(i,k) = a(i,k)/a(k,k);
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    a(i,k+1:n)= a(i,k+1:n)-a(i,k)*a(k,k+1:n);
```

```
end
```

```
end
```

# Partial Pivoting

- %Partial Pivoting

```
function [a,o] = pivot(a,o,k,n)
[big piv]=max(abs(a(k:n,k)));
piv=piv+(k-1);
if piv ~= k
    temp = a(piv,:);
    a(piv,:)= a(k,:);
    a(k,:)=temp;
    temp = o(piv);
    o(piv)=o(k);
    o(k)=temp;
end
```

# Substitution Steps

%Forward Substitution

```
d(1)=bn(1);
```

```
for i=2:n
```

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    d(i)=bn(i)-a(i,1:i-1)*(d(1:i-1))';
```

```
end
```

- % Back Substitution

```
x(n)=d(n)/a(n,n);
```

```
for i=n-1:-1:1
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    x(i)=(d(i)-a(i,i+1:n)*x(i+1:n)')/a(i,i);
```

```
end
```

# Matrix Inverse Using the LU Decomposition

- LU decomposition can be used to obtain the inverse of the original coefficient matrix [A].
- Each column  $j$  of the inverse is determined by using a unit vector (with 1 in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  raw ).

# Matrix Inverse: LU Decomposition

$$[A] [A]^{-1} = [A]^{-1}[A] = I$$

$$[A]\{x\}_1 = \{b\}_1$$

$$[A]\{x\}_2 = \{b\}_2$$

$$[A]\{x\}_3 = \{b\}_3$$

$$[A]\{x\}_1 = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[A]\{x\}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[A]\{x\}_3 = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

↑  
1<sup>st</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

↑  
2<sup>nd</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

↑  
3<sup>rd</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

$$[A]^{-1} = [\{x\}_1 \quad \{x\}_2 \quad \{x\}_3]$$

# Matrix inverse using LU decomposition Example

$$[A] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0.1 & 7 & -0.3 \\ 0.3 & -0.2 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad [L] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.03333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad [U] = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.003 & -0.293 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{pmatrix}$$

1A.  $[L]\{d\}_1 = \{b\}_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.0333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.03333 \\ -0.1009 \end{Bmatrix}$$

1<sup>st</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

1B. Then,  $[U]\{X\}_1 = \{d\}_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.0033 & -0.2933 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -0.03333 \\ -0.1009 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.33249 \\ -0.00518 \\ -0.01008 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Matrix inverse using LU decomposition

## Example (cont'd)

2A.  $[L]\{d\}_2 = \{b\}_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.0333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0.02713 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2B. Then,  $[U]\{X\}_2 = \{d\}_2$

2<sup>nd</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.0033 & -0.2933 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0.02713 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.004944 \\ 0.142903 \\ 0.00271 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Matrix inverse using LU decomposition

## Example (cont'd)

3A.  $[L]\{d\}_3 = \{b\}_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.0333 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.1000 & -0.02713 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

3B. Then,  $[U]\{X\}_3 = \{d\}_3$

3<sup>rd</sup> column  
of  $[A]^{-1}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -0.1 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 7.0033 & -0.2933 \\ 0 & 0 & 10.012 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.006798 \\ 0.004183 \\ 0.09988 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Matrix inverse using LU decomposition

## Example (cont'd)

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.33249 & 0.004944 & 0.006798 \\ -0.00518 & 0.142903 & 0.004183 \\ -0.01008 & 0.00271 & 0.09988 \end{bmatrix}$$