

# CS 357: Numerical Methods

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## Lecture 7: LU Applications

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# Decomposing into $PA=LU$

You try it...

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -4/2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_1 P_1 A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & -3/2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3/2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 0 & -3/2 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

# PA=LU Example

$$P_2 = \underline{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$PA = LU$$

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

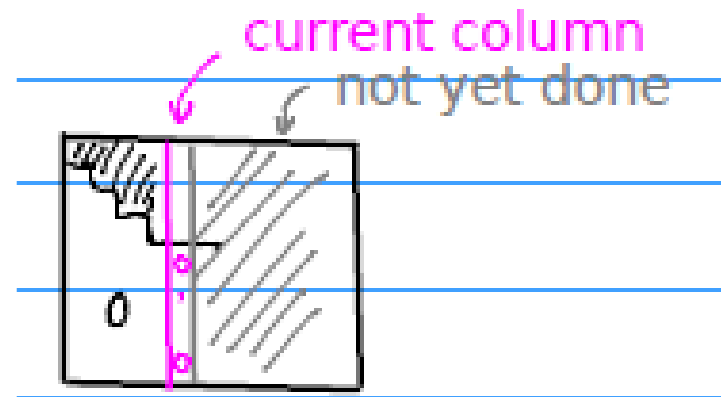
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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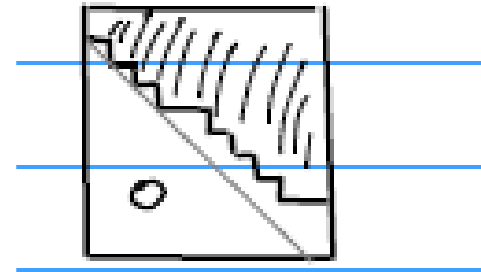
# Can LU Fail?

- What happens if the largest below-diagonal value is 0?
- That means the column is already upper-triangular



# Pivoted LU Cannot Fail

- ▣ You will end up with U in row echelon form



- ▣ Which is technically upper triangular

# LU on a Singular Matrix

- We still get  $PA=LU$
- $P$  must be invertible (why?)
- $L$  must be invertible (why?)
- ...means that  $U$  must be singular

$$P_i^{-1} = P_i^T$$

product of  $P_i$ 's  $M_i$   
both invertible



# LU on a Singular Matrix

- All the non-zero rows of  $U$  are linearly independent
- Why?

leading 0's

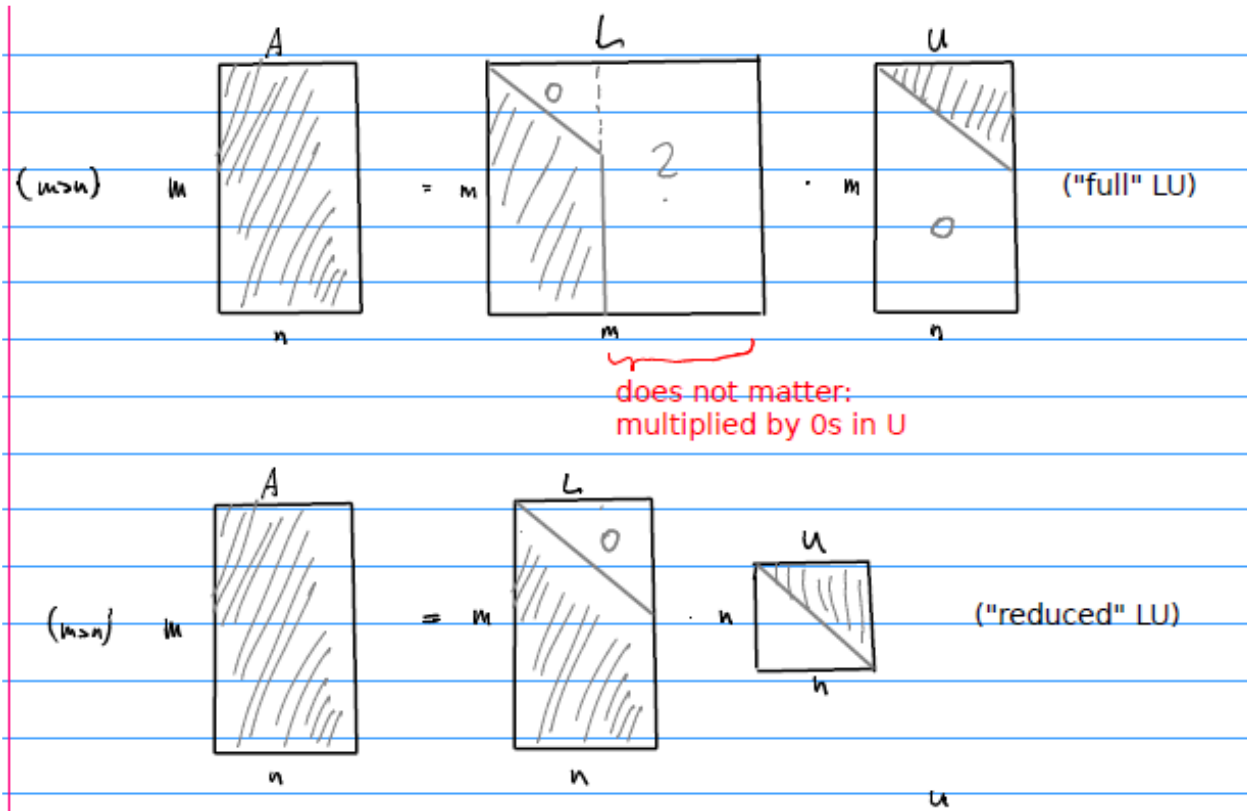
- So what must  $U$  look like?

zero rows on bottom

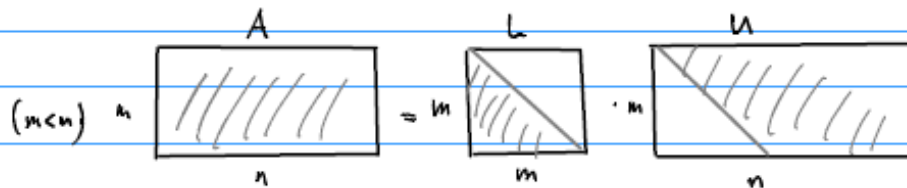
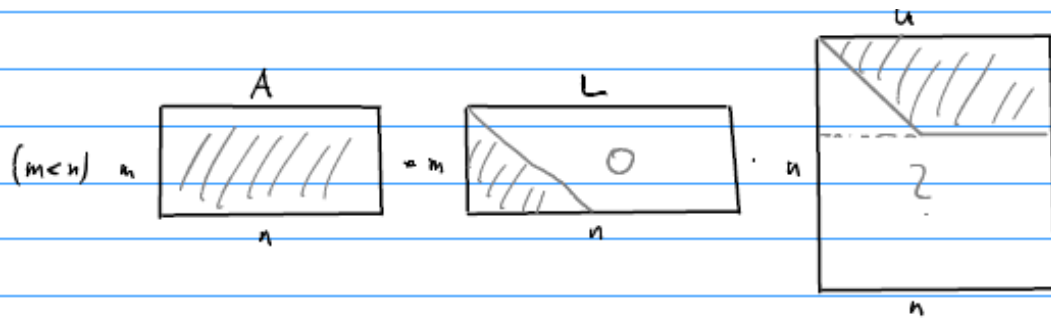
# What about LU on non-square matrices?

- For an  $m \times n$  matrix there are four cases based on
  - Is  $M > N$ ?
  - Is the decomposition into one of the following:
    - An  $m \times m$  times an  $m \times n$
    - An  $m \times n$  times an  $n \times n$

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# Full versus Reduced LU

- The reduced version requires less space
  - Doesn't include zero rows in U
  - Doesn't include columns that will be zeroed out in L
- Usually what software will produce...
- Quick quiz question: is LU factorization unique?

No

# Applications of LU: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

- $Ax=b$
- $PA=LU$
- $PAx=Pb$
- $LUx=Pb$
- What comes next?

Solve  
 $Ly = Pb$   
then  $Ux = y$

# Solving Matrix Equations

- $AX=B$

- $A, X, B$  are square and same size

- Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Factor A  $O(n^3)$

- Then solve for X column by column....

- Computational cost is:  $n$  forward subs  
 $\rightarrow n O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n^3)$

# Find the Basis of a Span

- ▣ Suppose we are given  $n$  possibly linearly dependent vectors
  - ▣  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$
- ▣ Let  $V$  be the space spanned by the  $x_i$ 
  - ▣ A Span is the set of linear combinations of a set of vectors
- ▣ A set of linearly independent vectors spanning  $V$  is a Basis

Define

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{\hspace{2cm}}^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

Non-zero rows of  $U$  form a Basis

Obtain

$$PA = LU$$



# Compute a Determinant

- Find  $\det(A)$
- If we have  $PA=LU$
- $\det(P)\det(A)=\det(L)\det(U)$

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$$\leadsto \det(P) \det(A) = \det(L) \det(U)$$

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↙  
 $\pm 1$

↓  
 $1$

↘  
product of diagonal  
entries

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# Find the Rank of a Matrix

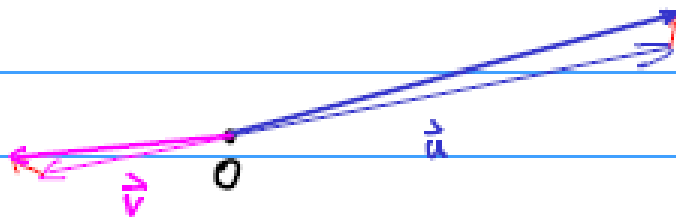
- The rank of a matrix is the number of linearly independent columns ( or rows )
- Testing two vectors for linear dependence on a computer is fraught with peril

■ Why?

Floating  
Point

# Find the Rank of a Matrix

Suppose we would like to test two inexact vectors for linear dependence.



True:  $\vec{u} = \alpha\vec{v}$  (linearly dependent)

Computed:  $\vec{u} + \alpha\vec{v}$  (not linearly dependent)

Lesson: We cannot hope for exact equality on a computer.  
Instead, we must define some sort of tolerance.

# Find the Rank of a Matrix

- Taking that into account we can...
- Use LU factorization
  - In exact arithmetic rank-deficiency will generate 0 rows in U
- Use some tolerance since we won't get exact zeros