

# LU Decomposition

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# Time Taken by Back Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_n = \frac{b^{(n-1)}_n}{a^{(n-1)}_{nn}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{b^{(i-1)}_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a^{(i-1)}_{ij} x_j}{a^{(i-1)}_{ii}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

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n = length(B);
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X(n)=B(n)/A(n,n)
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for i=n-1:-1:1
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  X(i) = B(i);
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    for j=(i+1):1:n
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      X(i) = X(i) - A(i, j)*X(j);
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    end
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  X(i) = X(i)/A(i, i);
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end
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## Back Substitution

$$CT|_{BS} = T(4n^2 + 12n)$$

# Is LU Decomposition better than Gaussian Elimination?

$$\text{Solve } [A][X] = [B]$$

$T$  = clock cycle time and  $n \times n$  = size of the matrix

## Forward Elimination

$$CT|_{FE} = T \left( \frac{8n^3}{3} + 8n^2 - \frac{32n}{3} \right)$$

## Back Substitution

$$CT|_{BS} = T(4n^2 + 12n)$$

## Decomposition to LU

$$CT|_{DE} = T \left( \frac{8n^3}{3} + 4n^2 - \frac{20n}{3} \right)$$

## Forward Substitution

$$CT|_{FS} = T(4n^2 - 4n)$$

## Back Substitution

$$CT|_{BS} = T(4n^2 + 12n)$$

# Is LU Decomposition better than Gaussian Elimination?

To solve  $[A][X] = [B]$

## Time taken by methods

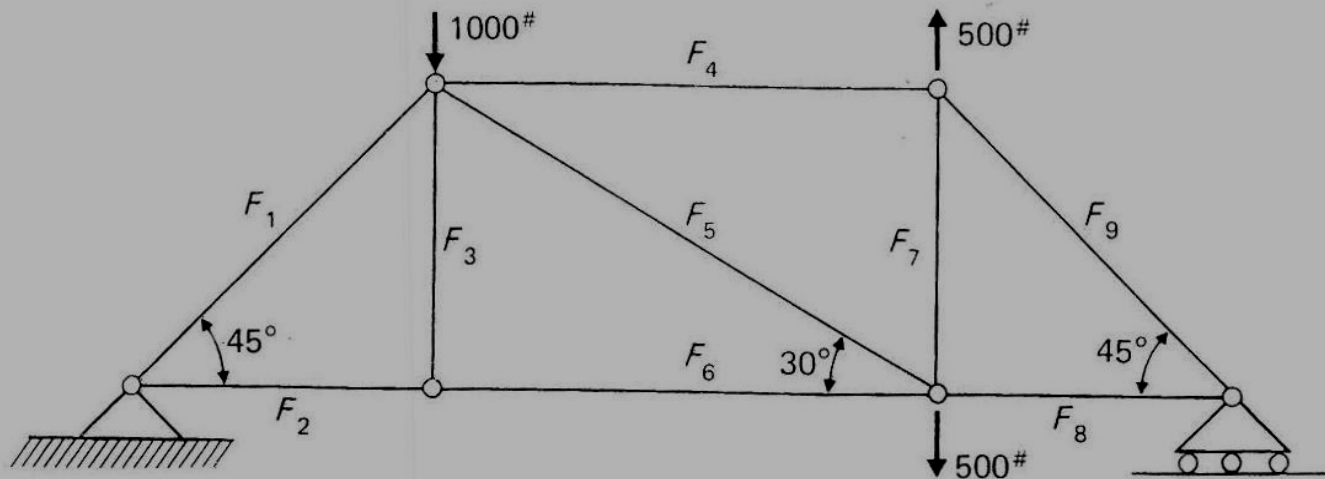
Gaussian Elimination	LU Decomposition
$T\left(\frac{8n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{4n}{3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{8n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{4n}{3}\right)$

T = clock cycle time and nxn = size of the matrix

So both methods are equally efficient.

# Truss Problem

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 0.7071 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -0.8660 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0.7071 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0.7071 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.7071 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.8660 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.5 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.7071
 \end{bmatrix} F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1000 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 500 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -500 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Finding the inverse of a square matrix

The inverse  $[B]$  of a square matrix  $[A]$  is defined as

$$[A][B] = [I] \quad \mathbf{OR} \quad [B][A] = [I]$$

# Finding the inverse of a square matrix

How can LU Decomposition be used to find the inverse?

$$[A][B] = [I]$$

First column of  $[B]$

$$[A] \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second column of  $[B]$

$$[A] \begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The remaining columns in  $[B]$  can be found in the same manner

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Find the inverse of a square matrix  $[A]$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the decomposition procedure, the  $[L]$  and  $[U]$  matrices are found to be

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving for the each column of  $[B]$  requires two steps

1) Solve  $[L][Z] = [C]$  for  $[Z]$

2) Solve  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

$$\text{Step 1: } [L][Z] = [C] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This generates the equations:

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$2.56z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$$5.76z_1 + 3.5z_2 + z_3 = 0$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving for  $[Z]$

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= 0 - 2.56z_1 \\ &= 0 - 2.56(1) \\ &= -2.56 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= 0 - 5.76z_1 - 3.5z_2 \\ &= 0 - 5.76(1) - 3.5(-2.56) \\ &= 3.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2.56 \\ 3.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ b_{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2.56 \\ 3.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$25b_{11} + 5b_{21} + b_{31} = 1$$

$$-4.8b_{21} - 1.56b_{31} = -2.56$$

$$0.7b_{31} = 3.2$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Using Backward Substitution

$$b_{31} = \frac{3.2}{0.7} = 4.571$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{21} &= \frac{-2.56 + 1.560b_{31}}{-4.8} \\ &= \frac{-2.56 + 1.560(4.571)}{-4.8} = -0.9524 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= \frac{1 - 5b_{21} - b_{31}}{25} \\ &= \frac{1 - 5(-0.9524) - 4.571}{25} = 0.04762 \end{aligned}$$

So the first column of the inverse of  $[A]$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ b_{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.04762 \\ -0.9524 \\ 4.571 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Repeating for the second and third columns of the inverse

Second Column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.08333 \\ 1.417 \\ -5.000 \end{bmatrix}$$

Third Column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{13} \\ b_{23} \\ b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{13} \\ b_{23} \\ b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.03571 \\ -0.4643 \\ 1.429 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

The inverse of  $[A]$  is

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.04762 & -0.08333 & 0.03571 \\ -0.9524 & 1.417 & -0.4643 \\ 4.571 & -5.000 & 1.429 \end{bmatrix}$$

To check your work do the following operation

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

# To find inverse of [A]

## Time taken by Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{aligned} &= n(CT|_{FE} + CT|_{BS}) \\ &= T\left(\frac{8n^4}{3} + 12n^3 + \frac{4n^2}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

## Time taken by LU Decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} &= CT|_{DE} + n \times CT|_{FS} + n \times CT|_{BS} \\ &= T\left(\frac{32n^3}{3} + 12n^2 - \frac{20n}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# To find inverse of [A]

Time taken by Gaussian Elimination

$$T\left(\frac{8n^4}{3} + 12n^3 + \frac{4n^2}{3}\right)$$

Time taken by LU Decomposition

$$T\left(\frac{32n^3}{3} + 12n^2 - \frac{20n}{3}\right)$$

**Table 1** Comparing computational times of finding inverse of a matrix using LU decomposition and Gaussian elimination.

$n$	10	100	1000	10000
$\text{CT} _{\text{inverse GE}} / \text{CT} _{\text{inverse LU}}$	3.288	25.84	250.8	2501

For large  $n$ ,  $\text{CT}|_{\text{inverse GE}} / \text{CT}|_{\text{inverse LU}} \approx n/4$