



# Simultaneous Linear Equations

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Topic: LU Decomposition  
Major: Mechanical Engineering



# LU Decomposition

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LU Decomposition is another method to solve a set of simultaneous linear equations

Which is better, Gauss Elimination or LU Decomposition?

To answer this, a closer look at LU decomposition is needed.



# LU Decomposition

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## Method

For most non-singular matrix  $[A]$  that one could conduct Naïve Gauss Elimination forward elimination steps, one can always write it as

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

Where

$[L]$  = lower triangular matrix

$[U]$  = upper triangular matrix



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## Proof

If solving a set of linear equations  $[A][X] = [C]$

If  $[A] = [L][U]$  Then  $[L][U][X] = [C]$

Multiply by  $[L]^{-1}$

Which gives  $[L]^{-1}[L][U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$

Remember  $[L]^{-1}[L] = [I]$  which leads to  $[I][U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$

Now, if  $[I][U] = [U]$  then  $[U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$

Now, let  $[L]^{-1}[C] = [Z]$

Which ends with  $[L][Z] = [C]$  (1)

and  $[U][X] = [Z]$  (2)



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How can this be used?

Given  $[A][X]=[C]$

Decompose  $[A]$  into  $[L]$  and  $[U]$

Then solve  $[L][Z]=[C]$  for  $[Z]$

And then solve  $[U][X]=[Z]$  for  $[X]$



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How is this better or faster than Gauss Elimination?

Let's look at computational time.

$n$  = number of equations

To decompose  $[A]$ , time is proportional to  $\frac{n^3}{3}$

To solve  $[U][X] = [C]$  and  $[L][Z] = [C]$

time proportional to  $\frac{n^2}{2}$



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Therefore, total computational time for LU Decomposition is proportional to

$$\frac{n^3}{3} + 2\left(\frac{n^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{n^3}{3} + n^2$$

Gauss Elimination computation time is proportional to

$$\frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2}$$

How is this better?



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What about a situation where the [C] vector changes?

In LU Decomposition, LU decomposition of [A] is independent of the [C] vector, therefore it only needs to be done once.

Let  $m$  = the number of times the [C] vector changes

The computational times are proportional to

$$\text{LU decomposition} = m\left(\frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2}\right) \quad \text{Gauss Elimination} = \frac{n^3}{3} + m(n^2)$$

Consider a 100 equation set with 50 right hand side vectors

$$\text{LU Decomposition} = 8.33 \times 10^5 \quad \text{Gauss Elimination} = 1.69 \times 10^7$$



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## Another Advantage

### Finding the Inverse of a Matrix

LU Decomposition

$$\frac{n^3}{3} + n(n^2) = \frac{4n^3}{3}$$

Gauss Elimination

$$n \left( \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} \right) = \frac{n^4}{3} + \frac{n^3}{2}$$

For large values of  $n$

$$\frac{n^4}{3} + \frac{n^3}{2} \gg \frac{4n^3}{3}$$



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Method: [A] Decompose to [L] and [U]

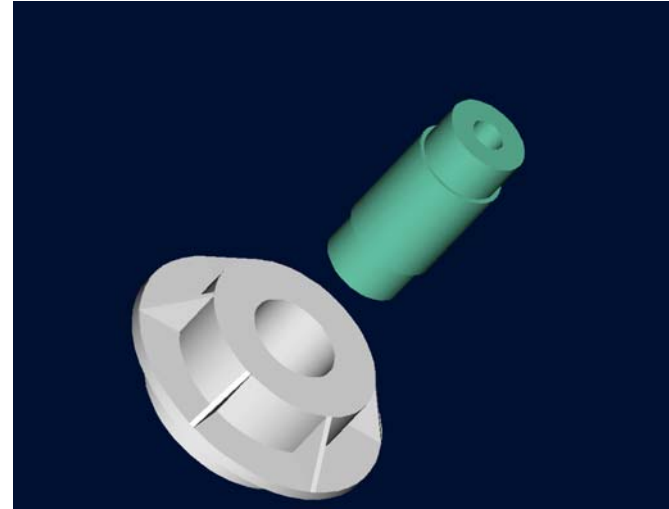
$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ \ell_{31} & \ell_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

[U] is the same as the coefficient matrix at the end of the forward elimination step.

[L] is obtained using the *multipliers* that were used in the forward elimination process

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

A trunnion of diameter 12.363” has to be cooled from a room temperature of 80°F before it is shrink fit into a steel hub



The equation that gives the diametric contraction  $\Delta D$  of the trunnion in dry-ice/alcohol (boiling temperature is  $-108^\circ\text{F}$ ) is given by:

$$\Delta D = 12.363 \int_{80}^{-108} \alpha(T) dT$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

The expression for the thermal expansion coefficient,

$\alpha = a_1 + a_2T + a_3T^2$  is obtained using regression analysis and hence solving the following simultaneous linear equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 & -1.86472 \times 10^8 \\ 7.26 \times 10^5 & -1.86472 \times 10^8 & 5.24357 \times 10^{10} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.057 \times 10^{-4} \\ -1.04162 \times 10^{-2} \\ 2.56799 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the values of  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$  using LU Decomposition.

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

## Finding the $[U]$ matrix

Using the Forward Elimination Procedure of Gauss Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 & -1.86472 \times 10^8 \\ 7.26 \times 10^5 & -1.86472 \times 10^8 & 5.24357 \times 10^{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Row2} - \left[ \frac{\text{Row1}}{24} \right] \times (-2860) = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 7.26 \times 10^5 & -1.86472 \times 10^8 & 5.24357 \times 10^{10} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Row3} - \left[ \frac{\text{Row1}}{24} \right] \times (7.26 \times 10^5) = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & -99.957 \times 10^6 & 30.4742 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

## Finding the $[U]$ matrix

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$$\text{Row3} - \left[ \frac{\text{Row2}}{3.85183 \times 10^5} \right] \times (-99.957 \times 10^6) = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.5348 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.5348 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

## Finding the $[L]$ matrix

Using the multipliers used during the Forward Elimination Procedure

From the first step of forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{-2860}{24} = -119.167$$
$$l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{7.26 \times 10^5}{24} = 30250$$

From the second step of forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & -99.957 \times 10^6 & 30.4742 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} = \frac{-99.957 \times 10^6}{3.85183 \times 10^5} = -259.51$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -119.167 & 1 & 0 \\ 30250 & -259.51 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Does  $[L][U] = [A]$  ?

$$[L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -119.167 & 1 & 0 \\ 30250 & -259.51 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.5323 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Example: Solving simultaneous linear equations using LU Decomposition

$$\text{Set } [L][Z] = [C] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -119.167 & 1 & 0 \\ 30250 & -259.51 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.057 \times 10^{-4} \\ -1.04162 \times 10^{-2} \\ 2.56799 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_1 = 1.057 \times 10^{-4}$$

Solve for  $[Z]$

$$-119.167z_1 + z_2 = -1.04162 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$30250z_1 + (-259.51) + z_3 = 2.56799$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Example: Solving simultaneous linear equations using LU Decomposition

Complete the forward substitution to solve for  $[Z]$

$$z_1 = 1.057 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= -1.04162 \times 10^{-2} - (-119.167)z_1 \\ &= -1.04162 \times 10^{-2} - (-119.167) \times 1.057 \times 10^{-4} \\ &= 0.00217975 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= 2.56799 - 30250z_1 - (-259.5)z_2 \\ &= 2.56799 - 30250 \times 1.057 \times 10^{-4} - (-259.51) \times 0.00217975 \\ &= -0.063768 \end{aligned}$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.057 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.00217975 \\ -0.063768 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Example: Solving simultaneous linear equations using LU Decomposition

$$\text{Set } [U][X] = [Z] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -2860 & 7.26 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 3.85183 \times 10^5 & -99.957 \times 10^6 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.5348 \times 10^9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.057 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.00217975 \\ -0.063768 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 3 equations become

Solve for  $[X]$

$$24x_1 + -2860x_2 + 7.26 \times 10^5 x_3 = 1.057 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$3.85183 \times 10^5 x_2 + (-99.957 \times 10^6)x_3 = 0.00217975$$

$$4.5348 \times 10^9 x_3 = -0.063768$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Example: Solving simultaneous linear equations using LU Decomposition

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> equation

$$4.5348 \times 10^9 x_3 = -0.063768$$

$$x_3 = \frac{-0.063768}{4.5348 \times 10^9}$$
$$= -1.40619 \times 10^{-11}$$

Substituting in  $x_3$  and using the second equation

$$3.85183 \times 10^5 x_2 + (-99.957 \times 10^6) x_3 = 0.00217975$$

$$x_2 = \frac{0.00217975 - (-99.957 \times 10^6) x_3}{3.85183 \times 10^5}$$
$$= \frac{0.00217975 - (-99.957 \times 10^6) \times (-1.40619 \times 10^{-11})}{3.85183 \times 10^5}$$
$$= 2.00986 \times 10^{-9}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Example: Solving simultaneous linear equations using LU Decomposition

Substituting in  $x_3$  and  $x_2$   
using the first equation

$$24x_1 + (-2860)x_2 + 7.26 \times 10^5 x_3 = 1.057 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1.057 \times 10^{-4} - (-2860)x_2 - 7.26 \times 10^5 x_3}{24}$$

$$= \frac{1.057 \times 10^{-4} - (-2860) \times 2.00986 \times 10^{-9} - 7.26 \times 10^5 \times (-1.40619 \times 10^{-11})}{24}$$

$$= 5.06905 \times 10^{-6}$$

Hence the Solution Vector is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.06905 \times 10^{-6} \\ 2.00986 \times 10^{-9} \\ -1.40619 \times 10^{-11} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Thermal Coefficient

Solution:

The solution vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.069 \times 10^{-6} \\ 2.0099 \times 10^{-9} \\ -1.4062 \times 10^{-11} \end{bmatrix}$$

The polynomial that passes through the three data points is then:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(T) &= a_1 T^2 + a_2 T + a_3 \\ &= 5.069 \times 10^{-6} T^2 + 2.0099 \times 10^{-9} T - 1.4062 \times 10^{-11} \end{aligned}$$



# LU Decomposition

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Finding the inverse of a square matrix

Remember, the relative computational time comparison of LU decomposition and Gauss elimination is:

$$\frac{n^4}{3} + \frac{n^3}{2} \gg \frac{4n^3}{3}$$

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

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



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Finding the inverse of a square matrix

How can LU Decomposition be used to find the inverse?

Assume the first column of  $[B]$  to be  $[b_{11} \ b_{12} \ \dots \ b_{n1}]^T$

Using this and the definition of matrix multiplication

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



# LU Decomposition

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Example: Finding the inverse of a square matrix

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

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

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



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square matrix

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

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

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$2.56z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

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



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square matrix

Solving for  $[Z]$

$$z_1 = 1$$

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

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

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



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square matrix

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

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

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

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

$$0.7b_{31} = 3.2$$



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square 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:

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



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square 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

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

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



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Example: Finding the inverse of a square matrix

The inverse of  $[A]$  is

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4762 & 0.08333 & 0.0357 \\ -0.9524 & 1.417 & -0.4643 \\ 4.571 & -5.050 & 1.429 \end{bmatrix}$$

To check your work do the following operation

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