

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**  
**MATH2000**  
**Gaussian elimination,  $LU$  and  $PLU$  decomposition**

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- (1) Find a matrix in row echelon form equivalent to:

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$       (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$       (c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$       (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 5 & -6 \\ 7 & -8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$

- (2) Find a matrix in row echelon form equivalent to the complex matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2+i & -1+2i & 2 \\ 1+i & -1+i & 1 \\ 1+2i & -2+i & 1+i \end{pmatrix}$

- (3) Use the Gauss method to find  $A^{-1}$  if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(4) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$      $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$      $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$      $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Use the  $LU$  decomposition to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

- (5) In this question, all matrices are square  $n \times n$  ones.

- (a) Show that the product of two upper triangular matrices (that is, two matrices with 0 everywhere below the main diagonal) is upper triangular, and show that the inverse of an upper triangular matrix is upper triangular.
- (b) Repeat part (a), but for lower triangular matrices. (So take transposes and use part (a).)
- (c) If  $L$  is lower triangular with 1 everywhere on the main diagonal, show that  $L^{-1}$  also has 1 everywhere on its main diagonal.

- (6) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 & -5 \\ -6 & -1 & -1 & 10 \\ 3 & 3 & 2a-2 & a-5 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a$  is a non-zero constant.

- (a) Find an  $LU$  decomposition for the matrix  $A$ .
- (b) Show that  $A$  has zero determinant.

(c) Use part (a) to solve the system

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

where

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) Use part (a) again to solve the system

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

where

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(7) Find a PLU decomposition for the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & 17 \\ 3 & 6 & 12 & 14 \\ 2 & 9 & 11 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence calculate its determinant.

(8) Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 & -4 \\ 3 & 10 & -10 \\ -2 & -4 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant.

(a) Find an  $LU$  decomposition for the matrix  $A$ .

(b) For what value of  $a$  does the matrix  $A$  have zero determinant?

(c) Set  $a = 11$  then use your answer in part (a) to solve the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  where

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(9) Find a PLU decomposition for the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .