

**Homework Assignment No. 1**  
**Due 10:10am, March 11, 2011**

Reading: Strang, Chapters 1 and 2.

Problems for Solution:

1. Find the pivots and the solutions for both systems of linear equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. Find elimination matrices  $\mathbf{E}_{21}$  then  $\mathbf{E}_{32}$  then  $\mathbf{E}_{43}$  to change  $\mathbf{K}$  into  $\mathbf{U}$ :

$$\mathbf{E}_{43}\mathbf{E}_{32}\mathbf{E}_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4/3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Apply those three steps to the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}$ , to obtain the result of multiplying  $\mathbf{E}_{43}\mathbf{E}_{32}\mathbf{E}_{21}$ .

3. For each of the matrices

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

determine whether the matrix is invertible. If so, find its inverse.

4. Compute  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$  for this matrix:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a & a & a \\ a & b & b & b \\ a & b & c & c \\ a & b & c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find four conditions on  $a, b, c, d$  to get  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU}$  with four pivots.

5. Factor the following symmetric matrices into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LDL}^T$ :

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 12 & 18 \\ 5 & 18 & 30 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

6. Prove the following statements:
- (a) A lower (upper) triangular matrix with unit diagonal is invertible and its inverse is still lower (upper) triangular with unit diagonal.
  - (b) The product of two lower (upper) triangular matrices with unit diagonal is still lower (upper) triangular with unit diagonal
  - (c) The product of a lower (upper) triangular matrix and a diagonal matrix is lower (upper) triangular.
7. If  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}_1\mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{U}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}_2\mathbf{D}_2\mathbf{U}_2$ , where the  $\mathbf{L}$ 's are lower triangular with unit diagonal, the  $\mathbf{U}$ 's are upper triangular with unit diagonal, and  $\mathbf{D}$ 's are diagonal matrices with no zeros on the diagonal, prove that  $\mathbf{L}_1 = \mathbf{L}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_1 = \mathbf{D}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{U}_1 = \mathbf{U}_2$ . (*Hint:* The proof can be decomposed into the following two steps:
- (a) Derive the equation  $\mathbf{L}_1^{-1}\mathbf{L}_2\mathbf{D}_2 = \mathbf{D}_1\mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{U}_2^{-1}$  and explain why one side is lower triangular and the other side is upper triangular.
  - (b) Compare the main diagonals in the equation in (a), and then compare the off-diagonals.)
8. Factor the following matrix into  $\mathbf{PA} = \mathbf{LU}$ . Also factor it into  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}_1\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{U}_1$ .

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$