

# LU Decomposition

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# LU Decomposition

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

## 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

# How does LU Decomposition work?

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

$$[L][Z] = [C] \quad (1)$$

and

$$[U][X] = [Z] \quad (2)$$

# LU Decomposition

How can this be used?

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

1. Decompose  $[A]$  into  $[L]$  and  $[U]$
2. Solve  $[L][Z] = [C]$  for  $[Z]$
3. Solve  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

# When is LU Decomposition better than Gaussian Elimination?

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

**Table.** Time taken by methods

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

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

So both methods are equally efficient.

# To find inverse of [A]

Time taken by Gaussian Elimination

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

Time taken by LU Decomposition

$$= CT|_{LU} + n \times CT|_{FS} + n \times CT|_{BS}$$
$$= T\left(\frac{32n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{20n}{3}\right)$$

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

$n$	10	100	1000	10000
$CT _{\text{inverse GE}} / CT _{\text{inverse LU}}$	3.28	25.83	250.8	2501



# 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

# Finding the $[U]$ matrix

Using the Forward Elimination Procedure of Gauss Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \frac{64}{25} = 2.56; \quad \text{Row2} - \text{Row1}(2.56) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{144}{25} = 5.76; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row1}(5.76) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finding the [U] Matrix

$$\text{Matrix after Step 1: } \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Step 2: } \frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row2}(3.5) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

# Finding the $[L]$ matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the multipliers used during the Forward Elimination Procedure

From the first step  
of forward  
elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{64}{25} = 2.56$$

$$l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{144}{25} = 5.76$$

# Finding the [L] Matrix

From the second  
step of forward  
elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} = \frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5$$

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

To find the maximum stresses in a compound cylinder, the following four simultaneous linear equations need to be solved.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -5.4619 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ -6.5 & -0.15384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 0 \\ 0.007 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

In the compound cylinder, the inner cylinder has an internal radius of  $a = 5''$ , and outer radius  $c = 6.5''$ , while the outer cylinder has an internal radius of  $c = 6.5''$  and outer radius,  $b = 8''$ . Given  $E = 30 \times 10^6$  psi,  $\nu = 0.3$ , and that the hoop stress in outer cylinder is given by

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left[ c_3(1+\nu) + c_4 \left( \frac{1-\nu}{r^2} \right) \right]$$

find the stress on the inside radius of the outer cylinder.  
Find the values of  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  using LU decomposition.



# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Use Forward Elimination Procedure of Gauss Elimination to find [U]

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -5.4619 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ -6.5 & -0.15384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1

$$\frac{4.2857 \times 10^7}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = 1; \quad \text{Row2} - \text{Row1}(1) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ -6.5 & -0.15384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Step 1 cont.

$$\frac{-6.5}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = -1.5167 \times 10^{-7}; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row1}(-1.5167 \times 10^{-7}) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & -0.29384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Step 1 cont.

$$\frac{0}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = 0; \quad \text{Row4} - \text{Row1}(0) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & -0.29384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the matrix after Step 1.

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Step 2

$$\frac{-0.29384}{3.7688 \times 10^5} = -7.7966 \times 10^{-7}; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row2}(-7.7966 \times 10^{-7}) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Step 2 cont.

$$\frac{0}{3.7688 \times 10^5} = 0; \quad \text{Row4} - \text{Row2}(0) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the matrix after Step 2.

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Step 3

$$\frac{4.2857 \times 10^7}{-26.914} = -1.5294 \times 10^6; \quad \text{Row4} - \text{Row3}(-1.5923 \times 10^6) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5.6250 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the matrix after Step 3.

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5.6250 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Use the multipliers from Forward Elimination to find [L]

From the 1<sup>st</sup> step of forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -5.4619 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ -6.5 & -0.15384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{4.2857 \times 10^7}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = 1$$

$$l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{-6.5}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = -1.5167 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$l_{41} = \frac{a_{41}}{a_{11}} = \frac{0}{4.2857 \times 10^7} = 0$$



# Example: Cylinder Stresses

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> step of forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & -0.29384 & 6.5 & 0.15384 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} \frac{-0.29384}{3.7688 \times 10^5} = -7.7966 \times 10^{-7}$$

$$l_{42} = \frac{a_{42}}{a_{22}} = \frac{0}{3.7688 \times 10^5} = 0$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> step of forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -3.6057 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{41} & l_{42} & l_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{43} = \frac{a_{43}}{a_{33}} = \frac{4.2857 \times 10^7}{-26.914} = -1.5294 \times 10^6$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.5167 \times 10^{-7} & -7.7966 \times 10^{-7} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.5924 \times 10^6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

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

$$[L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.5167 \times 10^{-7} & -7.7966 \times 10^{-7} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.5924 \times 10^6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5.6250 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

$$\text{Set } [L][Z] = [C] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1.5167 \times 10^{-7} & -7.7966 \times 10^{-7} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.5924 \times 10^6 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 0 \\ 0.007 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for [Z]

$$z_1 = -7.887 \times 10^3$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$$-1.51667 \times 10^{-7} z_1 + (-7.79662 \times 10^{-7}) z_2 + z_3 = 0.007$$

$$-1.5924 \times 10^6 z_3 + z_4 = 0$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Solve for [Z]

$$z_1 = -7.887 \times 10^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= -z_1 \\ &= -(-7.887 \times 10^3) \\ &= 7.887 \times 10^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= 0.007 - (-1.5167 \times 10^{-7})z_1 - (-7.7966 \times 10^{-7})z_2 \\ &= 0.007 - (-1.5167 \times 10^{-7}) \times (-7.887 \times 10^3) - (-7.7966 \times 10^{-7}) \times (7.887 \times 10^3) \\ &= 1.1953 \times 10^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Solving for [Z] cont.

$$\begin{aligned} z_4 &= -(-1.5924 \times 10^6) z_3 \\ &= -(-1.5924 \times 10^6) \times (1.1953 \times 10^{-2}) \\ &= 19034 \end{aligned}$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 1.1953 \times 10^{-2} \\ 19034 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Set  $[U][C] = [Z]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.2857 \times 10^7 & -9.2307 \times 10^5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.7688 \times 10^5 & -4.2857 \times 10^7 & 5.4619 \times 10^5 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.914 & 0.57968 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5.6250 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 7.887 \times 10^3 \\ 1.1953 \times 10^{-2} \\ 19034 \end{bmatrix}$$

The four equations become:

$$4.2857 \times 10^7 c_1 + (-9.2307 \times 10^5) c_2 + (0) c_3 + (0) c_4 = -7.887 \times 10^3$$

$$3.7668 \times 10^5 c_2 + (-4.2857 \times 10^7) c_3 + 5.4619 \times 10^5 c_4 = 7.887 \times 10^3$$

$$-26.914 c_3 + 0.57968 c_4 = 1.1953 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$5.6250 \times 10^5 c_4 = 19034$$



# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Solve for [C]

$$\begin{aligned}c_4 &= \frac{19034}{5.6250 \times 10^5} \\ &= 3.3837 \times 10^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c_3 &= \frac{1.1953 \times 10^{-2} - 0.57968c_4}{-26.914} \\ &= \frac{1.1953 \times 10^{-2} - 0.57968c_4}{-26.914} \\ &= \frac{1.1953 \times 10^{-2} - 0.57968(3.3837 \times 10^{-2})}{-26.914} \\ &= 2.8469 \times 10^{-4}\end{aligned}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Solve for [C] cont.

$$\begin{aligned}c_2 &= \frac{7.887 \times 10^3 - (-4.2857 \times 10^7)c_3 - 5.4619 \times 10^5 c_4}{3.7688 \times 10^5} \\ &= \frac{7.887 \times 10^3 - (-4.2857 \times 10^7) \times (2.8469 \times 10^{-4}) - 5.4619 \times 10^5 \times (3.3837 \times 10^{-2})}{3.7688 \times 10^5} \\ &= 4.2615 \times 10^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= \frac{-7.887 \times 10^3 - (-9.2307 \times 10^5)c_2 - (0)c_3 - (0)c_4}{4.2857 \times 10^7} \\ &= \frac{-7.887 \times 10^3 - (-9.2307 \times 10^5) \times (4.2615 \times 10^{-3})}{4.2857 \times 10^7} \\ &= 9.2244 \times 10^{-5}\end{aligned}$$

# Example: Cylinder Stresses

Solution:

The solution vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -9.2244 \times 10^{-5} \\ 4.2615 \times 10^{-3} \\ 2.8469 \times 10^{-4} \\ 3.3837 \times 10^{-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

The stress on the inside radius of the outer cylinder is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\theta} &= \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \left[ c_3(1+\nu) + c_4 \left( \frac{1-\nu}{r^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{30 \times 10^6}{1-0.3^2} \left[ 2.8469 \times 10^{-4} (1+0.3) + 3.3837 \times 10^{-2} \left( \frac{1-0.3}{6.5^2} \right) \right] \\ &= 30683 \text{ psi} \end{aligned}$$

# Finding the inverse of a square matrix

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

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

# 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

# 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

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

# Additional Resources

For all resources on this topic such as digital audiovisual lectures, primers, textbook chapters, multiple-choice tests, worksheets in MATLAB, MATHEMATICA, MathCad and MAPLE, blogs, related physical problems, please visit

[http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.edu/topics/lu\\_decomposition.html](http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.edu/topics/lu_decomposition.html)

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