

## Part B. Linear Algebra, Vector Calculus

### Chap. 6: Linear Algebra; Matrices, Vectors, Determinants, Linear Systems of Equations

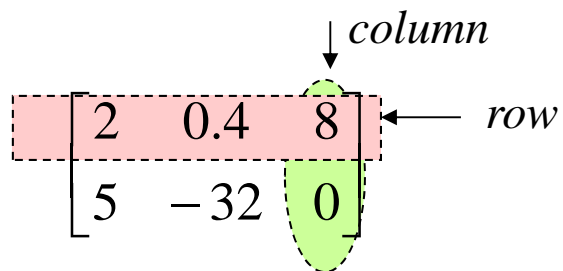
- Theory and application of linear systems of equations, linear transformations, and eigenvalue problems.
- Vectors, matrices, determinants, ...

#### 6.1. Basic concepts

- Basic concepts and rules of matrix and vector algebra
- Matrix: rectangular array of numbers (or functions)

↑  
*elements or entries*

*Reference: "Matrix Computations" by G.H. Golub, C.F. Van Loan (1996)*



**Ex. 1)**  $5x - 2y + z = 0$   
 $3x + 4z = 0$

Coefficient matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 f_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\
 f_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0 \\
 \vdots \\
 f_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\
 a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\
 \vdots \\
 a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}
 \Rightarrow
 \boxed{\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{x}} = \underline{\underline{b}}}$$

## General Notations and Concepts

Matrix:  $\underline{\underline{A}}, \underline{\underline{B}}$   
 Vector:  $\underline{\underline{a}}, \underline{\underline{b}}$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} = [a_{jk}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underline{\underline{A}}$  or  $a_{ij}$

Row (Eqn.)

Column (Variable)

m x n matrix

m = n: square matrix

$a_{ii}$ : principal or main diagonal of the matrix.  
 (important for simultaneous linear equations)

- rectangular matrix that is not square

## Vectors

Row vector:  $\underline{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_m]$   $\longrightarrow$   $\underline{b}^T = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$  Transpose

Column vector:  $\underline{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_m \end{bmatrix}$

## Transposition

$\underline{\underline{A}} (m \times n) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{A}}^T (n \times m)$

$$\underline{\underline{A}}^T = [a_{kj}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric matrices:  $\underline{\underline{A}}^T = \underline{\underline{A}} (a_{ij}^T = a_{ij})$

Skew-symmetric matrices:  $\underline{\underline{A}}^T = -\underline{\underline{A}} (a_{ij}^T = -a_{ij})$

$\rightarrow$  Square matrices

### Properties of transpose:

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{\underline{A}}^T)^T &= \underline{\underline{A}}, & (\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}})^T &= \underline{\underline{A}}^T + \underline{\underline{B}}^T, & (\underline{\underline{AB}})^T &= \underline{\underline{B}}^T \underline{\underline{A}}^T, \\ (\underline{\underline{kA}})^T &= \underline{\underline{kA}}^T, & (\underline{\underline{ABC}})^T &= \underline{\underline{C}}^T \underline{\underline{B}}^T \underline{\underline{A}}^T \end{aligned}$$

**Equalities of Matrices:**  $\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{B}}$  ( $a_{ij} = b_{ij}$ ) same size

**Matrix Addition:**  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}}$  ( $c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$ ) same size

**Scalar Multiplication:**  $(-k)\underline{\underline{A}} = -k\underline{\underline{A}}$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{B}} + \underline{\underline{A}}$$

$$(\underline{\underline{U}} + \underline{\underline{V}}) + \underline{\underline{W}} = \underline{\underline{U}} + (\underline{\underline{V}} + \underline{\underline{W}})$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{0}} = \underline{\underline{A}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}} + (-\underline{\underline{A}}) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

$$c(\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}}) = c\underline{\underline{A}} + c\underline{\underline{B}}$$

$$(c + k)\underline{\underline{A}} = c\underline{\underline{A}} + k\underline{\underline{A}}$$

$$c(k\underline{\underline{A}}) = (ck)\underline{\underline{A}}$$

## 6.2. Matrix Multiplication

- Multiplication of matrices by matrices

$$\underline{\underline{A}}_{n \times m} \underline{\underline{B}}_{m \times l} = \underline{\underline{C}}_{n \times l} \quad C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

(number of columns of 1<sup>st</sup> factor  $\underline{\underline{A}}$  = number of rows of 2<sup>nd</sup> factor  $\underline{\underline{B}}$ )

## Difference from Multiplication of Numbers

- Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general:  $\underline{\underline{AB}} \neq \underline{\underline{BA}}$
- $\underline{\underline{AB}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  does not necessarily imply  $\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  or  $\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  or  $\underline{\underline{BA}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$
- $\underline{\underline{AC}} = \underline{\underline{AD}}$  does not necessarily imply  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{D}}$  (even when  $\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$ )

$$(\underline{\underline{kA}})\underline{\underline{B}} = k(\underline{\underline{AB}}) = \underline{\underline{A}}(\underline{\underline{kB}})$$

$$\underline{\underline{A}}(\underline{\underline{BC}}) = (\underline{\underline{AB}})\underline{\underline{C}}$$

$$(\underline{\underline{A}} + \underline{\underline{B}})\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{AC}} + \underline{\underline{BC}}$$

## Special Matrices

Upper triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Banded matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Results of finite  
difference solutions  
for PDE or ODE.



(especially,  
tridiagonal)

*Matrix can be decomposed into Lower & Upper triangular matrices  
→ LU decomposition*

## Special Matrices:

$a_{ii} \neq 0, a_{ij} = 0 (i \neq j)$  Diagonal matrix

$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  Symmetric matrix,  $\underline{\underline{I}}$  or  $I_{ii} = 1 (I_{ij} = 0, i \neq j)$  Identity (or unit) matrix

## Inner Product of Vectors

$$\underline{\underline{a}} \cdot \underline{\underline{b}} = [a_1 \quad a_2 \quad \cdots \quad a_n] \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k$$

**Product in Terms of Row and Column Vectors:**  $\underline{\underline{A}}_{m \times n} \underline{\underline{B}}_{n \times p} = \underline{\underline{C}}_{m \times p}$

$c_{jk} = \underline{\underline{a}}_j \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_k$  ( $j$ th first row of  $\underline{\underline{A}}$ ).(kth first column of  $\underline{\underline{B}}$ )

$$\underline{\underline{AB}} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{a}}_1 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_1 & \underline{\underline{a}}_1 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_2 & \cdots & \underline{\underline{a}}_1 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_p \\ \underline{\underline{a}}_2 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_1 & \underline{\underline{a}}_2 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_2 & \cdots & \underline{\underline{a}}_2 \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \underline{\underline{a}}_m \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_1 & \underline{\underline{a}}_m \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_2 & \cdots & \underline{\underline{a}}_m \cdot \underline{\underline{b}}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

## Linear Transformations

$$\underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{x}, \quad \underline{x} = \underline{B}\underline{w}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y} = \underline{A}\underline{B}\underline{w} = \underline{C}\underline{w}$$

### 6.3. Linear Systems of Equations: *Gauss Elimination*

- The most important practical use of matrices: the solution of linear systems of equations

#### Linear System, Coefficient Matrix, Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ \vdots & \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

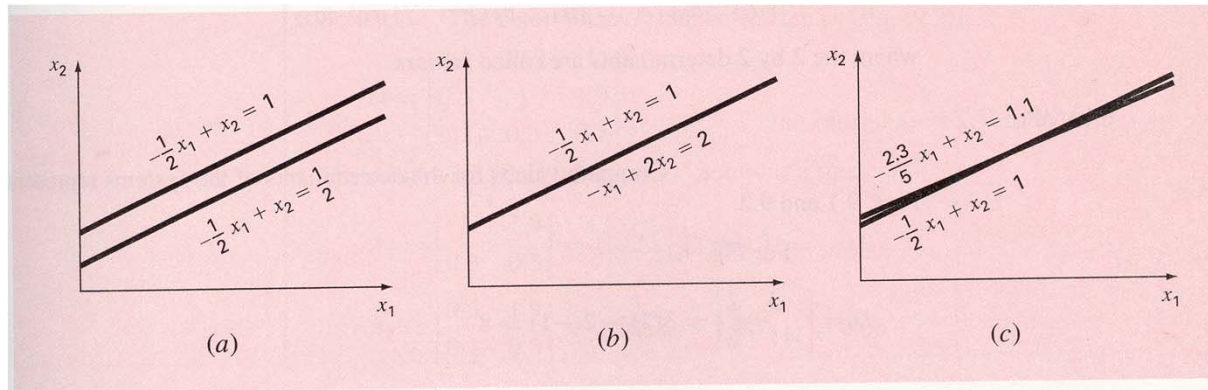
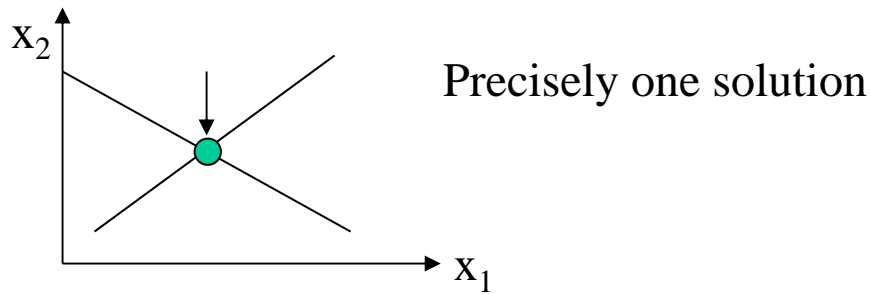
$\underline{b} = \underline{0}$ : homogeneous system (this has at least one solution, i.e.,  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ )

$\underline{b} \neq \underline{0}$ : nonhomogeneous system

**Augmented matrix**

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

**Ex. 1) Geometric interpretation: Existence of solutions**



Same slope  
Different intercept  
No solution

Infinite solutions

Very close to singular

→ **ill-conditioned**

- difficult to identify the solution
- extremely sensitive to round-off error

**Singular**



## Gauss Elimination

- Standard method for solving linear systems
- The elimination of unknowns can be extended to large sets of equations.

**(Forward elimination of unknowns & solution through back substitution)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a'_{12} & a'_{13} & a'_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ - & - & - & - \\ a_{41} & - & - & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a'_{12} & a'_{13} & a'_{14} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & a'_{24} \\ - & - & - & - \\ a_{41} & - & - & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

During this operations the first row: pivot row ( $a_{11}$ : pivot element)

And then second row becomes pivot row:  $a'_{22}$  pivot element

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a'_{12} & a'_{13} & a'_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & a'_{23} & a'_{24} \\ 0 & - & 1 & a'_{34} \\ 0 & - & - & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_4 &= b'_4, \quad x_3 + a'_{34} x_4 = b'_3 \rightarrow x_3 = b'_3 - a'_{34} x_4 \\ x_i &= b'_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^N a'_{ij} x_j \end{aligned}$$

Repeat back substitution, moving upward

Upper triangular form

## Elementary Row Operation: Row-Equivalent Systems

- Interchange of two rows
- Addition of a constant multiple of one row to another row
- Multiplication of a row by a nonzero constant  $c$

- Overdetermined: equations  $>$  unknowns  
 Determined: equations = unknowns  
 Underdetermined: equations  $<$  unknowns

- Consistent: system has at least one solution.  
 Inconsistent: system has no solutions at all.

- Homogeneous solution:  $\underline{x}_h \leftarrow \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{0}$   
 Nonhomogeneous solution:  $\underline{x}_p \leftarrow \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$   
 $\underline{x}_p + \underline{x}_h$  is also a solutions of the nonhomogeneous systems
- $$\underline{A}(\underline{x}_h + \underline{x}_p) = \underline{A}\underline{x}_h + \underline{A}\underline{x}_p = \underline{0} + \underline{b} = \underline{b}$$

- Homogeneous systems: always consistent (why? trivial solution exists,  $\underline{x}=\underline{0}$ )  
**Theorem:** A homogeneous system possess nontrivial solutions if the number of  $m$  of equations is less than the number of  $n$  of unknowns ( $m < n$ )

## Echelon Form: Information Resulting from It

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -1/3 & 1/3 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$c_{22}x_2 + \cdots + c_{2n}x_n = b_2^*$$

$$\vdots$$

$$c_{rr}x_r + \cdots + c_{rn}x_n = \tilde{b}_r$$

$$0 = \tilde{b}_{r+1}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$0 = \tilde{b}_m$$

(a) **No solution:** if  $r < m$  and one of the numbers  $\tilde{b}_{r+1}, \dots, \tilde{b}_m$  is not zero.

(b) **Precisely one solution:** if  $r=n$  and  $\tilde{b}_{r+1}, \dots, \tilde{b}_m$ , if present, are zero.

(c) **Infinitely many solutions:** if  $r < n$  and  $\tilde{b}_{r+1}, \dots, \tilde{b}_m$ , if present, are zero.

*Existence and uniqueness of the solutions → Next issue*

● **Gauss-Jordan elimination:** *particularly well suited to digital computation*

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a'_{12} & a'_{13} & a'_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & a'_{23} & a'_{24} \\ 0 & - & 1 & a'_{34} \\ 0 & - & - & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying the second row by  $a'_{12}$  and subtracting the second row from the first

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a''_{13} & a''_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & a'_{23} & a'_{24} \\ 0 & - & 1 & a'_{34} \\ 0 & - & - & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b''_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b''_1 \\ b''_2 \\ b''_3 \\ b''_4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \begin{matrix} x_1 = b''_1 \\ x_2 = b''_2 \\ x_3 = b''_3 \\ x_4 = b''_4 \end{matrix}$$

- The most efficient approach is to eliminate all elements both above and below the pivot element in order to clear to zero the entire column containing the pivot element, except of course for the 1 in the pivot position on the main diagonal.

## ● LU-Decomposition

### Gauss elimination:

- Forward elimination + back-substitution  
(computation effort ↑)
- Inefficient when solving equations with the same coefficient  $\mathbf{A}$ , but with different rhs constants  $\mathbf{B}$

### LU Decomposition:

- Well suited for those situations where many rhs  $\mathbf{B}$  must be evaluated for a single value of  $\mathbf{A}$   
→ Elimination step can be formulated so that it involves only operations on the matrix of coefficient  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- Provides an efficient means to compute the *matrix inverse*.

### (1) LU Decomposition $\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}\underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{B}}}$

- LU decomposition separates the time-consuming elimination of  $\mathbf{A}$  from the manipulations of rhs  $\mathbf{B}$ .  
→ once  $\mathbf{A}$  has been “decomposed”, multiple rhs vectors can be evaluated effectively.

#### • Overview of LU Decomposition

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}\underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} - \underline{\underline{\mathbf{B}}} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{0}}}$$

-Upper triangular form: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \underline{\underline{\mathbf{U}}}\underline{\underline{\mathbf{x}}} - \underline{\underline{\mathbf{D}}} = \underline{\underline{\mathbf{0}}}$$

- Assume lower diagonal matrix with 1's on the diagonal: 
$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{L}}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

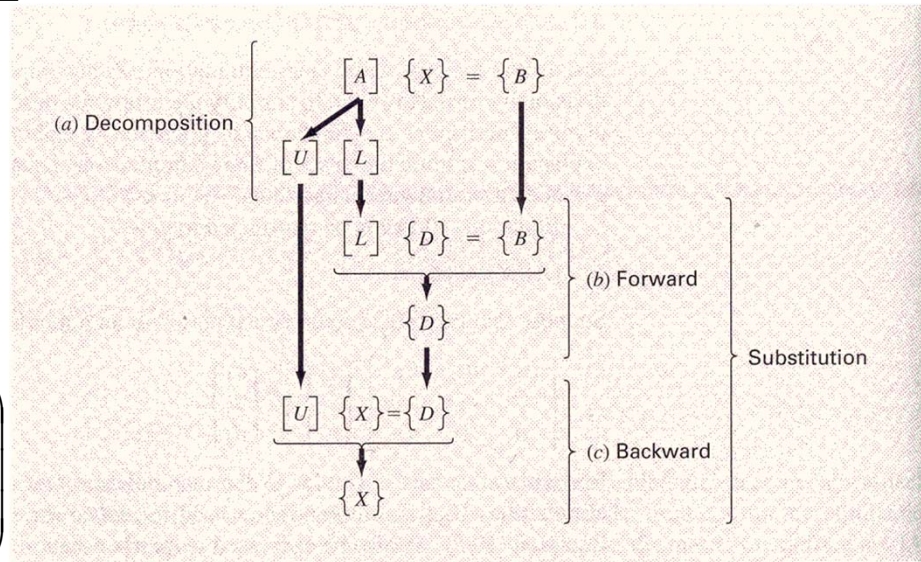
So that  $\underline{\underline{L}}(\underline{\underline{U}}\underline{\underline{x}} - \underline{\underline{D}}) = \underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{x}} - \underline{\underline{B}} \quad \therefore \underline{\underline{L}}\underline{\underline{U}} = \underline{\underline{A}}, \underline{\underline{L}}\underline{\underline{D}} = \underline{\underline{B}}$

- Two-step strategy for obtaining solutions:  
 LU decomposition step:  $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{U}$   
 Substitution step:  $\mathbf{D}$  from  $\mathbf{LD}=\mathbf{B}$   
 $\mathbf{x}$  from  $\mathbf{Ux}=\mathbf{D}$

• **LU Decomposition Version of Gauss Elimination**

**a. Gauss Elimination:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$



Use  $f_{21} = a_{21}/a_{11}$  to eliminate  $a_{21}$   $\rightarrow$  upper triangular matrix form !

$f_{31} = a_{31}/a_{11}$  to eliminate  $a_{31}$

$f_{32} = a'_{32}/a'_{22}$  to eliminate  $a_{32}$

Store f's

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ f_{21} & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & a''_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{A}} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{L}}\underline{\underline{U}} \quad \underline{\underline{U}} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{\underline{L}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**b. Forward-substitution step:**  $\underline{\underline{L}}\underline{\underline{D}} = \underline{\underline{B}}$

$$d_i = d_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij}b_j \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, n$$

**Back-substitution step:** (identical to the back-substitution phase of conventional Gauss elimination)

$$x_n = d_n / a_{nn} \quad \& \quad x_i = \frac{d_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij}x_j}{a_{ii}} \quad \text{for } i = n-1, n-2, \dots, 1$$

## 6.4. Rank of a Matrix: Linear Dependence. Vector Space

- Key concepts for existence and uniqueness of solutions

### Linear Independence and Dependence of Vectors

Given set of  $m$  vectors:  $\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_m$  (same size)

Linear combination:  $c_1 \underline{a}_1 + c_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots + c_m \underline{a}_m$  ( $c_j$ : any scalars)

$$c_1 \underline{a}_1 + c_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots + c_m \underline{a}_m = \underline{0}$$

- Conditions satisfying above relation:

(1) (Only) all zero  $c_j$ 's:  $\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_m$  are **linearly independent**.

(2) Above relation holds with scalars not all zero  $\rightarrow$  **linearly dependent**.

ex)  $\underline{a}_1 = k_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots + k_m \underline{a}_m$  (where  $k_j = -c_j / c_1$ )

**Ex. 1)** Linear independence and dependence

$$\underline{a}_1 = [3 \quad 0 \quad 2 \quad 2]$$

$$\underline{a}_2 = [-6 \quad 42 \quad 24 \quad 54]$$

$$\underline{a}_3 = [21 \quad -21 \quad 0 \quad -15]$$

$$6\underline{a}_1 - 0.5\underline{a}_2 - \underline{a}_3 = \underline{0}$$

*Two vectors are linearly independent.*

- Vectors can be expressed into linearly independent subset.



## Rank of a Matrix

- Maximum number of linearly independent row vectors of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}=[a_{jk}]$ : **rank  $\mathbf{A}$**

**Ex. 3)** Rank

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -6 & 42 & 24 & 54 \\ 21 & -21 & 0 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \text{rank} = 2$$

- rank  $\mathbf{A}=0$  iff  $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{0}$

**Theorem 1:** (rank in terms of column vectors)

The rank of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  equals the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  $\rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^T$  same rank.

- *Maximum number of linearly independent row vectors of  $\mathbf{A}(r)$  cannot exceed the maximum number of linearly independent column vectors of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**Ex. 4)**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 24 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 42 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 54 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{29}{21} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 42 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Vector Space, Dimension, Basis

- **Vector space:** a set  $V$  of vectors such that with any two vectors  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  in  $V$  all their linear combination  $\alpha\underline{a} + \beta\underline{b}$  are elements of  $V$ .

Let  $V$  be a set of elements on which two operations called vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined. Then  $V$  is said to be a vector space if the following ten properties are satisfied.

### Axioms for vector addition

- (i) If  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  are in  $V$ , then  $\underline{x} + \underline{y}$  is in  $V$ .
- (ii) For all  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}$  in  $V$ ,  $\underline{x} + \underline{y} = \underline{y} + \underline{x}$
- (iii) For all  $\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z}$  in  $V$ ,  $\underline{x} + (\underline{y} + \underline{z}) = (\underline{x} + \underline{y}) + \underline{z}$
- (iv) There is a unique vector  $\underline{0}$  in  $V$  such that  $\underline{0} + \underline{x} = \underline{x} + \underline{0} = \underline{x}$
- (v) For each  $\underline{x}$  in  $V$ , there exists a vector  $-\underline{x}$  such that  $\underline{x} + (-\underline{x}) = (-\underline{x}) + \underline{x} = \underline{0}$

### Axioms for scalar multiplications

- (vi) If  $k$  is any scalar and  $\underline{x}$  is in  $V$ , then  $k\underline{x}$  is in  $V$
- (vii)  $k(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) = k\underline{x} + k\underline{y}$
- (viii)  $(k_1 + k_2)\underline{x} = k_1\underline{x} + k_2\underline{x}$
- (ix)  $k_1(k_2\underline{x}) = (k_1k_2)\underline{x}$
- (x)  $1\underline{x} = \underline{x}$

## Vector Space, Dimension, Basis

- **Subspace:** If a subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is itself a vector space under the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication defined on  $V$ , then  $W$  is called a subspace of  $V$ .
  - (i) If  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  are in  $W$ , then  $\underline{x}+\underline{y}$  is in  $W$ .
  - (ii) If  $\underline{x}$  is in  $W$  and  $k$  is any scalar, then  $k\underline{x}$  is  $W$ .
- **Dimension:** ( $\dim V$ ) the maximum number of linearly independent vectors in  $V$ .
- **Basis for  $V$ :** a linearly independent set in  $V$  consisting of a maximum possible number of vectors in  $V$ .  
(number of vectors of a basis for  $V = \dim V$ )
- **Span:** the set of linear combinations of given vectors  $\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_p$  with the same number of components (Span is a vector space)

**Ex. 5)** Consider a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  in Ex.1.: vector space of dim 2, basis  $\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_2$  or  $\underline{a}_1, \underline{a}_3$

- **Row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** span of the row vectors of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$
- Column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ :** span of the column vectors of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

**Theorem 2:** The row space and the column space of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  have the same dimension, equal to rank  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## Invariance of Rank under Elementary Row Operations

**Theorem 3:** Row-equivalent matrices

Row-equivalent matrices have the same rank.

(Echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$ : no change of rank property)

**Ex. 6)**

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ -6 & 42 & 24 & 54 \\ 21 & -21 & 0 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 42 & 28 & 58 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank } \mathbf{A}=2$$

→ Practical application of rank in connection with the linearly independence and dependence of the vectors

**Theorem 4:**  $p$  vectors  $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p$ , (with  $n$  components) are linearly independent if the matrix with row vectors  $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p$  has rank  $p$ : they are linearly dependent if that rank is less than  $p$ .

**Theorem 5:**  $p$  vectors with  $n < p$  components are always linearly dependent.

**Theorem 6:** The vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consisting of all vectors with  $n$  components has dimension  $n$ .

## 6.5. Solutions of Linear Systems: Existence, Uniqueness, General Form

**Theorem 1:** Fundamental theorem for linear systems

**(a) Existence:**  $m$  equations in  $n$  unknowns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n = b_m$$

has solutions iff the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and the augmented matrix  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  have the same rank.

**(b) Uniqueness:** above system has precisely one solution iff this common rank  $r$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  equals  $n$ .

**(c) Infinitely many solutions:** If rank of  $\mathbf{A} = r < n$ , system has infinitely many solutions.

**(d) Gauss elimination:** If solutions exist, they can all be obtained by the Gauss elimination.

## The Homogeneous Linear System

**Theorem 2:** Homogeneous system

- A homogeneous linear system always has the trivial solution,  $x_1=0, \dots, x_n=0$

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0$$

⋮

$$a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0$$

- Nontrivial solutions exist iff  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} < n$ .
- If  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = r < n$ , these solutions, together with  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ , form a vector space of dimension  $n-r$ , called the solution space of above system.
- If  $\underline{x}_1$  and  $\underline{x}_2$  are solution vectors, then  $\underline{x} = c_1\underline{x}_1 + c_2\underline{x}_2$  is also solution vector.

**Theorem 3:** A homogeneous linear system with fewer equations than unknowns always has nontrivial solutions.

## The Nonhomogeneous Linear System

**Theorem 4:** If a nonhomogeneous linear system of equations of the form  $\mathbf{Ax} = \underline{b}$  has solutions, then all these solutions are of the form

$$\underline{x} = \underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_h \quad (\underline{x}_0 \text{ is any fixed solution of } \mathbf{Ax} = \underline{b}, \underline{x}_h: \text{solution of homogeneous system})$$

## 6.6. Determinants. Cramer's Rule

- Impractical in computations, but important in engineering applications (eigenvalues, DEs, vector algebra, etc.)
- associated with an nxn square matrix

### Second-order Determinants

$$D = \det \underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

**Ex. 2)** Cramer's rule:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 &= b_2 \end{aligned} \quad x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} \\ b_2 & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{b_1a_{22} - a_{12}b_2}{D}, \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{a_{11}b_2 - a_{21}b_1}{D}$$

### Third-order Determinants

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

**Ex. 3)** Cramer's rule

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 &= b_2 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 &= b_3 \end{aligned} \quad x_1 = \frac{D_1}{D}, \dots, D_1 = \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

## Determinant of Any Order n

$$D = \det \underline{\underline{A}} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$D = a_{j1}C_{j1} + a_{j2}C_{j2} + \cdots + a_{jn}C_{jn} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$D = a_{1k}C_{1k} + a_{2k}C_{2k} + \cdots + a_{nk}C_{nk} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$C_{jk} = (-1)^{j+k} M_{jk}$$

↑
↙

Cofactor of  $a_{jk}$  in D      Minor of  $a_{jk}$  in D

$$D = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{j+k} a_{jk} M_{jk} \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

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**Ex. 4)** Third-order determinant

$$M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}, \quad C_{21} = -M_{21}$$



## General Properties of Determinants

- Theorem 1:** (a) Interchange of two rows multiplies the value of the determinant by  $-1$ .  
(b) Addition of a multiple of a row to another row does not alter the value of the determinant.  
(c) Multiplication of a row by  $c$  multiplies the value of the determinant by  $c$ .

Ex. 7) Determinant by reduction to triangular form

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & -4 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ -3 & 8 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & -4 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 9 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 2.4 & 3.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 47.25 \end{vmatrix}$$

- Theorem 2:** (d) **Transposition** leaves the value of a determinant unaltered.  
(e) A zero row or column renders the value of a determinant zero.  
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$$\det(\underline{kA}) = k^n \det \underline{A}$$

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## Rank in Terms of Determinants

- Rank ~~~ determinants

**Theorem 3:** An  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}=[a_{jk}]$  has **rank**  $r \geq 1$  iff  $\mathbf{A}$  has an  $r \times r$  submatrix with nonzero determinant, whereas the determinant of every square submatrix with  $r+1$  or more rows that  $\mathbf{A}$  has is zero.  
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is square,  $n \times n$ , it has **rank**  $n$  iff  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ .

## Cramer's Rule

- *Not practical in computations, but theoretically interesting in DEs and others*

**Theorem 4:** (a) Linear system of  $n$  equations in the same number of unknowns,  $\underline{x}$

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

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If this system has a nonzero coefficient determinant  $D = \det \mathbf{A}$ , it has precisely one solution.

$$x_1 = \frac{D_1}{D}, \quad x_2 = \frac{D_2}{D}, \quad \cdots, \quad x_n = \frac{D_n}{D}$$

(b) If the system is **homogeneous** and  $D \neq 0$ , it has only the trivial solution  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ . If  $D = 0$ , the **homogeneous** system also has nontrivial solutions.

## 6.7. Inverse of a Matrix: Gauss-Jordan Elimination

$$\underline{\underline{A}} \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} = \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{I}}$$

- If **A** has an inverse, then **A** is a nonsingular matrix (unique inverse !)  
 ~ ~ no inverse, ~ ~ a singular matrix.

### **Theorem 1:** Existence of the inverse

The inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  of an  $n \times n$  matrix **A** exists iff  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = n$ , hence iff  $\det \mathbf{A} \neq 0$ . Hence **A** is nonsingular if  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} = n$ , and is singular if  $\text{rank } \mathbf{A} < n$ .

### Determination of the Inverse

- $n \times n$  matrix **A**  $\rightarrow$   $n \times n$  identity matrix **I**, **I** matrix  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$

$$\left( \underline{\underline{A}} \mid \underline{\underline{I}} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \left( \underline{\underline{A}} \mid \underline{\underline{I}} \right) \Rightarrow \left( \underline{\underline{I}} \mid \underline{\underline{A}}^{-1} \right)$$

## ● Matrix Inverse

$$\underline{\underline{AA^{-1}}} = \underline{\underline{A^{-1}A}} = \underline{\underline{I}}$$

### a. Calculating the inverse

- The inverse can be computed in a column-by-column fashion by generating solutions with unit vectors as the rhs constants.

$\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  resulting solution will be the first column of the matrix inverse.

$\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  ... the second column of the matrix inverse

→ Best way: use the LU decomposition algorithm (evaluate multiple rhs vectors)

### b. Matrix inversion by Gauss-Jordan elimination

The square matrix  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  assumes the role of the column vector of unknown  $\mathbf{x}$ , while square matrix  $\mathbf{I}$  assumes the role of the rhs column vector  $\mathbf{B}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 3/2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 & -1/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & 3/4 & -1/4 \\ -1/4 & -1/4 & 3/4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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c ... Inverse problem
      implicit double precision (a-h,o-z)
      parameter (n=500)

      double precision bb(n,n),bbi(n,n)
      integer indx(n)

c ... insert your program

c -----
c Inverse matrix
c bb ---> bbi
c -----

      do 112 i=1,n
      do 113 j=1,n
      bbi(i,j) = 0.d0
113   continue
      bbi(i,i) = 1.d0
112   continue

      call ludcmp(bb,n,indx,dtmp)
      do 114 j=1,n
      call lubksb(bb,n,indx,bbi(1,j))
114   continue

c ... insert your program

      stop
      end
  
```

## Some Useful Formulas for Inverse

**Theorem 2:** The inverse of a nonsingular  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}=[a_{jk}]$  is given by

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}} [\underline{\underline{A}}_{jk}]^T = \frac{1}{\det \underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{A}}_{11} & \underline{\underline{A}}_{21} & \cdots & \underline{\underline{A}}_{n1} \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_{12} & \underline{\underline{A}}_{22} & \cdots & \underline{\underline{A}}_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \underline{\underline{A}}_{1n} & \underline{\underline{A}}_{2n} & \cdots & \underline{\underline{A}}_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\underline{\underline{A}}_{jk}$  is the cofactor of  $a_{jk}$  in  $\det \mathbf{A}$ .

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det \underline{\underline{\mathbf{A}}}} \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & -a_{12} \\ -a_{21} & a_{11} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Ex. 3)** For  $3 \times 3$  matrix

- Diagonal matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  have an inverse iff all  $a_{jj} \neq 0$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is diagonal with entries  $1/a_{11}, \dots, 1/a_{nn}$ .

**Ex. 4)** Inverse of a diagonal matrix

$$- \underline{\underline{(\underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{C}})}}^{-1} = \underline{\underline{\underline{C}}}^{-1} \underline{\underline{\underline{A}}}^{-1}$$

## Vanishing of Matrix Products. Cancellation Law

- Matrix multiplication is not commutative in general:  $\underline{\underline{AB}} \neq \underline{\underline{BA}}$
- $\underline{\underline{AB}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  does not necessarily imply  $\underline{\underline{A}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  or  $\underline{\underline{B}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$  or  $\underline{\underline{BA}} = \underline{\underline{0}}$
- $\underline{\underline{AC}} = \underline{\underline{AD}}$  does not necessarily imply  $\underline{\underline{C}} = \underline{\underline{D}}$  (even when  $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{0}$ )

### **Theorem 3:** Cancellation law

Let  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  be  $n \times n$  matrices. Then

- If rank  $\mathbf{A}=n$  and  $\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{AC}$ , then  $\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{C}$
- If rank  $\mathbf{A}=n$ , then  $\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{0}$  implies  $\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{0}$ . Hence if  $\mathbf{AB}=\mathbf{0}$ , but  $\mathbf{A} \neq \mathbf{0}$  as well as  $\mathbf{B} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then rank  $\mathbf{A} < n$  and rank  $\mathbf{B} < n$ .
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is singular, so are  $\mathbf{BA}$  and  $\mathbf{AB}$ .

## Determinants of Matrix Products

**Theorem 4:** For any  $n \times n$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\det(\underline{\underline{AB}}) = \det(\underline{\underline{BA}}) = \det \underline{\underline{A}} \det \underline{\underline{B}}$$