

 1 *Exact solution of system*

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:** *You will find  $x = [1, 3, -2]^T$ .  $\square$*

 2 *Justify the column version of Back-substitution algorithm.*

**Solution:** *The system  $Ax = b$  can be written in column form as follows:*

$$x_1 a_{:,1} + x_2 a_{:,2} + \cdots + x_n a_{:,n} = b$$

*In first step we compute  $x_n = b_n / a_{n,n}$ . Now move last term in left-hand side of above system*

to the right:

$$x_1 a_{:,1} + x_2 a_{:,2} + \cdots + x_{n-1} a_{:,n-1} = b - x_n a_{:,n} \equiv b^{(1)}$$

This is a new system of  $n$  equations that has  $(n - 1)$  unknowns and the right-hand-side  $b^{(1)}$ .

The last equation of this system is of the form  $0 = 0$  and can therefore be ignored. Thus, we end up with a system of size  $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$  that is still upper triangular and we can repeat the above argument recursively.  $\square$

 3 Exact operation count for GE.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=k+1}^n (2(n-k) + 3) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (2(n-k) + 3)(n-k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k)^2 + 3 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) \\
&= 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j^2 + 3 \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j
\end{aligned}$$

In the last step we made a change of variables  $j = n - k$ . Now we know that  $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n k = n(n+1)/2$  and so

$$\begin{aligned}
T &= 2 \frac{(n-1)(n)(2n-1)}{6} + 3 \times \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \\
&= \dots \\
&= n(n-1) \left( \frac{2n}{3} + \frac{7}{6} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Finally observe the remarkable fact that the final expression (1) is always an integer (it has to be) no matter what (integer) value  $n$  takes.  $\square$

4 Practical use: Show how to use the LU factorization to solve linear systems with the same matrix  $A$  and different  $b$ 's.

**Solution:** If we have the LU factorization  $A = LU$  available then we can solve the linear system  $Ax = b$  by writing it as

$$L(\underbrace{Ux}_y) = b$$

So we solve for  $y$ :  $Ly = b$  then once  $y$  is computed we solve for  $x$ :  $Ux = y$ . This involves two triangular solves at the cost of  $n^2$  each instead of the  $O(n^3)$  cost of redoing everything with Gaussian elimination.  $\square$

**5** LU factorization of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  ?

**Solution:** You will find

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -7/3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \square$$

**6** Determinant of  $A$ ?

**Solution:** It is the determinant of  $U$  which is  $-12$ .

**7** True or false: “Computing the LU factorization of matrix  $A$  involves more arithmetic operations than solving a linear system  $Ax = b$  by Gaussian elimination”.

**Solution:** The number of arithmetic operations is identical. (The LU factorization involves additional memory moves to store the factors - but these are no floating point operations)  $\square$

**8** Operation count for Gauss-Jordan. Order of the cost? How does it compare with Gaussian Elimination?

**Solution:** From the notes:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [2(n-k) + 3] = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-1)[2(n-k) + 3] \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} [2j + 3] \\ &= (n-1) [n(n-1) + 3(n-1)] \\ &= (n-1)^2(n+3) = (n-1)^3 + 4(n-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The bottom line is that the cost is  $\approx n^3$  which is 50% more expensive than GE. This additional cost is not worth it in spite of the simplicity of the algorithm. For this Gauss-Jordan is seldom used in practice.  $\square$

 9 What is the matrix  $PA$  when

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} ?$$

**Solution:** Instead of multiplying you just permute the row: row 1 in new matrix is row 3 of old

matrix, row 2 is row 1 of old matrix, etc.

$$PA = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -3 & 4 & -5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Ex 10** In the previous example where

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>> A = [ 1 2 3 4; 5 6 7 8; 9 0 -1 2 ; -3 4 -5 6]
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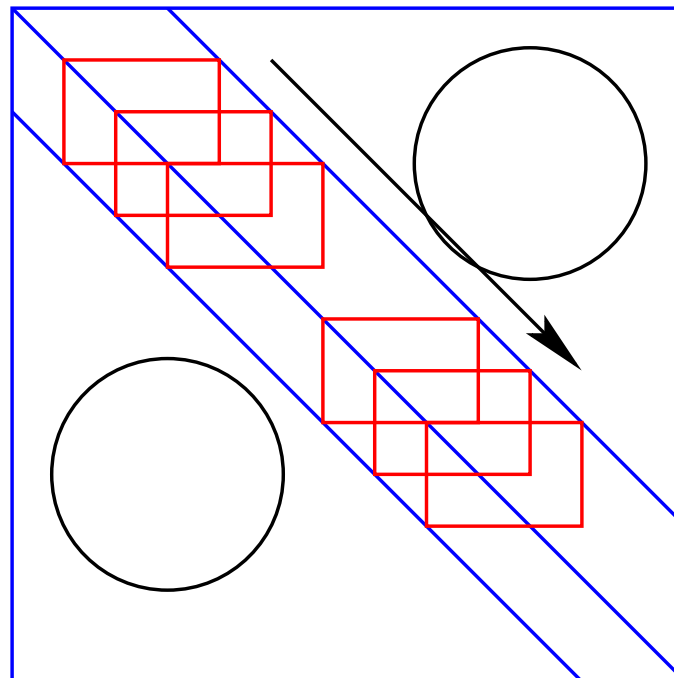
Matlab gives  $\det(A) = -896$ . What is  $\det(PA)$ ?

**Solution:** It changes sign so  $\det(PA) = 896$ . This is because the permutation  $\pi = [3, 1, 4, 2]$  is made of 3 interchanges.

**Ex 11** Given a banded matrix with upper bandwidth  $q$  and lower bandwidth  $p$ , what is the operation count (leading term only) for solving the linear system  $Ax = b$  with Gaussian elimination without

pivoting? What happens when partial pivoting is used? Give the new operation count for the worst case scenario.

**Solution:** [Note: it is assumed that  $p \ll n$  and  $q \ll n$  but  $p$  and  $q$  are not related]. The important observation here is that Gaussian elimination without pivoting for this band matrix will operate on a rectangle: at step  $k$  only rows  $k + 1$  to  $k + p$  are affected and columns  $k + 1$  to  $k + q$  are affected.



In this rectangle each entry will be modified at the cost of 2 operations (\*, +). Total:  $2pq$  for



each step. So Gaussian elimination without pivoting for this band matrix costs approximately  $2npq$  flops. Using band backward substitution to obtain the solution  $x$  costs  $\approx 2nq$  flops. The total operation count (leading term only):  $\approx 2npq + 2nq = 2nq(p + 1)$ . Note that when  $p$  is small the cost of substitution cannot be ignored.

For the Gaussian elimination with pivoting, the upper bandwidth of the resulting matrix will be  $p+q$ . In this case, the total operation count (leading term only) becomes:  $\approx 2np(p + q)(p + 1)$ .  $\square$