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- ▶ **Matrix multiplication**
- ▶ **LU factorization**
- ▶ **Inverse matrix and Gauss-Jordan elimination**
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SUGGESTED READING:

G. Strang, Linear algebra and its applications, Chapter 1

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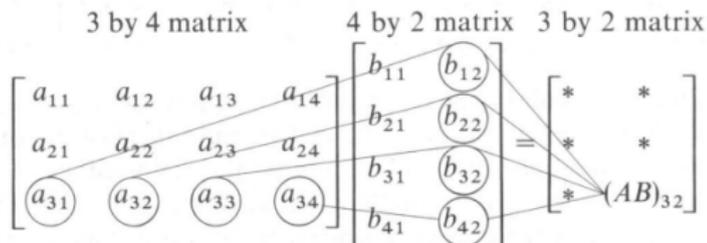
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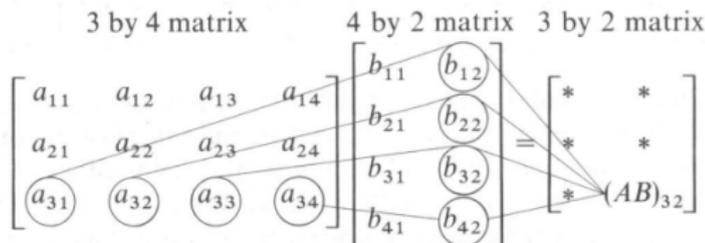
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where  $U$  contains pivots and  $L$  contains multipliers from GE.

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- ▶ A record of elimination steps, gives complete information.
- ▶ For multiple right hand sides, solve:  $Lc = b$ , then  $Ux = c$ , with  $\frac{n^2}{2}$  operations each!
- ▶ How to write  $LU$  as  $LDU$ , where  $L$  and  $U$  have 1's on the diagonal and  $D$  is the diagonal matrix of pivots?

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & & & \\ & d_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & d_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & u_{12}/d_1 & u_{12}/d_1 & \dots \\ & 1 & u_{23}/d_2 & \dots \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ For a positive definite matrix (pivots positive),  $LDU$  reduces to  $RR^T$  (Cholesky factorization), where  $R$  is upper triangular.
- ▶ Not all non-singular matrices possess  $LU$  factors (leading principal sub-matrices must non-singular).

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Use partial pivoting on  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & -8 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  and determine the LU

decomposition  $PA = LU$ , where  $P$  is the associated permutation matrix. Hint: Adjoin a “permutation counter column” to keep track of row interchanges and remember to permute  $b$  as well, if available.

# Inverses and Transposes

- ▶  $A$  invertible, if  $A^{-1}A = AA^{-1} = I$
- ▶ Simple for 2 by 2 matrix, or diagonal matrix
- ▶  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ , similarly for three or more matrices
- ▶ Why bother?  $Ax = b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$
- ▶ Calculation of  $A^{-1}$ : Gauss-Jordan elimination  
Instead of stopping at  $U$ , we continue by subtracting multiples of a row from the rows above, until we reach  $I$ :

$$\boxed{[A|I] \rightarrow [U|L^{-1}] \rightarrow [I|A^{-1}]}$$

Not practical though ( $n^3$  operations, sensitive to round-off errors).

- ▶ Multiple tests for invertibility: independent rows/columns, nonzero pivots/determinant/eigenvalues,  $A^T A$  positive definite, full rank
- ▶ Transpose,  $(AB)^T$ , symmetric matrix

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$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0001 & 1. \\ 1. & 1. \end{bmatrix}. \text{ (well-conditioned)}$$

For  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , solve with roundoff to 3 places. Then try partial pivoting, i.e. exchange rows so as to maximize the magnitudes of pivots.