



# 10.1 The PLU decomposition

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# Introduction

- In this topic, we will
  - Review row operations as matrices and Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting
  - Work through an example of performing Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting but using row-operation matrices
  - Observe that we should be able to write any matrix as a product of three matrices  $PLU$
  - See how this can speed up solving a system of linear equations when the target vector changes but the matrix remains constant
  - Describe an algorithm for finding  $P^T$ ,  $L$  and  $U$  and work through an example





# Naming

- This algorithm is normally called the *LU* decomposition
  - In this course, I describe this as the *PLU* decomposition
  - This emphasizes that the matrix is decomposed into three separate matrices





# PLU decomposition

- The *PLU* decomposition says that every  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  can be written as the product  $A = PLU$  where:
  - $P$  is an  $m \times m$  permutation matrix
  - $L$  is a lower-triangular  $m \times m$  matrix with all ones on the diagonal
  - $U$  is an upper triangular  $m \times n$  matrix
- We will use a constructive proof:
  - We will begin with an arbitrary matrix and demonstrate that we can determine these three matrices
- We will use Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting to find these three matrices
  - The partial pivoting (swapping rows) produces the  $P$  matrix
  - If you ignore partial pivoting, the  $P$  matrix will be the identity matrix, but the result will generally be less accurate





# Review of Gaussian elimination

- Recall that with Gaussian elimination
  - The goal was to find a row-equivalent matrix that is in row-echelon form
- To find this, we proceeded column-by-column where we:
  - Determine if we have to swap rows,  
and if so, we did
  - We then add appropriate multiples of one row onto rows below it





# Row operations as matrices

- Recall also that each row operation can be represented by a row-operation matrix

$$R_{R2 \leftrightarrow R5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_{-0.7 \cdot R1 \rightarrow R4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.7 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Recall also that we could find the inverses of these matrices:

$$R_{R2 \leftrightarrow R5}^{-1} = R_{R2 \leftrightarrow R5}$$

$$R_{-0.7 \cdot R1 \rightarrow R4}^{-1} = R_{0.7 \cdot R1 \rightarrow R4}$$





# Row operations as matrices

- Recall that a matrix that is in row-echelon form must also be an upper-triangular matrix
  - We applied a sequence of row operations to transform that matrix into one that is in row-echelon form
  - Each row operation could also be performed by multiplying on the left by a row-operation matrix





# Row operations as matrices

- For example, suppose we had this matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1.5 & 2.1 & 6.4 & 1.7 \\ 2 & 3.9 & 3.1 & 11.2 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Row operations as matrices

- We would proceed by swapping Row 2 and Row 3 and then adding  $-0.9$  times Row 2 onto Row 3

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.7 & 2.3 & 10.8 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

– Thus, we would have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A$$

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





# Swapping row-operation matrices

- Thus we have the following sequence of matrix multiplications
  - You can also show we can swap two such matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} A$$

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# Multiplying by an inverse

- Now, suppose we have the following:

$$AB = C$$

- Suppose we know that  $A$  is invertible,  
in which case, we can multiply both sides by  $A^{-1}$ :

$$A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}C$$

- However,  $A^{-1}A$  simplifies to  $I$  and  $IB = B$ , so we have

$$B = A^{-1}C$$





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- Starting on the left, we can multiply both sides by the inverses of each of the square matrices:

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# The *PLU* decomposition

- Thus, we have:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# So what?

- Okay, it seems we can rewrite  $A = PLU...$  so what?
  - Given  $\mathbf{v}$ , suppose we want to solve  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$  for  $\mathbf{u}$
  - Normally, we
    - Create the augmented matrix  $(A \mid \mathbf{u})$
    - Apply Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting to find a row-equivalent matrix in row-echelon form
    - Use backward substitution to find  $\mathbf{u}$
  - Problem: the Gaussian elimination step is computationally very expensive—much more expensive than backward substitution
    - If  $A$  is  $n \times n$  and there is a unique solution, the Gaussian elimination step would take  $n$  times longer to complete than the backward substitution





# So what?

- Suppose, instead of solve  $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ , we instead solve  $PLU\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ 
  - Step 1: Multiply both sides by the inverse of  $P$

- The inverse of a permutation matrix is its transpose

$$P^T PLU\mathbf{u} = P^T \mathbf{v}$$

$$LU\mathbf{u} = P^T \mathbf{v}$$

- Permuting the entries of a vector can be done very fast
- Let us temporarily assume  $U\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{y}$ 
  - We can solve for  $\mathbf{y}$  by using forward substitution with  $L\mathbf{y} = P^T \mathbf{v}$
  - Having found  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  
we now solve for  $\mathbf{u}$  using backward substitution with  $U\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{y}$





# So what?

- For example,
  - suppose  $A$  is a  $100 \times 100$  matrix that describes the response of graphene surface to forces
  - You would like to simulate your design
  - You have a number of inputs:  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{200}$ ,
    - solving  $A\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{v}_k$  allows you to find the corresponding state
  - This allows you to test your design
- Two possibilities:
  - Use Gaussian elimination each time you solved  $(A \mid \mathbf{v}_k)$
  - Calculate  $A = PLU$  and then solve  $(L \mid P^T \mathbf{v}_k)$  and  $(U \mid \mathbf{y}_k)$
- With 200 simulations, the first would take 40 times longer...
  - This would impact your employer's financial bottom line





# Example

- For example, suppose we have that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1.5 & 2.1 & 6.4 \\ 2 & 3.9 & 3.1 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{pmatrix} = PLU$$

- The benefit is harder to see with small matrices, but let's give it a go...

$$A\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 7.5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad A\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 23.6 \\ -0.1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$





# Example

- With the first example:

$$P^T \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 7.5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 7.5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -8 \\ 7.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ -0.3 & 1 & 0 & -8 \\ 0.4 & 0.9 & 1 & 7.5 \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 5 & 3 & 2 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 8 \end{array} \right) \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$





# Example

- With the second example:

$$P^T \begin{pmatrix} 23.6 \\ -0.1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 23.6 \\ -0.1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 23.6 \\ -0.1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -2 \\ -0.3 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 23.6 \\ 0.4 & 0.9 & 1 & \cdots & -0.1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 23 \\ -20 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 & \cdots & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & \cdots & 23 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & \cdots & -20 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- We will now describe an algorithm to find  $P^T$ ,  $L$  and  $U$ 
  - Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we begin with three *candidate matrices*:

$$P^T \leftarrow I_m$$

$$L' = L - I_m \leftarrow O_m$$

$$U \leftarrow A$$

- Next, apply the steps of Gaussian elimination with the following modifications:
  - Each time you swap two rows,  
swap the rows of  $P^T$ ,  $L'$ , and  $U$
  - Each time you add a multiple  $\alpha$  of Row  $i$  onto Row  $j$  in  $U$ ,  
set the entry  $(j, i)$  in  $L'$  to  $-\alpha$
- When  $U$  is in row-echelon form, we have found  $U$  and  $P^T$  and we assign  $L \leftarrow L' + I_m$





# *PLU* decomposition algorithm

- Two points:
  - If you understand the Gaussian elimination algorithm, you can find the three matrices  $P^T$ ,  $L$  and  $U$
  - This describes an algorithm
    - You may still wonder whether or not this algorithm actually does find this matrix decomposition
    - For example, why do we only swap the rows of the off-diagonal entries of  $L$ ?





# *PLU* decomposition algorithm

- To demonstrate this algorithm works, we will apply it to the following  $4 \times 5$  matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 & -5 & 5.9 & 4.1 & -3 \\ -0.4 & 5.5 & 2.2 & -2.1 & 7.3 \\ -1.6 & 6.4 & 0.2 & -3 & 0.8 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- We start with our three candidate matrices:

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 1:
  - Swap Row 1 and Row 4 of all three matrices

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- In Column 1:
  - Add 0.4 times Row 1 onto Row 3

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# PLU decomposition algorithm

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# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 1:
  - Add  $-0.8$  times Row 1 onto Row 4

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# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 2:
  - Swap Row 2 and Row 3

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  - Add  $-0.9$  times Row 2 onto Row 3

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 5.4 & 2.4 & -2.1 & 7.6 \\ 0 & -4.2 & 4.3 & 4.1 & -5.4 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 2:
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$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \\ 0 & -4.2 & 4.3 & 4.1 & -5.4 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 2:
  - Add 0.7 times Row 2 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \\ 0 & -4.2 & 4.3 & 4.1 & -5.4 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 2:
  - Add 0.7 times Row 2 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 3:
  - Swap Row 3 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 3:
  - Swap Row 3 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 3:
  - Add  $-0.3$  times Row 3 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 & 0.6 & 5.8 \end{pmatrix}$$





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- In Column 3:
  - Add  $-0.3$  times Row 3 onto Row 4

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0.3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- We now add the identity matrix to  $L'$  to get  $L$  and take the transpose of  $P^T$  to get  $P$

$$P^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad L' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0.3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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





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





# PLU decomposition algorithm

- We now have that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 & -5 & 5.9 & 4.1 & -3 \\ -0.4 & 5.5 & 2.2 & -2.1 & 7.3 \\ -1.6 & 6.4 & 0.2 & -3 & 0.8 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.4 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.8 & -0.7 & 1 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0.9 & 0.3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$





# Summary

- Following this topic, you now
  - Have seen a demonstration of how matrix row operations suggest a *PLU* decomposition is possible
  - Understand how to use the decomposition to solve a system of linear equations
  - Are aware that this can help speed up solving a system of equations for many different target vectors when the matrix is fixed
  - Understand the algorithm for finding the matrices  $P^T$ ,  $L$  and  $U$





# References

- [1] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix\\_decomposition](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_decomposition)
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