

Solving Triangular Systems

A triangular matrix has zeros either above the diagonal, or below the diagonal.

eg. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is ... $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 & 0 \\ d & e & f & 0 \\ g & h & i & j \end{bmatrix}$ is ...

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is ...

Triangular matrices occur in certain matrix factorizations, and are a useful type of matrix.

Solving Upper-Triangular Systems: Back Substitution

$$Ux = z \quad U \text{ is upper-}\Delta \text{ matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \dots & u_{1N} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \dots & u_{2N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & u_{N-1,N-1} & u_{N-1,N} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & u_{N,N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Start with the last row

$$u_{N,N} x_N = z_N \Rightarrow x_N = \frac{z_N}{u_{N,N}}$$

Now it's easy to solve for x_{N-1} in the second-last row.

$$u_{N-1,N-1} x_{N-1} + u_{N-1,N} x_N = z_{N-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{N-1} = \frac{z_{N-1} - u_{N-1,N} x_N}{u_{N-1,N-1}}$$

The i -th row...

$$u_{ii} x_i + u_{i,i+1} x_{i+1} + \dots + u_{iN} x_N = z_i$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i = \frac{z_i - (u_{i,i+1} x_{i+1} + \dots + u_{iN} x_N)}{u_{ii}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{z_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^N u_{ij} x_j}{u_{ii}}$$

Back Substitution Algorithm (a.k.a. Back Solve)

(see page 101 in the course notes)

Complexity

For each i , the j -loop performs $2(N-i)$ flops (floating-point operations). Together with $\div u_{ii} \Rightarrow \text{flops} = 2(N-i) + 1$

Sum over i

$$\text{Total flops} = \sum_{i=1}^N (2(N-i) + 1) = \sum_{i=1}^N (2N - 2i + 1)$$

$$= 2N^2 + N - 2 \sum_{i=1}^N i$$

$$= 2N^2 + N - \frac{2N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$= 2N^2 + N - \frac{2N(N+1)}{2}$$

$$= 2N^2 + N - N^2 - N$$

$$= \boxed{N^2}$$

Forward Substitution

$Lx = z$ L is $N \times N$ lower- Δ

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{11} & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ l_{21} & l_{22} & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ l_{n1} & l_{n2} & \dots & l_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}$$

From 1st row,

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{z_1}{l_{11}}$$

i th row

$$l_{i1}x_1 + l_{i2}x_2 + \dots + l_{i,i-1}x_{i-1} + l_{ii}x_i = z_i$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i = \frac{z_i - (l_{i1}x_1 + \dots + l_{i,i-1}x_{i-1})}{l_{ii}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{z_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} l_{ij}x_j}{l_{ii}}$$

Gaussian Elimination

To solve a system of linear equations

$$Ax = b \quad \text{eg.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

one can use Gaussian elimination.

1) Form the augmented matrix.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

2) Perform linear row operations to get an upper- Δ form

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} - 3\textcircled{1} \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & -10 & -2 & -14 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{3} - 10\textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{2} \cdot (-1) \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & -52 & -104 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{52}\textcircled{3} \\ \textcircled{2} \cdot (-1) \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

3) You might have been taught to follow this with more row operations to get a diagonal matrix.

$$\Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \therefore \text{solution is } \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A better way is to use back substitution after step 2.

Solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

LU Factorization

Any square matrix A can be factored into a product of an upper-triangular and lower-triangular matrices such that

$$LU = PA$$

P is a permutation matrix used to swap rows.

LU factorization is essentially the same as Gaussian elimination.

eg. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} - \frac{4}{2} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} + \frac{12}{2} \textcircled{1} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \dots$

pivot element *new pivot element*

In this case, there is no way to use the pivot element to get rid of the 5. So, swap rows 2 and 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{permutation matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We will go over the details later, but for now I'll simply state that LU factorization takes $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ flops.

Applications of LU Factorization

a) Solving $Ax = b$

$$Ax = b \Rightarrow PAx = Pb \Rightarrow \underbrace{LU}_Z x = Pb$$

Two steps to compute x

1) Solve $Lz = Pb$ for z (N^2)

2) Solve $Vx = z$ for x (N^2)

Gaussian elimination = LU factorization + forward sub
+ back sub
 $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$

b) Solving $AX = B$

Suppose X and B each have M columns.

$$A \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ x_1 & \dots & x_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ b_1 & \dots & b_m \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

1) Factor: $LU = PA$ $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$

2) Solve: $LUx_1 = Pb_1$
 \vdots
 $LUx_m = Pb_m$ $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} LUx_1 \\ \vdots \\ LUx_m \end{matrix}} \right\} \mathcal{O}(N^2) \text{ each}$

Take-home message: Do the expensive LU factorization once, and use it for each of the M systems.

Gaussian Elimination (GE)

2x2 example

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1 & (1) \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2 & (2) \end{cases}$$

$$(2) - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}(1) \Rightarrow \left(a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}\right)x_2 = b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\left(a_{21} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} a_{11}\right)}_0 x_1 + \underbrace{\left(a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} a_{12}\right)}_{a_{22}^{(1)}} x_2 = \underbrace{b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} b_1}_{b_2^{(1)}}$$

In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(1)} & a_{12}^{(1)} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(1)} \\ b_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

For general N , the big picture of GE...

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \qquad A^{(1)} \qquad A^{(2)} \qquad A^{(3)}$

GE Version 1:

for $i = 1:N-1$

eliminate x_i from rows $i+1$ to N

end

At the i -th stage of GE...

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{pivot} \\ \text{row } i \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & a_{ii} & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & a_{ki} & x & x \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{k} - \frac{a_{ki}}{a_{ii}} \textcircled{i}} \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x & x \\ 0 & a_{ii} & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{current row } k \rightarrow$

$$k = i+1, \dots, N$$

GE Version 2:

for $i = 1:N-1$

for $k = i+1:N$

$$\text{mult} = a_{ki}/a_{ii}$$

$$\text{row}(k) = \text{row}(k) - \text{mult} * \text{row}(i)$$

end

end

To update the entire row k :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \dots 0 a_{ii} \leftarrow a_{ij} \rightarrow \\ 0 \dots 0 a_{ki} \leftarrow a_{kj} \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot row } i \\ \text{current row } k \end{array}$$

\uparrow $j=i$ \uparrow $j=N$

for $j = i+1:N$

$$a_{kj} = a_{kj} - \text{mult} * a_{ij}$$

end

(Note: $a_{ki} = 0$ by design)

Final GE Algorithm:

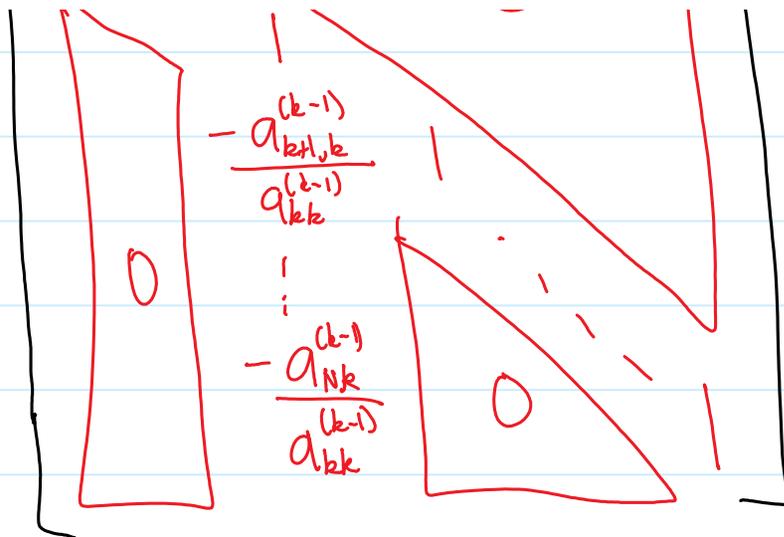
for $i = 1:N-1$

for $k = i+1:N$

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    mult = aki/aii
    for j = i+1:N
        akj = akj - mult*aij
    end
    aki = 0
end
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end
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- Notes:
- 1) The lower-triangular part is all 0.
 - 2) We may use those elements to store the multipliers.



The effect of left-multiplying $A^{(k-1)}$ by $M^{(k)}$ is to eliminate α_k from rows $k+1$ to N .

At the final step: $A^{(N-1)}$ is upper- Δ



Recall that $M^{(k)} A^{(k-1)} = A^{(k)}$

For $k=1 \Rightarrow M^{(1)} A = A^{(1)}$

$$M^{(2)} (M^{(1)} A) = M^{(2)} A^{(1)} = A^{(2)}$$

\vdots

$$M^{(N-1)} \dots M^{(1)} A = A^{(N-1)} \equiv U$$

$$\Rightarrow A = [M^{(N-1)} \dots M^{(1)}]^{-1} U$$

Amazing Facts

- 1) If B and C are lower- Δ and unit diagonal, then so is BC .
- 2) If B is lower- Δ and unit diagonal, then so is B^{-1} .

By fact (1), $M^{(N-1)} \dots M^{(1)}$ is lower- Δ unit-diag.

By fact (2), $[M^{(N-1)} \dots M^{(1)}]^{-1}$ is lower- Δ unit-diag.

$$\text{eg. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ \beta & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ \beta & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ \beta & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not so straightforward.

More precisely, write L_{jk} as

$$L_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j=k \\ 0 & \text{if } j < k \\ \frac{a_{jk}}{a_{kk}} & \text{if } j > k \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} k=1, \dots, N \\ j=1, \dots, N \end{matrix}$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 & -5 \\ 6 & 13 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} - \frac{-4}{2} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} - \frac{6}{2} \textcircled{1} \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 16 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \searrow \\ \textcircled{3} - \frac{16}{4} \textcircled{2} \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

Check:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ -4 & 6 & -5 \\ 6 & 13 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Stability of LU Factorization

In LU factorization, a problem arises when we have:

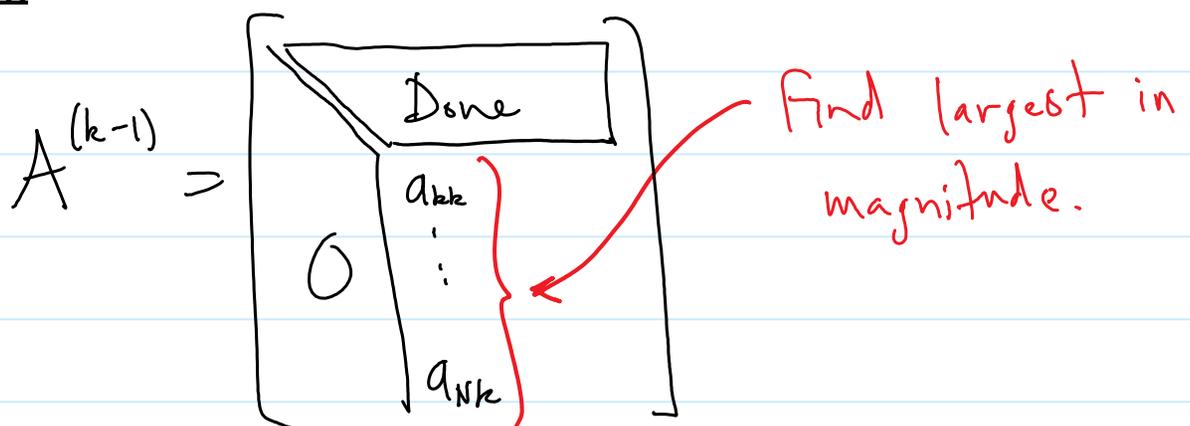
(1) a zero pivot i.e. $a_{kk}^{(k-1)} = 0$

\Rightarrow multipliers $\frac{a_{jk}}{a_{kk}}$ are undefined

(2) $a_{kk}^{(k-1)} \approx 0$

\Rightarrow multipliers become large

\Rightarrow calculations become unstable

Pivoting

Find $\max_{k \leq j \leq N} |a_{jk}^{(k-1)}| = |a_{k^*k}^{(k-1)}|$

Swap rows k^* and k , and continue.

Note: $a_{k^*k}^{(k-1)} \neq 0$

Otherwise, $a_{jk}^{(k-1)} = 0 \quad \forall k \leq j \leq N$

$\Rightarrow A$ is singular

As mentioned earlier, these row-swapping operations can be represented by matrix multiplication by a permutation matrix, P . eg. to swap rows i & j , simply swap rows i & j in the identity matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{Swap} \\ \textcircled{2} \ \& \ \textcircled{3}}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = P$$

Let's put it all together.

eg. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 2 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

↓ swap
① & ②

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓

② $-\frac{1}{4}$ ①
③ $-\frac{2}{4}$ ①

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 0 & -3 & -15 \\ 0 & -6 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ swap
② & ③

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \textcircled{2} \& \textcircled{3} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -24 \\ 0 & -3 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -24 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \\ \textcircled{3} - \frac{-3}{-6} \textcircled{2} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -24 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 64 \\ 2 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L \quad U \quad = \quad P \quad A$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 27 & -42 & -15 \\ -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ -12 & 14 & -10 & 20 \\ -6 & -9 & 42 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{swap } \textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ -6 & 27 & -42 & -15 \\ -12 & 14 & -10 & 20 \\ -6 & -9 & 42 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} - \frac{1}{4} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} - \frac{1}{2} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{4} - \frac{1}{4} \textcircled{1} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 24 & -48 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 8 & -22 & 26 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -12 & 36 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\textcircled{3} - \frac{1}{3} \textcircled{2} \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 24 & -48 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & -6 & 30 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & 12 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ swap $\textcircled{3}$ & $\textcircled{4}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 24 & -48 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & 12 & 12 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & -6 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 24 & -48 & -12 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & 12 & 12 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{2} & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 27 & -42 & -15 \\ -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ -12 & 14 & -10 & 20 \\ -6 & -9 & 42 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 12 & 24 & -12 \\ 0 & 24 & -48 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 36 \end{bmatrix}$$