

# Numerical Methods of Linear Algebra for Sparse Matrices

## Lecture 4

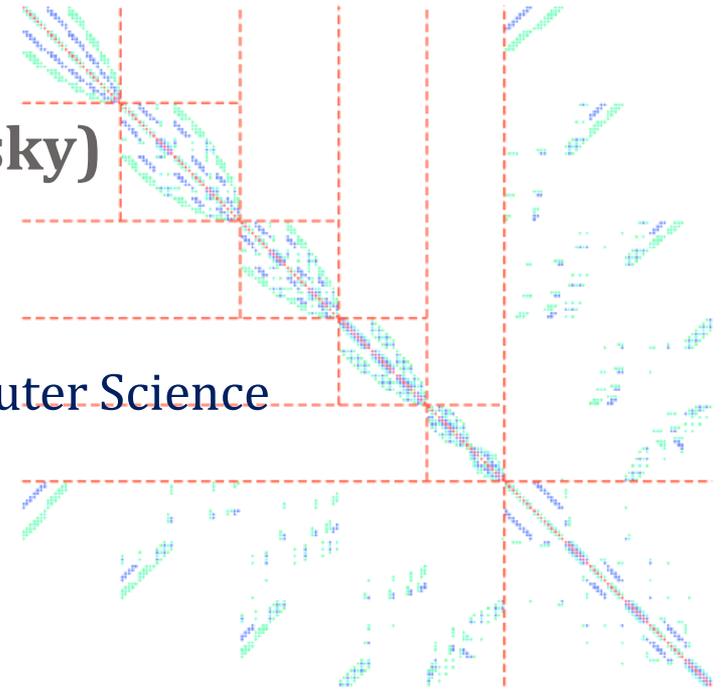
Matrix factorizations (QR, LU, Cholesky)

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# Outline

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- QR-factorization
- LU-factorization
- Cholesky factorization

# QR-factorization

- **Factorization** of a matrix is its representation as a product of several matrices, usually two or three

- **QR-factorization** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n \geq m$

$A = QR$ , where  $Q$  is unitary and  $R$  is upper triangular

The sizes of these two matrices can be different:

- **Thin (reduced) QR-factorization** is

$A = QR$ , where  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  and  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$

- **(Full) QR-factorization** is

$A = QR$ , where  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$

Consider matrix  $A$  column-wise:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_m \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{pmatrix}, a_j \in \mathbb{C}^n, j = \overline{1, m}$$

- G-S process applied to the columns of  $A$  gives a thin QR-factorization
- Also, QR-factorization can be computed by Givens rotations or Householder reflections

# Theorems on QR-factorization: existence and uniqueness

- It's possible to find QR-factorization for any matrix
- In general, QR-factorization is not unique

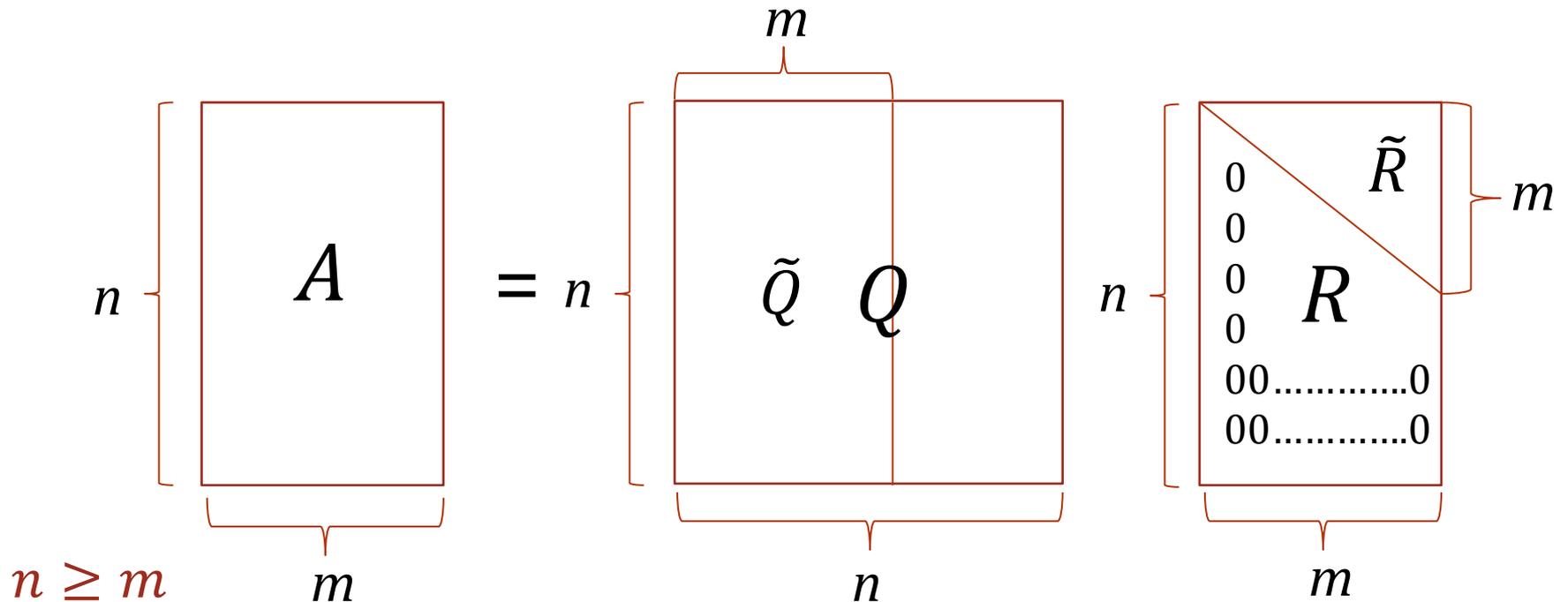
**Theorem 1.**  $\forall A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n \geq m \exists$  unitary matrix  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and upper triangular matrix  $R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ , such that  $A = QR$ .

In addition,  $A = \tilde{Q}\tilde{R}$ , where  $\tilde{Q} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  is  $Q$  with the last  $n - m$  columns skipped and  $\tilde{R} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  is  $R$  with the last  $n - m$  zero rows skipped

**Theorem 2.** For any full rank matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ ,  $n \geq m$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = m$  then QR-factorization is unique ( $\exists!$   $\tilde{Q}$  and  $\exists!$   $\tilde{R}$ ), when all diagonal entries of  $R$  are positive:  $r_{ii} > 0$

In the case when diagonal entries are not restricted to be all positive, full QR-factorization is not unique:  $A = Q_1 R_1 = Q_2 R_2$

# Relation between thin and full QR



QR

- $\tilde{Q}$  is  $Q$  with the last  $n - m$  column skipped,  $\tilde{R}$  is  $R$  with the last  $n - m$  rows skipped

full

$$A = Q * R$$

$n \times m$      $n \times n$      $n \times m$

thin

$$A = \tilde{Q} * \tilde{R}$$

$n \times m$      $n \times m$      $m \times m$

# QR-factorization in Matlab

QR-factorization for rectangular matrix  $n>m$

```
n=5;m=3;  
A=rand(n,m)
```

```
[Qf,Rf]=qr(A) % full qr
```

```
[Qt,Rt]=qr(A,0) % thin qr
```

```
Qf*Rf % gives A
```

```
A = 5x3
```

```
0.5285    0.6892    0.9133  
0.1656    0.7482    0.1524  
0.6020    0.4505    0.8258  
0.2630    0.0838    0.5383  
0.6541    0.2290    0.9961
```

```
Qf = 5x5
```

```
-0.4894   -0.3591    0.5737   -0.5021   -0.2240  
-0.1534   -0.8278   -0.2394    0.2979    0.3810  
-0.5575    0.0406   -0.4975    0.2243   -0.6243  
-0.2435    0.1696    0.5783    0.7589    0.0403  
-0.6057    0.3943   -0.1776   -0.1813    0.6429
```

```
Rf = 5x3
```

```
-1.0799   -0.8623   -1.6652  
0         -0.7440    0.0635  
0         0         0.2111  
0         0         0  
0         0         0
```

```
Qt = 5x3
```

```
-0.4894   -0.3591    0.5737  
-0.1534   -0.8278   -0.2394  
-0.5575    0.0406   -0.4975  
-0.2435    0.1696    0.5783  
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```

```
Rt = 3x3
```

```
-1.0799   -0.8623   -1.6652  
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0.1656    0.7482    0.1524  
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```

```
isequal(A,Qf*Rf)  
norm(A-Qf*Rf)  
norm(A-Qt*Rt)
```

```
ans = Logical
```

```
0
```

```
ans = 3.6653e-16
```

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```

# QR-factorization in Matlab

QR-factorization for square matrix  $n=m$

```
n=4;  
A=rand(n)
```

```
[Qf,Rf]=qr(A) % full qr
```

```
[Qt,Rt]=qr(A,0) % thin qr
```

A = 4x4

```
0.1419    0.9595    0.9340    0.3922  
0.4218    0.6557    0.6787    0.6555  
0.9157    0.0357    0.7577    0.1712  
0.7922    0.8491    0.7431    0.7060
```

Qf = 4x4

```
-0.1100   -0.7517    0.5635    0.3246  
-0.3269   -0.3239    0.0155   -0.8877  
-0.7099    0.5041    0.4844    0.0860  
-0.6141   -0.2756   -0.6691    0.3150
```

Rf = 4x4

```
-1.2900   -0.8667   -1.3189   -0.8125  
0         -1.1497   -0.7448   -0.6154  
0          0         0.4066   -0.1583  
0          0          0        -0.2174
```

Qt = 4x4

```
-0.1100   -0.7517    0.5635    0.3246  
-0.3269   -0.3239    0.0155   -0.8877  
-0.7099    0.5041    0.4844    0.0860  
-0.6141   -0.2756   -0.6691    0.3150
```

Rt = 4x4

```
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```

# QR-factorization in Matlab

QR-factorization for rectangular matrix  $n < m$

```
n=3;m=4;  
A=rand(n,m)
```

```
[Qf,Rf]=qr(A) % full qr
```

```
[Qt,Rt]=qr(A,0) % thin qr
```

A = 3x4

```
0.0318    0.0971    0.3171    0.4387  
0.2769    0.8235    0.9502    0.3816  
0.0462    0.6948    0.0344    0.7655
```

Qf = 3x3

```
-0.1127   -0.0142   -0.9935  
-0.9801   -0.1629    0.1135  
-0.1634    0.9865    0.0044
```

Rf = 3x4

```
-0.2825   -0.9316   -0.9727   -0.5485  
0          0.5500   -0.1253    0.6868  
0          0        -0.2071   -0.3892
```

Qt = 3x3

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-0.1634    0.9865    0.0044
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Rt = 3x4

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# QR-factorization in Matlab

QR-factorization for rectangular matrix  $n < m$

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A=rand(n,m)
```

```
[Qf,Rf]=qr(A) % full qr
```

```
[Qt,Rt]=qr(A,0) % thin qr
```

A = 3x4

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Qf = 3x3

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0	0	-0.2071	-0.3892

# Using QR-factorization to solve linear system

Any matrix factorization can be used to either solve or analyze some problem.

Use QR-factorization to solve the system  $Ax = b$

If  $Ax = b \Rightarrow x = A^{-1}b$  (this is formal writing, as we shall never compute the inverse  $A^{-1}$  in numerical algorithms).

If  $A = QR \Rightarrow x = (QR)^{-1}b = R^{-1}Q^{-1}b = R^{-1}Q^H b$

( $Q^{-1} = Q^H$ , as  $Q$  is unitary).

Hence  $x = R^{-1}Q^H b$  is the solution of  $Rx = Q^H b$

$R$  is upper triangular matrix, so this system is faster to solve.

Matlab:

Matrix left division **mldivide**,  $\backslash$ :  $A \backslash B \sim \text{inv}(A) * B$

- $[Q,R]=\text{qr}(A)$
- $x=R \backslash (Q' * b)$

# LU- and PLU-factorization

Consider a nonsingular square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

- **LU-factorization** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$A = LU$ , where  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular

- **LU-factorization with partial pivoting** of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$PA = LU$ , where  $P$  is permutation matrix

- **Permutation matrix**  $P$  is the identity matrix with permuted columns:

$$\text{If } I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_n \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } e_j \text{ is unit ort (it contains 1}$$

at  $j$ -th position and all zeros as other elements),  $j = \overline{1, n}$ ; then  $P$  is permutation of  $\{e_j\}$ , i.e. columns of  $P$  are  $\{e_j\}$ , taken in a certain order.

**Property.** Permutation matrix is orthogonal:  $P^{-1} = P^T$

- $PA$  permutes the rows of  $A$ ,  $AP$  permutes the columns of  $A$

# Theorems on LU-factorization: existence and uniqueness

- It's not always possible to find LU-factorization for any matrix
- However, PLU-factorization is possible to find for any matrix
- In general, LU-factorization is not unique

**Theorem 1.**  $\forall$  nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \exists P, L, U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $A = P^{-1}LU$ , where  $P$  is permutation matrix,  $L$  is lower triangular and  $U$  is upper triangular matrix.

**Theorem 2.** Assume nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  has LU-factorization:  $A = LU$ . Then for any set of nonzero numbers  $\{c_i\}$ ,  $c_i \neq 0$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  there is another LU-factorization:  $A = \tilde{L}\tilde{U}$ , where  $\{c_i\}$  are diagonal entries of either  $\tilde{L}$  or  $\tilde{U}$ .

**Theorem 3.**  $\forall$  nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  the factorization  $A = LU$ , where  $l_{11} = l_{22} = \dots = l_{nn} = 1$  is unique (if exists).

## Note of uniqueness of LU-factorization

If exists, LU-factorization  $\forall$  nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is defined up to at least  $n$  degrees of freedom, because if  $A = LU \Rightarrow A = \tilde{L}\tilde{U}$ , where  $\tilde{L} = LD$ ,  $\tilde{U} = D^{-1}U$  or  $\tilde{L} = LD^{-1}$ ,  $\tilde{U} = DU$ , where  $D$  is any diagonal matrix.

- In Matlab we can compute  $LD^{-1}$  as **L/D** (right division or **mrdivide(L,D)**)
- **Matrix right division  $B/A = B*\text{inv}(A)$**  solves the system of linear equations  $X*A = B$  for  $X$

# LU-factorization in Matlab

```
n=3;  
A=rand(n)  
[L,U]=lu(A) % computes upper triangular matrix U  
% and a permuted lower triangular matrix L such that  
% A = L*U.
```

L\*U % gives A

```
isequal(A,L*U) % sometimes gives logical 1
```

```
norm(A-L*U)
```

```
[L1,U1,P]=lu(A) % computes permutation matrix P,  
% unit lower triangular L1 and upper triangular U1,  
% such that A = P'*L1*U1.
```

```
A = 3x3  
    0.1890    0.3685    0.0811  
    0.6868    0.6256    0.9294  
    0.1835    0.7802    0.7757
```

```
L = 3x3  
    0.2751    0.3203    1.0000  
    1.0000         0         0  
    0.2672    1.0000         0
```

```
U = 3x3  
    0.6868    0.6256    0.9294  
         0    0.6131    0.5274  
         0         0   -0.3435
```

```
ans = 3x3  
    0.1890    0.3685    0.0811  
    0.6868    0.6256    0.9294  
    0.1835    0.7802    0.7757
```

```
ans = logical  
     0
```

```
ans = 2.7756e-17
```

```
L1 = 3x3  
    1.0000         0         0  
    0.2672    1.0000         0  
    0.2751    0.3203    1.0000
```

```
U1 = 3x3  
    0.6868    0.6256    0.9294  
         0    0.6131    0.5274  
         0         0   -0.3435
```

```
P = 3x3  
     0     1     0  
     0     0     1  
     1     0     0
```

# LU-factorization in Matlab

```
% A = P'*L1*U1  
A-P'*L1*U1  
norm(A-P'*L1*U1)
```

```
% L1 is P*L
```

```
PL=P*L
```

```
L1=L1
```

```
L1-P*L
```

```
ans = 3x3  
10-16 x  
      0      0      0  
      0      0      0  
 -0.2776      0      0
```

```
ans = 2.7756e-17  
PL = 3x3  
      1.0000      0      0  
      0.2672      1.0000      0  
      0.2751      0.3203      1.0000
```

```
L1 = 3x3  
      1.0000      0      0  
      0.2672      1.0000      0  
      0.2751      0.3203      1.0000
```

```
ans = 3x3  
      0      0      0  
      0      0      0  
      0      0      0
```

# LU-factorization in Matlab: illustration of non-uniqueness

```
A=rand(3);  
A=A*A'
```

```
A = 3x3  
    1.3187    0.6497    1.0662  
    0.6497    0.9577    0.2740  
    1.0662    0.2740    0.9718
```

```
[l,u]=lu(A) %generated lu-factorization  
% with strictly lower-triangular l
```

```
l = 3x3  
    1.0000         0         0  
    0.4927    1.0000         0  
    0.8085   -0.3941    1.0000
```

```
u = 3x3  
    1.3187    0.6497    1.0662  
         0    0.6377   -0.2513  
         0         0    0.0107
```

```
A-l*u
```

```
ans = 3x3  
10-15 x  
         0         0         0  
         0         0         0  
         0         0    0.1110
```

```
D=diag(rand(1,3))
```

```
D = 3x3  
    0.4624         0         0  
         0    0.4243         0  
         0         0    0.4609
```

```
L1=l*D
```

```
L1 = 3x3  
    0.4624         0         0  
    0.2278    0.4243         0  
    0.3739   -0.1672    0.4609
```

```
U1=inv(D)*u
```

```
U1 = 3x3  
    2.8515    1.4049    2.3055  
         0    1.5027   -0.5923  
         0         0    0.0233
```

```
A-L1*U1
```

```
ans = 3x3  
10-15 x  
   -0.2220         0         0  
   -0.1110         0         0  
   -0.2220         0    0.1110
```

# LU-factorization in Matlab: illustration of non-uniqueness

```
L2=l*inv(D)
```

```
L2 = 3x3
    2.1624    0    0
    1.0654    2.3566    0
    1.7484   -0.9288    2.1696
```

```
L2=l/D %alternative way to compute using right-division
```

```
L2 = 3x3
    2.1624    0    0
    1.0654    2.3566    0
    1.7484   -0.9288    2.1696
```

```
U2=D*u
```

```
U2 = 3x3
    0.6098    0.3004    0.4931
    0    0.2706   -0.1066
    0    0    0.0049
```

```
A-L2*U2
```

```
ans = 3x3
10-15 x
   -0.2220   -0.1110    0
    0   -0.1110    0
    0    0    0.1110
```

# Using LU-factorization to solve linear system

Use LU-factorization to solve the system  $Ax = b$

If  $A = LU \Rightarrow LUx = b$ .

Denote  $Ux = y \Rightarrow Ly = b$ . We get two systems:

1) System  $Ly = b$  with lower-triangular matrix  
(can be solved using forward substitution)

$Ly = b \Rightarrow$  formal solution  $y = L^{-1}b$

2) System  $Ux = y$  with upper-triangular matrix  
(can be solved using back substitution)

$Ux = y \Rightarrow$  formal solution  $x = U^{-1}y$

Hence  $x = U^{-1}L^{-1}b$  is the solution of initial system  $Ax = b$

Matlab:

- $[L,U]=lu(A)$
- $x=U \setminus (L \setminus b)$

# Cholesky factorization, theorems on existence and uniqueness

When  $A = A^H$ , we can try to compute  $U$  as  $L^H$  to preserve symmetry:

$$A = LL^H \text{ or } A = U^H U = R^H R$$

( $R$  is usual notation for upper triangular matrix in Cholesky factorization)

- **Cholesky-factorization** of a Hermitian matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$A = LL^H, \text{ where } L \text{ is lower triangular}$$

- Cholesky factorization for Hermitian matrix is not always possible, the matrix should be also *positive definite* (definition will be given later)

**Theorem 1.** If for nonsingular  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \exists L \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  such that  $A = LL^H$ , then  $L$  is unique.

**Theorem 2.**  $\forall A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \exists L \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : A = LL^H \Leftrightarrow A$  is Hermitian positive definite.

**Theorem 3.** Cholesky-factorization is unique, if all diagonal entries of  $R$  are positive.

# Cholesky factorization in Matlab

```
n=3;
A=rand(n);
A=A*A'
R=chol(A) % for symmetric positive definite matrix
% computes upper triangular R, such that A=R'*R
A-R'*R
norm(A-R'*R)

L=chol(A,'lower') % for symmetric positive definite matrix
% computes lower triangular such that A=L*L'
A-L*L'
norm(A-L*L')
```

```
[R,flag] = chol(A) % also returns the output flag
% indicating whether A is symmetric positive definite.
% For symmetric positive definite flag = 0,
% otherwise flag is positive.
```

```
A = 3x3
    0.7209    0.8453    0.6216
    0.8453    1.3159    0.7771
    0.6216    0.7771    0.5943
```

```
R = 3x3
    0.8490    0.9956    0.7321
         0    0.5698    0.0846
         0         0    0.2261
```

```
ans = 3x3
10-15 x
         0   -0.1110         0
    -0.1110         0         0
         0         0         0
```

```
ans = 1.1102e-16
L = 3x3
    0.8490         0         0
    0.9956    0.5698         0
    0.7321    0.0846    0.2261
```

```
ans = 3x3
10-15 x
         0   -0.1110         0
    -0.1110         0         0
         0         0         0
```

```
ans = 1.1102e-16
R = 3x3
    0.8490    0.9956    0.7321
         0    0.5698    0.0846
         0         0    0.2261
```

```
flag = 0
```

# Ways to solve linear system in Matlab

Consider linear system  $Ax=b$

1.  $x=A\backslash b$  or  $x=mldivide(A,b)$
2.  $x=linsolve(A,b)$
3.  $x=inv(A)*b$
4. Use factorizations of A