# ILP Formulation of <br> Loop Transformations 

Goal:

1. formulate correctness of permutation as integer linear programming (ILP) problem
2. formulate code generation problem as ILP

Two problems:

> Given a system of linear inequalities $A x \leq b$ where $A$ is a $m X n$ matrix of integers, $b$ is an $m$ vector of integers, $x$ is an $n$ vector of unknowns,
(i) Are there integer solutions?
(ii) Enumerate all integer solutions.

Most problems regarding correctness of transformations and code generation can be reduced to these problems.

## Intuition about systems of linear inequalities:

Equality: line (2D), plane (3D), hyperplane (> 3D)
Inequality: half-plane (2D), half-space(>2D)


Region described by inequality is convex (if two points are in region, all points in between them are in region)

Intuition about systems of linear inequalities:
Conjunction of inequalties $=$ intersection of half-spaces
=> some convex region


Region described by inequalities is a convex polyhedron
(if two points are in region, all points in between them are in region)

Let us formulate correctness of loop permutation as ILP problem. Intuition: If all iterations of a loop nest are independent, then permutation is certainly legal.

This is stronger than we need, but it is a good starting point. What does independent mean?

Let us look at dependences.


Flow dependence: S1 -> S2
(i) S 1 executes before S 2 in program order
(ii) S 1 writes into a location that is read by S 2

Anti-dependence: S1 -> S2
(i) S 1 executes before S 2
(ii) S 1 reads from a location that is overwritten later by S 2

Output dependence: S1 -> S2
(i) S 1 executes before S 2

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\left.\operatorname{lom}^{\operatorname{x}:=2} \begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{y}:=\mathrm{x}+1 \\
\mathrm{x}:=3 \\
\mathrm{y}:=7
\end{array}\right) \text { anti flow }
$$

(ii) S1 and S2 write to the same location

Input dependence: S1 -> S2
(i) S 1 executes before S 2
(ii) S 1 and S 2 both read from the same location

Input dependence is not usually important for most applications.

## Conservative Approximation:

- Real programs: imprecise information => need for safe approximation
'When you are not sure whether a dependence exists, you must assume it does.'

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Example:
procedure f(X,i,j)
    begin
    X(i) = 10;
    X(j) = 5;
    end
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Question: Is there an output dependence from the first assignment to the second?
Answer: If $(\mathrm{i}=\mathrm{j})$, there is a dependence; otherwise, not.
=> Unless we know from interprocedural analysis that the parameters i and j are always distinct, we must play it safe and insert the dependence.
Key notion: Aliasing : two program names may refer to the same location (like $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{i})$ and $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{j})$ )
May-dependence vs must-dependence: More precise analysis may eliminate may-dependences

Loop level Analysis: granularity is a loop iteration


Dynamic instance of a statement:
Execution of a statement for given loop index values
Dependence between iterations:
Iteration (I1,J1) is said to be dependent on iteration (I2,J2) if a dynamic instance (I1,J1) of a statement in loop body is dependent on a dynamic instance (I2,J2) of a statement in the loop body.

How do we compute dependences between iterations of a loop nest?

## Dependences in loops

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { DO } 10 \mathrm{I}= & 1, \mathrm{~N} \\
\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{I})) & =\ldots \\
10 & \\
& =\ldots \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{~g}(\mathrm{I})) \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

- Conditions for flow dependence from iteration $I_{w}$ to $I_{r}$ :
- $1 \leq I_{w} \leq I_{r} \leq N$ (write before read)
- $f\left(I_{w}\right)=g\left(I_{r}\right)$ (same array location)
- Conditions for anti-dependence from iteration $I_{g}$ to $I_{o}$ :
- $1 \leq I_{g}<I_{o} \leq N$ (read before write)
- $f\left(I_{o}\right)=g\left(I_{g}\right)$ (same array location)
- Conditions for output dependence from iteration $I_{w 1}$ to $I_{w 2}$ :
- $1 \leq I_{w 1}<I_{w 2} \leq N$ (write in program order)
- $f\left(I_{w 1}\right)=f\left(I_{w 2}\right)$ (same array location)

Dependences in nested loops

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { DO } 10 \mathrm{I}=1,100 \\
& \text { DO } 10 \mathrm{~J}=1,200 \\
& \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{~J}), \mathrm{g}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{~J}))=\ldots \\
& 10 \quad=\ldots \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{~J}), \mathrm{k}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{~J})) \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Conditions for flow dependence from iteration $\left(I_{w}, J_{w}\right)$ to $\left(I_{r}, J_{r}\right)$ : Recall: $\preceq$ is the lexicographic order on iterations of nested loops.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1 \leq I_{w} \leq 100 \quad\left(I_{1}, J_{1}\right) \preceq\left(I_{2}, J_{2}\right) \\
& 1 \leq J_{w} \leq 200 f\left(I_{1}, J_{1}\right)=h\left(I_{2}, J_{2}\right) \\
& 1 \leq I_{r} \leq 100 g\left(I_{1}, J_{1}\right)=k\left(I_{2}, J_{2}\right) \\
& 1 \leq J_{r} \leq 200
\end{aligned}
$$

Anti and output dependences can be defined analogously.

Array subscripts are affine functions of loop variables

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=>
$$

dependence testing can be formulated as a set of ILP problems

## ILP Formulation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { DO } I=1,100 \\
& X(2 I)=\ldots X(2 I+1) \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Is there a flow dependence between different iterations?

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w<I r \leq 100 \\
2 I w & =2 \operatorname{Ir}+1
\end{aligned}
$$

which can be written as

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w \\
I w & \leq I r-1 \\
I r & \leq 100 \\
2 I w & \leq 2 I r+1 \\
2 I r+1 & \leq 2 I w
\end{aligned}
$$

## The system

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w \\
I w & \leq I r-1 \\
I r & \leq 100 \\
2 I w & \leq 2 I r+1 \\
2 I r+1 & \leq 2 I w
\end{aligned}
$$

can be expressed in the form $A x \leq b$ as follows

$$
\left(\begin{array}{cc}
-1 & 0 \\
1 & -1 \\
0 & 1 \\
2 & -2 \\
-2 & 2
\end{array}\right)\left[\begin{array}{c}
I w \\
I r
\end{array}\right] \leq\left[\begin{array}{c}
-1 \\
-1 \\
100 \\
1 \\
-1
\end{array}\right]
$$

## ILP Formulation for Nested Loops

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { DO } I=1,100 \\
& \text { DO } J=1,100 \\
& \quad X(I, J)=\ldots X(I-1, J+1) \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

Is there a flow dependence between different iterations?

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w \leq 100 \\
1 & \leq I r \leq 100 \\
1 & \leq J w \leq 100 \\
1 & \leq J r \leq 100 \\
(I w, J w) & \prec(I r, J r)(\text { lexicographic order }) \\
I r-1 & =I w \\
J r+1 & =J w
\end{aligned}
$$

Convert lexicographic order $\prec$ into integer equalities/inequalities.
$(I w, J w) \prec(I r, J r)$ is equivalent to
$I w<\operatorname{Ir} \mathrm{OR}((I w=I r) A N D(J w<J r))$
We end up with two systems of inequalities:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
1 \leq I w \leq 100 & 1 \leq I w \leq 100 \\
1 \leq I r \leq 100 & 1 \leq I r \leq 100 \\
1 \leq J w \leq 100 & 1 \leq J w \leq 100 \\
1 \leq J r \leq 100 & O R \\
I w<I r & 1 \leq J r \leq 100 \\
I r-1=I w & I w=I r \\
J r+1=J w & J w<J r \\
& I r-1=I w \\
I r+1=J w
\end{array}
$$

Dependence exists if either system has a solution.

What about affine loop bounds?

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { DO } I & =1,100 \\
\text { DO } & J=1, I \\
& X(I, J)=\ldots X(I-1, J+1) \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w \leq 100 \\
1 & \leq I r \leq 100 \\
1 & \leq J w \leq I w \\
1 & \leq J r \leq I r \\
(I w, J w) & \prec(I r, J r)(\text { lexicographicorder }) \\
I r-1 & =I w \\
J r+1 & =J w
\end{aligned}
$$

We can actually handle fairly complicated bounds involving min's and max's.

DO I = 1, 100
DO $\mathrm{J}=\max (\mathrm{F} 1(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{F} 2(\mathrm{I})), \quad \min (\mathrm{G} 1(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{G} 2(\mathrm{I}))$
$X(I, J)=\ldots X(I-1, J+1) \ldots$

$$
\begin{aligned}
F 1(I r) & \leq J r \\
F 2(I r) & \leq J r \\
J r & \leq G 1(I r) \\
J r & \leq G 2(I r)
\end{aligned}
$$

Caveat: $F 1, F 2$ etc. must be affine functions.

Min's and max's in loop bounds mayseem weird, but actually they describe general polyhedral iteration spaces!


For a given I, the J co-ordinate of a point in the iteration space of the loop nest satisfies $\max (\mathrm{L} 1(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{L} 2(\mathrm{I}))<=\mathrm{J}<=\min (\mathrm{U} 1(\mathrm{I}), \mathrm{U} 2(\mathrm{I}))$

More important case in practice: variables in upper/lower bounds
DO $\mathrm{I}=1, \mathrm{~N}$
DO J = 1 , N-1
... .
Solution: Treat N as though it was an unknown in system

$$
\begin{aligned}
1 & \leq I w \leq N \\
1 & \leq J w \leq N-1
\end{aligned}
$$

This is equivalent to seeing if there is a solution for any value of N .
Note: if we have more information about the range of N , we can easily add it as additional inequalities.

## Summary

Problem of determining if a dependence exists between two iterations of a perfectly nested loop can be framed as ILP problem of the form

Is there an integer solution to system $A x \leq b$ ?
How do we solve this decision problem?

Is there an integer solution to system $A x \leq b$ ?
Oldest solution technique: Fourier-Motzkin elimination
Intuition: "Gaussian elimination for inequalties"
More modern techniques exist, but all known solutions require time exponential in the number of inequalities
$=>$
Anything you can do to reduce the number of inequalities is good.
$=>$
Equalities should not be converted blindly into inequalities but handled separately.

## Presentation sequence:

- one equation, several variables

$$
2 x+3 y=5
$$

- several equations, several variables

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2 x+3 y+5 z=5 \\
& 3 x+4 y
\end{aligned}=3
$$

- equations \& inequalities

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\begin{align*}
& 2 x+3 y=5 \\
& x<=5 \\
& y<=-9
\end{align*}
$$

Diophatine equations: use integer Gaussian elimination

Solve equalities first then use Fourier-Motzkin elimination

One equation, many variables:
Thm: The linear Diophatine equation $a 1 \times 1+\mathrm{a} 2 \mathrm{x} 2+\ldots+\mathrm{an} \mathrm{xn}=\mathrm{c}$ has integer solutions iff $\operatorname{gcd}(\mathrm{a} 1, \mathrm{a} 2, \ldots, \mathrm{an})$ divides c .
Examples:
(1) $2 x=3 \quad$ No solutions
(2) $2 x=6 \quad$ One solution: $x=3$
(3) $2 x+y=3$
$\operatorname{GCD}(2,1)=1$ which divides 3 .
Solutions: $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{y}=(3-2 \mathrm{t})$
(4) $2 x+3 y=3$
$\operatorname{GCD}(2,3)=1$ which divides 3 .
Let $z=x+\operatorname{floor}(3 / 2) y=x+y$
Rewrite equation as $2 z+y=3$
Solutions: $z=t \quad \Rightarrow \quad x=(3 t-3)$

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y=(3-2 t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad y=(3-2 t)
$$

Intuition: Think of underdetermined systems of eqns over reals.
Caution: Integer constraint => Diophantine system may have no solns

Thm: The linear Diophatine equation $\mathrm{a} 1 \mathrm{x} 1+\mathrm{a} 2 \mathrm{x} 2+\ldots+\mathrm{an} \mathrm{xn}=\mathrm{c}$ has integer solutions iff $\operatorname{gcd}(\mathrm{a} 1, \mathrm{a} 2, \ldots, \mathrm{an})$ divides c .
Proof: WLOG, assume that all coefficients $\mathrm{a} 1, \mathrm{a} 2, \ldots$ an are positive.
We prove only the IF case by induction, the proof in the other direction is trivial. Induction is on $\min$ (smallest coefficient, number of variables).

## Base case:

If (\# of variables $=1$ ), then equation is a1 $\mathrm{x} 1=\mathrm{c}$ which has integer solutions if a1 divides c .
If (smallest coefficient $=1$ ), then $\operatorname{gcd}(a 1, a 2, \ldots, a n)=1$ which divides c .
Wlog, assume that a1 = 1 , and observe that the equation has solutions of the form ( $\mathrm{c}-\mathrm{a} 2 \mathrm{t} 2-\mathrm{a} 3 \mathrm{t} 3-\ldots . \mathrm{-an} \mathrm{tn}, \mathrm{t} 2, \mathrm{t} 3, \ldots \mathrm{tn}$ ).
Inductive case:
Suppose smallest coefficient is a1, and let $t=x 1+$ floor(a2/a1) $x 2+\ldots .+$ floor(an/a1) $x n$ In terms of this variable, the equation can be rewritten as
(a1) $t+(a 2 \bmod a 1) x 2+\ldots .+(a n \bmod a 1) x n=c \quad(1)$
where we assume that all terms with zero coefficient have been deleted.
Observe that (1) has integer solutions iff original equation does too.
Now $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=\operatorname{gcd}(a \bmod b, b)=>\operatorname{gcd}(a 1, a 2, \ldots, a n)=\operatorname{gcd}(a 1,(a 2 \bmod a 1), \ldots,(a n \bmod a 1))$
=> gcd(a1, (a2 mod a1),..,(an mod a1)) divides c.

If $a 1$ is the smallest co-efficient in (1), we are left with 1 variable base case.
Otherwise, the size of the smallest co-efficient has decreased, so we have made progress in the induction.

Summary:
Eqn: $\quad a 1 x 1+a 2 x 2+\ldots+a n x n=c$

- Does this have integer solutions?
$=$ Does $\operatorname{gcd}(\mathrm{a} 1, \mathrm{a} 2, \ldots, \mathrm{an})$ divide c ?

It is useful to consider solution process in matrix-theoretic terms.

We can write single equation as

$$
(358)(x y z)^{T}=6
$$

It is hard to read off solution from this, but for special matrices, it is easy.
$(20)(a b)^{T}=8$
Solution is $\mathrm{a}=4, \mathrm{~b}=\mathrm{t}$
$\checkmark$ looks lower triangular, right?
Key concept: column echelon form -
"lower triangular form for underdetermined systems"
For a matrix with a single row, column echelon form is

(358)
(3 58 )


$$
=\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

$\begin{aligned} & \text { Solution: }\left(\begin{array}{ll}6 & \mathrm{a}\end{array}\right)^{\mathrm{T}} \\ & \text { Product of matrices }\end{aligned}=\left(\begin{array}{ccc}2 & -5 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right)$
Solution to original system: $\quad 12-5 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$
$\mathrm{U} 1 * \mathrm{U} 2 * \mathrm{U} 3 *(6 \mathrm{ab})^{\mathrm{T}} \quad\binom{-6+3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}}{\mathrm{b}}$
$3 x+5 y+8 z=6$
Substitution: $\mathrm{t}=\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{y}+2 \mathrm{z}$

New equation:
$3 t+2 y+2 z=6$
Substitution: $u=y+z+t$
New equation:
$2 u+t=6$
Solution:
$\mathrm{u}=\mathrm{p} 1$
$\mathrm{t}=(6-2 \mathrm{p} 1)$
Backsubstitution:
$\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{p} 2$
$\mathrm{t}=(6-2 \mathrm{p} 1)$
$\mathrm{z}=(3 \mathrm{p} 1-\mathrm{p} 2-6)$
Backsubstitution:
$\mathrm{x}=(18-8 \mathrm{p} 1+\mathrm{p} 2)$
$\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{p} 2$
$\mathrm{z}=(3 \mathrm{p} 1-\mathrm{p} 2-6)$

## Systems of Diophatine Equations:

Key idea: use integer Gaussian elimination
Example:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
2 x+3 y+4 z=5 \\
x-y+2 z=5
\end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 3 & 4 \\
1 & -1 & 2
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
5
\end{array}\right]
$$

It is not easy to determine if this Diophatine system has solutions.
Easy special case: lower triangular matrix

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
-2 & 5 & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
5
\end{array}\right]=>\begin{aligned}
& x=5 \\
& y=3 \\
& z=\text { arbitrary integer }
\end{aligned}
$$

Question: Can we convert general integer matrix into equivalent lower triangular system?

## INTEGER GAUSSIAN ELIMINATION

## Integer gaussian Elimination

- Use row/column operations to get matrix into triangular form
- For us, column operations are more important because we usually have more unknowns than equations

Overall strategy: Given $\mathrm{Ax}=\mathrm{b}$
Find matrices U1, U2,...Uk such that
A*U1*U2*...*Uk is lower triangular (say L) Solve Lx' = b (easy) Compute $\mathrm{x}=\left(\mathrm{U} 1^{*} \mathrm{U} 2^{*} . . .{ }^{*} \mathrm{Uk}\right)^{*} \mathrm{x}$

Proof:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(A^{*} U 1^{*} U 2 \ldots{ }^{*}{ }^{*} U k\right) x^{\prime}=b \\
= & A\left(U 1^{*} U 2^{*} \ldots{ }^{*} U k\right) x^{\prime}=b \\
= & \left.x=\left(U 1^{*} U 2 . . . *\right) x^{*}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Caution: Not all column operations preserve integer solutions.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 3 \\
6 & 7
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
1
\end{array}\right] \text { Solution: } x=-8, y=7} \\
& \left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc}
1 & -3 \\
0 & 2
\end{array}\right.\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$\left[\begin{array}{rr}2 & 0 \\ 6 & -4\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}x^{\prime} \\ y^{\prime}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}5 \\ 1\end{array}\right]$ which has no integer solutions!
Intuition: With some column operations, recovering solution of original system requires solving lower triangular system using rationals.
Question: Can we stay purely in the integer domain?
One solution: Use only unimodular column operations

## Unimodular Column Operations:

(a) Interchange two columns

$$
\left.\left[\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 3 \\
6 & 7
\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow[{\left[\begin{array}{ll}
0 & 1 \\
1 & 0
\end{array}\right.}]\right]{ }\left[\begin{array}{ll}
3 & 2 \\
7 & 6
\end{array}\right]
$$

(b) Negate a column

$$
\left.\left[\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 3 \\
6 & 7
\end{array}\right] \xrightarrow[{\left[\begin{array}{rr}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right.}]\right]{ }\left[\begin{array}{ll}
2 & -3 \\
6 & -7
\end{array}\right] \quad x^{\prime}=x, \quad y^{\prime}=-y
$$

(c) Add an integer multiple of one column to another

Check


## Example:

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 3 & 4 \\
1 & -1 & 2
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
5
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 3 & 4 \\
1 & -1 & 2
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 3 & 0 \\
1 & -1 & 0
\end{array}\right]=>\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
2 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & -2 & 0
\end{array}\right]=>\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 1 & 0 \\
5 & -2 & 0
\end{array}\right]=>\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
-2 & 5 & 0
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & -2 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & -1 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
-2 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]} \\
{\left[\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
-2 & 5 & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x^{\prime} \\
y^{\prime} \\
z^{\prime}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
5
\end{array}\right]=>\begin{array}{l}
x^{\prime}=5 \\
y^{\prime}=3 \\
z^{\prime}=t
\end{array}=>\left[\begin{array}{l}
x \\
y \\
z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
-1 & 3 & -2 \\
1 & -2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
3 \\
t
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{l}
4-2 t \\
-1 \\
t
\end{array}\right]}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Facts:

1. The three unimodular column operations

- interchanging two columns
- negating a column
- adding an integer multiple of one column to another on the matrix $A$ of the system $A x=b$ preserve integer solutions, as do sequences of these operations.

2. Unimodular column operations can be used to reduce a matrix A into lower triangular form.
3. A unimodular matrix has integer entries and a determinant of +1 or -1 .
4. The product of two unimodular matrices is also unimodular.

Algorithm: Given a system of Diophantine equations $A x=b$

1. Use unimodular column operations to reduce matrix $A$ to lower triangular form L .
2. If $L x^{\prime}=b$ has integer solutions, so does the original system.
3. If explicit form of solutions is desired, let $U$ be the product of unimodular matrices corresponding to the column operations.
$x=U x^{\prime}$ where $x^{\prime}$ is the solution of the system $L x^{\prime}=b$
Detail: Instead of lower triangular matrix, you should to compute 'column echelon form' of matrix.
Column echelon form: Let rj be the row containing the first non-zero in column j .
(i) $r(j+1)>r j$ if column $j$ is not entirely zero.
(ii) column ( $\mathrm{j}+1$ ) is zero if column j is.
$\left[\begin{array}{lll}x & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 \\ x & x & x\end{array}\right]$ is lower triangular but not column echelon.
Point: writing down the solution for this system requires additional
work with the last equation ( 1 equation, 2 variables). This work is precisely what is required to produce the column echelon form.

Note: Even in regular Gaussian elimination, we want column echelon form rather than lower triangular form when we have under-determined systems.

