

## SEC. 1.6 TRANSPOSES AND SYMMETRIC MATRICES

If  $A = A^T$  then it is symmetric.

If  $A = LU$  (i.e.,  $A$  is regular), and we multiply the rows of  $U$  by a scalar factor, the reciprocals of the scalar factor can be saved in a matrix  $D$ . That is,

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow DV = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b/a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

If we further assume that  $A$  is symmetric, then  $V = L^T$  and  $A = LDL^T$ . We'll see more neat properties when we do Gram-Schmidt.

Also note that if  $P$  is a permutation matrix, then  $PP^T = I$ .

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow P^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow PP^T$$