



Basic computing methods and strategies for **systems of linear equations** and related operations, interesting scenarios and resulting efficiencies.

⇒ **Take home for this course**

⇒ **Not a math course**

Focus algorithmic, computational concerns

# Systems of Linear Equations

⇒ **Coefficients matrix**

⇒ **Right-hand side vector**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 5 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

# Systems of Linear Equations

## A Simpler Instance

⇒ **Upper matrix**

⇒ **Back substitution**

simpler instance  $\equiv$  easier to solve

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Quiz**  
Select a suitable basic operation for **back substitution**.  
What's the efficiency of the first step? What's the overall efficiency?

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\ &\quad \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 &= b_2 \\ &\quad \quad \uparrow \\ a_{33}x_3 &= b_3 \quad \blacktriangleleft \end{aligned}$$

# Systems of Linear Equations Instance Simplification

**Exercise**  
Solve using the simpler form, verify solution in the original system in *Wolfram-Alpha*.

## Can we transform a general instance to the simpler form?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$






**Exercise**  
Make up a system, use *WolframAlpha* to solve, reduce then verify the original solution in the reduced form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Instance Simplification Elementary Operations

⇒ **Augmented matrix**

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left. \begin{array}{l} 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 5 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \times m \\
 j \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ \textcircled{4} & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

-  Exchange rows
-  Replace  $r_i$  by  $mr_i$ ,  $m \neq 0$
-  Replace  $r_j$  by  $r_j \pm mr_i$ ,  $i \neq j$

Exchange equation with sum/difference of itself and a multiple of another.

**Exercise**  
 Eliminate circled element using the first row, what's the **multiplier**  $m$ ? Use sum of row multiple.

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ \textcircled{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \times \\
 \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \times
 \end{array}$$

# Instance Simplification Gaussian Elimination

⇒ **Pivot element**

⇒ **Multiplier**

$$\times -2 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

**Quiz**  
 Determine a formula for **multipliers** assuming sum of row multiple, use for indicated elements. Modify for difference.

$$\times ? \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- 📎 Exchange rows
- 📎 Replace  $r_i$  by  $mr_i, m \neq 0$
- 📎 Replace  $r_j$  by  $r_j \pm mr_i, i \neq j$



**Exercise**  
 Develop a pseudocode to describe these procedures.

$$\times ? \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

# Gaussian Elimination A Basic Procedure

⇒ **Pivot row**

⇒ **Reduced row**



3 index **iterators** to: 1)  $i$ , pick a pivot, 2)  $j$ , eliminate column elements under pivot, and 3)  $k$ , adjust (**reduce**) the row for eliminated column element.

$$m_1 = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2^{a_{11}^i} & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4^{a_{21}^j} \rightarrow 1^{a_{22}^k} & -1 & & 5^{a_{24}} \\ 0_1^{a_{31}} & 1^{a_{32}^2} \rightarrow & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$m_3 = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}}$$

$$a_{jk} \leftarrow a_{jk} - a_{ik} \frac{a_{ji}}{a_{ii}}$$



Replace  $r_j$  by  $r_j \pm mr_i$

**Quiz**  
 Determine the limits of  $i, j, k$  before you check the algorithm next. *Hint: first index row, second column (fix 1st + vary 2nd to process row).*

# Gaussian Elimination A Straight Procedure



Basic version of a family of techniques originating and refined by many scientists.

**Algorithm** *GaussElimination*

**Input** Coefficients matrix  $A[1..n, 1..n]$ , vector  $b[1..n]$

**Output** Reduced augmented  $A$ , equivalent upper matrix in-place

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1: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do  $A[i, n + 1] \leftarrow b[i]$ 
2: for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do ▷ pick pivot  $i$ 
3:   for  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  to  $n$  do ▷ eliminate elements under pivot
4:     for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $n + 1$  do ▷ adjust/reduce row
5:        $A[j, k] \leftarrow A[j, k] - A[i, k] * \underbrace{A[j, i] / A[i, i]}$ 
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Note minor optimization, will it improve efficiency?

## Efficiency?