

# Linear algebraic equations, Elimination of unknowns, Gauss Elimination, Techniques for improving solutions [1-5]

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## Gauss elimination

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 11$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 11 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply the first equation by  $(1/1)$  and subtract the result from the second equation. (Reduction of the  $x_1$  term from the second row.)

$$[1 \quad -2 \quad 2 \quad 4] - \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)[1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 11] = [0 \quad -3 \quad 1 \quad -7]$$

Multiply the first equation by  $(1/1)$  and subtract the result from the third equation. (Reduction of the  $x_1$  term from the third row.)

$$[1 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 1] - \left(\frac{1}{1}\right)[1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 11] = [0 \quad 0 \quad -2 \quad -10]$$

After these operations the set of equations is;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 11 \\ -7 \\ -10 \end{Bmatrix}$$

We can now solve these equations by back-substitution.

$$-2x_3 = -10 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_3 = 5$$

$$-3x_2 + x_3 = -7 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_2 = 4$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 11 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1 = 2$$

# MATLAB commands to solve the linear algebraic equation set

$$\begin{aligned}5x_1 - 0.2x_2 - 0.8x_3 &= 4.86 \\0.2x_1 + 9x_2 - 0.9x_3 &= -58.02 \\0.4x_1 - 0.3x_2 + 12x_3 &= 60\end{aligned}$$

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>> A=[5 -0.2 -0.8;0.2 9 -0.9; 0.4 -0.3 12];  
>> B=[4.86; -58.02; 60];  
>> x=A\B  
or  
>> x=inv(A)*B
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Gauss elimination method to solve linear system of equations  $[A]\{X\}=\{B\}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & -7 & 14 \\ -7 & 26 & 3 \\ 14 & 3 & 21 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix}, B = \begin{Bmatrix} 126 \\ -53 \\ -3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & -7 & 14 & 126 \\ -7 & 26 & 3 & -53 \\ 14 & 3 & 21 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply the first row by  $(-7/49)$  and subtract the result from the second row. (Reduction of the  $x_1$  term from the second row.)

$$[-7 \ 26 \ 3 \ -53] - \left(\frac{-7}{49}\right)[49 \ -7 \ 14 \ 126] = [0 \ 25 \ 5 \ -35]$$

$$[AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & -7 & 14 & 126 \\ 0 & 25 & 5 & -35 \\ 14 & 3 & 21 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply the first row by  $(14/49)$  and subtract the result from the third row. (Reduction of the  $x_1$  term from the third row.)

$$[14 \ 3 \ 21 \ -3] - \left(\frac{14}{49}\right)[49 \ -7 \ 14 \ 126] = [0 \ 5 \ 17 \ -39]$$

$$[AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 49 & -7 & 14 & 126 \\ 0 & 25 & 5 & -35 \\ 0 & 5 & 17 & -39 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply the second row by  $(5/25)$  and subtract the result from the third row. (Reduction of the  $x_2$  term from the third row.)

$$[0 \ 5 \ 17 \ -39] - \left(\frac{14}{49}\right)[0 \ 25 \ 5 \ -35] = [0 \ 0 \ 16 \ -32]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 49 & -7 & 14 \\ 0 & 25 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 126 \\ -35 \\ -32 \end{Bmatrix}$$

We can now solve these equations by back-substitution.

$$16x_3 = -32 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_3 = -2$$

$$25x_2 + 5x_3 = -35 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_2 = -1$$

$$49x_1 - 7x_2 + 14x_3 = 126 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_1 = 3$$

Gauss Elimination to solve

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 &= 13 \\2x_1 + 0x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 &= 28 \\4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 20 \\-3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 6\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 &= 13 & (1) \\2x_1 + 0x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 &= 28 & (2) \\4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 20 & (3) \\-3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 6 & (4)\end{aligned}$$

In order to obtain upper triangular matrix, we need to eliminate  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  from the set of equation

Step 1: Forward elimination for  $x_1$

$$2 / x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 13 \quad (1)$$

$$2x_1 + 0x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 = 28 \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 + 8x_4 = 26} \quad (1)$$

$$-4x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 2 \quad (5) \quad x_1 \text{ eliminated}$$

**Step 2: Forward elimination for  $x_1$**

$$4/x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 13 \quad (1)$$

$$4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 20 \quad (3)$$

$$4x_1 + 8x_2 + 4x_3 + 16x_4 = 52 \quad (1)$$

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$$-6x_2 - 2x_3 - 15x_4 = -32 \quad (6) \quad x_1 \text{ eliminated}$$

**Step 3: Forward elimination for  $x_1$**

$$-3/x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 13 \quad (1)$$

$$-3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = 6 \quad (4)$$

$$-3x_1 - 6x_2 - 3x_3 - 12x_4 = -39 \quad (1)$$

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$$7x_2 + 6x_3 + 14x_4 = 45 \quad (7) \quad x_1 \text{ eliminated}$$

#### Step 4: Forward elimination for $x_2$

$$\frac{6}{4} / -4x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 2 \quad (5)$$

$$-6x_2 - 2x_3 - 15x_4 = -32 \quad (6)$$

$$\underline{-6x_2 + 3x_3 - 7.5x_4 = 3 \quad (5)}$$

$$-5x_3 - 7.5x_4 = -35 \quad (8) \quad x_2 \text{ eliminated}$$

#### Step 5: Forward elimination for $x_2$

$$-\frac{7}{4} / -4x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 2 \quad (5)$$

$$7x_2 + 6x_3 + 14x_4 = 45 \quad (7)$$

$$\underline{7x_2 - 3.5x_3 + 8.75x_4 = -3.5 \quad (5)}$$

$$9.5x_3 + 5.25x_4 = 48.5 \quad (9) \quad x_2 \text{ eliminated}$$

### Step 6: Forward elimination for $x_3$

$$-\frac{9.5}{5} \quad / -5x_3 - 7.5x_4 = -35 \quad (8)$$

$$9.5x_3 + 5.25x_4 = 48.5 \quad (9)$$

$$\underline{9.5x_3 + 14.25x_4 = 66.5} \quad (8)$$

$$-9x_4 = -18 \quad (10) \quad x_3 \text{ eliminated}$$

**Therefore the upper triangular matrix:**

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 13 \quad (1)$$

$$-4x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 2 \quad (5)$$

$$-5x_3 - 7.5x_4 = -35 \quad (8)$$

$$-9x_4 = -18 \quad (10)$$



### Back substitution:

$$-9x_4 = -18 \quad x_4 = 2$$

$$-5x_3 - 7.5x_4 = -35$$

$$-5x_3 - 15 = -35 \quad x_3 = 4$$

$$-4x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 2$$

$$-4x_2 + 8 - 10 = 2 \quad x_2 = -1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 = 13$$

$$x_1 - 2 + 4 + 8 = 13 \quad x_1 = 3$$