

5 Linear Algebra

Solve the simultaneous equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

5.1 Introduction

- A system of algebraic equations has the form

$$A_{11}x_1 + A_{12}x_2 + \cdots + A_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$A_{21}x_1 + A_{22}x_2 + \cdots + A_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$A_{31}x_1 + A_{32}x_2 + \cdots + A_{3n}x_n = b_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$A_{n1}x_1 + A_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + A_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

where the coefficients A_{ij} and the constants b_j are known, and x_i represent the unknowns.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Form

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

$$[\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} & b_1 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \cdots & A_{n3} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

Augmented coefficient matrix

5.1 Introduction: Uniqueness of Solution

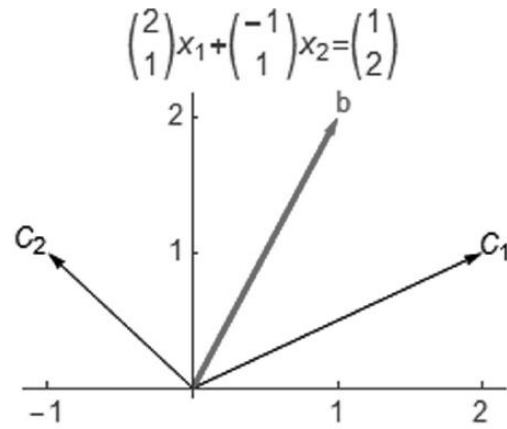
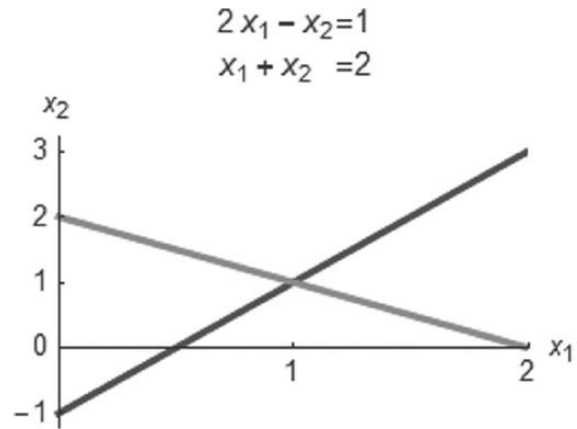
- A system of n linear equations in n unknowns has a unique solution, provided that the determinant of the coefficient matrix is *nonsingular*, that is, if $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$.
- The rows and columns of a nonsingular matrix are *linearly independent* in the sense that no row (or column) is a linear combination of other rows (or columns).
- If the coefficient matrix is *singular*, the equations may have an infinite number of solutions, or no solutions at all, depending on the constant vector.

$$2x + y = 3 \quad 4x + 2y = 6$$

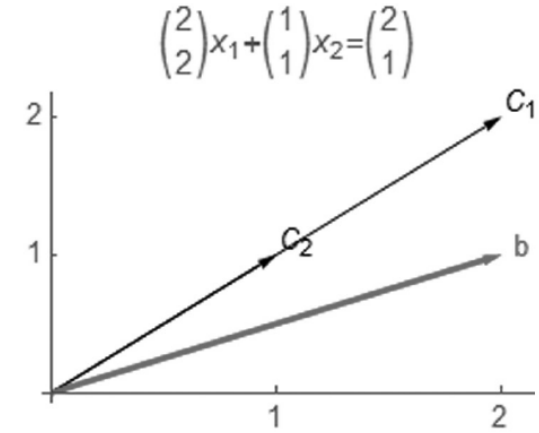
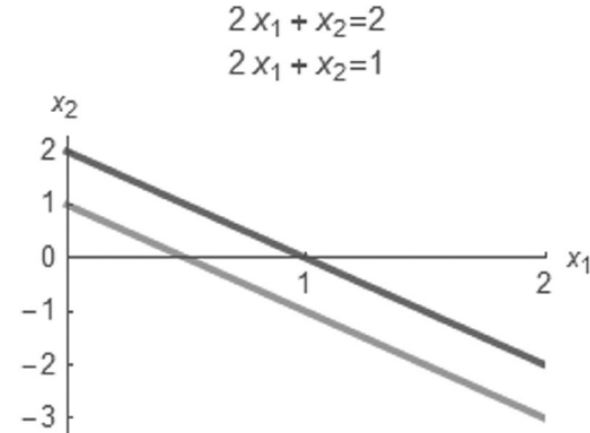
$$2x + y = 3 \quad 4x + 2y = 0$$

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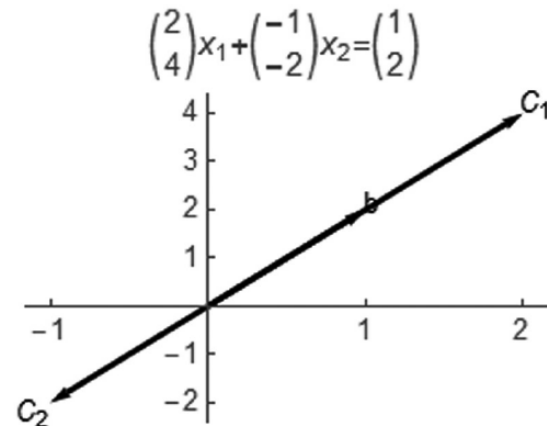
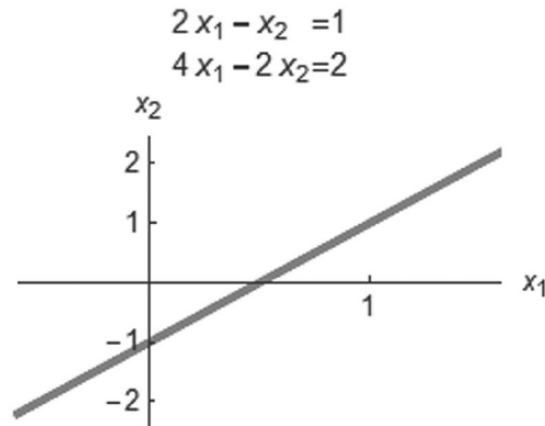
Well behaved set of simultaneous equations with a unique solution



A set of simultaneous equations with no solution.



A set of simultaneous equations with an infinite number of solutions.



5.10 Solution Techniques: Direct Methods

Method	Initial form	Final form
Gauss elimination	$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{c}$
LU decomposition	$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{LUx} = \mathbf{b}$
Gauss–Jordan elimination	$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{Ix} = \mathbf{c}$

- In the above table, \mathbf{U} represents an upper triangular matrix, \mathbf{L} is a lower triangular matrix, and \mathbf{I} denotes the identity matrix.
- A square matrix is called *triangular*, if it contains only zero elements on one side of the principal diagonal.

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ 0 & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & U_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & 0 \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

5.10 Solution Techniques: Gauss Elimination/Gauss Jordan Methods

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- A square matrix is called *triangular*, if it contains only zero elements on one side of the principal diagonal.
- The Gaussian elimination algorithm consists of two basic steps: (1) eliminate the elements below the diagonal and (2) back substitute to get the solution.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_3 &= \frac{b''_3}{a''_{33}} \\ x_2 &= \frac{b'_2 - a'_{23}x_3}{a'_{22}} \\ x_1 &= \frac{b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3}{a_{11}} \end{aligned}$$

- The Gauss–Jordan method is essentially Gauss elimination taken to its limit. In the Gauss elimination method only the equations that lie below the pivot equation are transformed.
- The main disadvantage of Gauss–Jordan elimination is that it involves about $n^3/2$ long operations, which is 1.5 times the number required in Gauss elimination.

5.10 Solution Techniques: Gauss Elimination Method

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$$4x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 11$$

$$-2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = -16$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 = 17$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 & 11 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & -16 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 & 11 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & -16 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{4}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & -16 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{21}{2} \\ 1 & -2 & 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 3 & -\frac{3}{2} & -\frac{21}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{15}{4} & \frac{57}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = \frac{1}{3}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{15}{4} & \frac{57}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + \frac{3}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 = \frac{1}{3}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{7}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 + \frac{1}{2}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 - \frac{1}{4}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

5.10 Solution Techniques: Gauss Elimination Method

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \begin{array}{c}
 \xrightarrow{R_1 = \frac{1}{5}R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 - 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & -\frac{11}{5} & \frac{26}{5} & \frac{26}{5} \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 + \frac{11}{5}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{48}{5} & \frac{81}{5} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 = \frac{5}{48}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{27}{16} \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 - 2R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{27}{16} \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 - \frac{2}{5}R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & 0 & -\frac{51}{40} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{27}{16} \end{bmatrix} \\
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 \xrightarrow{R_1 = R_1 - \frac{3}{5}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{13}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{27}{16} \end{bmatrix}
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5.11 Solution Techniques: LU Factorization

Method	Initial form	Final form
LU decomposition	$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{LUx} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

The LU decomposition algorithm is

- Decompose or factor \mathbf{A} into \mathbf{LU} .
- Use forward substitution to solve $\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{b}$ for \mathbf{d} .
- Use back substitution to solve $\mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{d}$ for \mathbf{x} .

5.11 Solution Techniques: LU Factorization

The LU decomposition algorithm is

- Decompose or factor A into LU .
- Use forward substitution to solve $L \cdot d = b$ for d .
- Use back substitution to solve $U \cdot x = d$ for x .

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.25 & -0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 11 \\ -16 \\ 17 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 11 \\ -10.5 \\ 9 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$[L,U]=\text{lu}([4 -2 1;-2 4 -2;1 -2 4])$$

$L =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5000 & 1.0000 & 0 \\ 0.2500 & -0.5000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$U =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4.0000 & -2.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0 & 3.0000 & -1.5000 \\ 0 & 0 & 3.0000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 11 \\ -10.5 \\ 9 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

5.12 Solution Techniques: Iterative Methods (Gauss-Seidel)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4} (12 + x_2 - x_3)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{4} (-1 + x_1 + 2x_3)$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{4} (5 - x_1 + 2x_2)$$

Choosing the starting values $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$, the first iteration gives us

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4} (12 + 0 - 0) = 3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{4} [-1 + 3 + 2(0)] = 0.5$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{4} [5 - 3 + 2(0.5)] = 0.75$$

5.12 Solution Techniques: Iterative Methods (Gauss-Seidel)

The second iteration yields

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4} (12 + 0.5 - 0.75) = 2.9375$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{4} [-1 + 2.9375 + 2(0.75)] = 0.85938$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{4} [5 - 2.9375 + 2(0.85938)] = 0.94531$$

and the third iteration results in

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{4} (12 + 0.85938 - 0.94531) = 2.97852$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{4} [-1 + 2.97852 + 2(0.94531)] = 0.96729$$

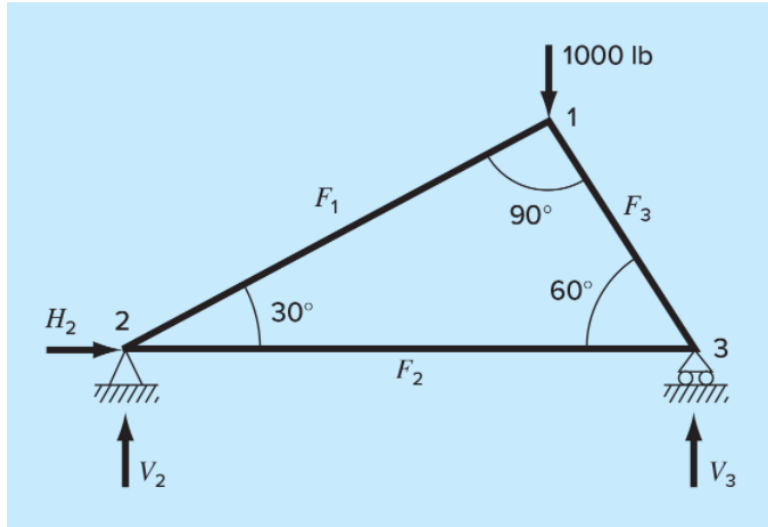
$$x_3 = \frac{1}{4} [5 - 2.97852 + 2(0.96729)] = 0.98902$$

After five more iterations the results would agree with the exact solution $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = x_3 = 1$ within five decimal places.

5.13 Exercise (Solve using Gauss Elimination, LU Decomposition, Gauss-Jordan and Gauss-Seidel)

$$\begin{aligned}5x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= -1 \\-3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 &= 2 \\2x_1 - x_2 - 7x_3 &= 3\end{aligned}$$

5.13 Case Study



$$F_1 = -500$$

$$F_2 = 433$$

$$F_3 = -866$$

$$H_2 = 0$$

$$V_2 = 250$$

$$V_3 = 750$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.866 & 0 & -0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.866 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.866 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.866 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ H_2 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ -1000 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

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