

# Linear Algebra: Homework #2

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## Problem 1

What multiple  $\ell$  of equation 1 should be subtracted from equation 2 to remove  $c$ ?

$$ax + by = f$$

$$cx + dy = g.$$

The first pivot is  $a$  (assumed nonzero). Elimination produces what formula for the second pivot? What is  $y$ ? The second pivot is missing when  $ad = bc$ : singular.

### Solution

1.  $\ell = \frac{c}{a}$ .
2. formula:  $(d - \frac{c}{a}b)y = g - \frac{c}{a}f$
3.  $y = \frac{ag - cf}{ad - bc}$

## Problem 2

For which three numbers  $k$  does elimination break down? Which is fixed by a row exchange? Is the number of solutions 0 or 1 or  $\infty$ ?

$$kx + 3y = 6$$

$$3x + ky = -6$$

### Solution

1.  $k = 0, 3, -3$
2. if  $k = 0$ , a row exchange can be used to fix the elimination.
3. (a)  $k = 0$  has 1 solution.  
(b)  $k = 3$  has 0 solution.  
(c)  $k = -3$  has  $\infty$  solutions.

## Problem 3

Which number  $d$  forces a row exchange, and what is the triangular system (not singular) for that  $d$ ? Which  $d$  makes this system singular (no third pivot) ?

$$2x + 5y + z = 0$$

$$4x + dy + z = 2$$

$$y - z = 3$$

### Solution

1.  $d = 10$  forces a row exchange.
- 2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.  $d = 11$  makes the system singular.

## Problem 4

Write down the 3 by 3 matrices that produce these elimination steps:

1.  $E_{21}$  subtracts 5 times row 1 from row 2.
2.  $E_{32}$  subtracts -7 times row 2 from row 3.
3.  $P$  exchanges rows 1 and 2, then rows 2 and 3.

### Solution

- 1.

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2.

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem 5

Which three matrices  $E_{21}, E_{31}, E_{32}$  put  $A$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = EA = U$ .

Multiply those  $E$ 's to get one elimination matrix  $E$ . What is  $E^{-1} = L$ ?

Include  $\mathbf{b} = (1, 0, 0)$  as a fourth column to produce  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ . Carry out the elimination steps on this augmented matrix to solve  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

### Solution

1.

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.

$$E = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 10 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, L = E^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Apply the elimination steps to  $[A \ \mathbf{b}]$ , then we get  $[U \ L\mathbf{b}]$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then we know  $\mathbf{x} = [-1, 2, 0]^T$ .

## Problem 6

Suppose  $A$  is invertible and you exchange its first two rows to reach  $B$ . Is the new matrix  $B$  invertible? How would you find  $B^{-1}$  from  $A^{-1}$ ?

### Solution

Yes,  $B$  is invertible. And since  $B = P_{12}A$ ,  $P_{12}^{-1} = P_{12}$ , we have  $B^{-1} = A^{-1}P_{12}$ , where  $P_{12}$  is the permutation matrix. And the formula implies that  $B^{-1}$  can be found by exchange the first two columns of  $A^{-1}$ .

## Problem 7

1. What 3 by 3 matrix  $E$  has the same effect as these three steps? Subtract row 1 from row 2, subtract row 1 from row 3, then subtract row 2 from row 3.
2. What single matrix  $L$  has the same effect as these three reverse steps? Add row 2 to row 3, add row 1 to row 3, then add row 1 to row 2.

### Solution

1.

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2.

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem 8

Prove that  $A$  is invertible if  $a \neq 0$  and  $a \neq b$  (find the pivots of  $A^{-1}$ ). Then find three numbers  $c$  so that  $C$  is not invertible.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b \\ a & a & b \\ a & a & a \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & c & c \\ c & c & c \\ 8 & 7 & c \end{bmatrix}$$

## Solution

1.

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b \\ 0 & a-b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a-b \end{bmatrix}$$

The pivots of  $A^{-1}$  are  $a, a-b, a-b$ , so  $A$  is invertible.

2.  $c = 0, 2, 7$  makes  $C$  not invertible.

## Problem 9

What three elimination matrices  $E_{21}, E_{31}, E_{32}$  put  $A$  into its upper triangular form  $E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = U$ ? Multiply by  $E_{32}^{-1}, E_{31}^{-1}, E_{21}^{-1}$  to factor  $A$  into  $L$  times  $U$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $L = E_{21}^{-1}E_{31}^{-1}E_{32}^{-1}$ .

## Solution

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then we can represent  $A$  as  $A = LU$ , where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Problem 10

1. How many entries of  $S$  can be chosen independently, if  $S = S^T$  is 5 by 5?
2. How do  $L$  and  $D$  (still 5 by 5) give the same number of entries in  $LDL^T$ ?
3. How many entries of  $A$  can be chosen if  $A$  is skew-symmetric? ( $A^T = -A$ ).
4. Why does  $A^T A$  have no negative numbers on its diagonal?

**Solution**

1. 15.
2. Ommited (Not sure what's the meaning of the question).
3. Suppose  $A$  is  $n$  by  $n$ , then the answer is  $n$ .
4. Because if we consider the  $i$ - $i$  entry of  $A^T A$ , we have:

$$A^T A_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^n A^T_{ij} A_{ji} = \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ji}^2 \geq 0$$