

# System of Linear Equations

To Solve the system of Linear Equations of the form:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

This is a linear system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

The system may be rewritten in the form:

$$Ax = b,$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

The system has a unique solution when the co-efficient matrix is non-singular

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

## Method of Solution

- Direct Methods
  - Gaussian Elimination Method
    - ✓ Thomas Method
    - ✓ Pivoting
  - Factorization Methods
    - ✓ LU
    - ✓ Crouts
- Iterative methods
  - Gauss Jacobi Method
  - Gauss Seidel Method
  - SOR Method
  - CGM
  - Etc.

## Direct Methods

### Diagonal System

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}.$$

All the non-Zero entries of A are on the main diagonal

In this case, computing the solution  $x$  is trivial

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1/a_{11} \\ b_2/a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ b_n/a_{nn} \end{bmatrix},$$

provided that all  $a_{ii} \neq 0$ .

If  $a_{ii} = 0$  and  $b_i = 0$  for some index  $i$ , then  $x_i$  can be any real number. If  $a_{ii} = 0$  but  $b_i \neq 0$ , no solution of the system exists.

## Triangular Systems

When a linear system  $Lx = b$  is lower triangular of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

For solution, we will go for FORWARD SUBSTITUTION METHOD

### Forward Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

where all diagonals  $\ell_{ii} \neq 0$ ,  $x_i$  can be obtained by the following procedure

$$x_1 = b_1/\ell_{11}$$

$$x_2 = (b_2 - \ell_{21}x_1)/\ell_{22}$$

$$x_3 = (b_3 - \ell_{31}x_1 - \ell_{32}x_2)/\ell_{33}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_n = (b_n - \ell_{n1}x_1 - \ell_{n2}x_2 - \cdots - \ell_{n,n-1}x_{n-1})/\ell_{nn}$$

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The general formulation for computing  $x_i$  is

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for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $tmp = 0.0$ 
  for  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$  do
     $tmp = tmp + L(i, j) * x(j)$ 
  end for
   $x(i) = (b(i) - tmp) / L(i, i)$ 
end for

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**LOWER  
TRIANGULAR  
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

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end for

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Solve 1: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0.3333 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solve 2: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5.25 \\ 2.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Complexity of Forward Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \ell_{21} & \ell_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \ell_{n1} & \ell_{n2} & \cdots & \ell_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix},$$

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for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do

$tmp = 0.0$

  for  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$  do

$tmp = tmp + L(i, j) * x(j)$

  end for

$x(i) = (b(i) - tmp)/L(i, i)$

end for

Any idea on Algorithmic Complexity ?

$$\sum_{i=1}^n [2(i-1) + 2] = n^2 + n.$$

Hence the forward substitution algorithm is an  $O(n^2)$  algorithm.

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Row Version

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do

$tmp = 0.0$

  for  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$  do

$tmp = tmp + L(i, j) * x(j)$

  end for

$x(i) = (b(i) - tmp)/L(i, i)$

end for

Column Version

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do

$x(i) = b(i)$

end for

for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do

$x(j) = x(j)/L(j, j)$

  for  $i = (j + 1), \dots, n$  do

$x(i) = x(i) - L(i, j) * x(j)$

  end for

end for

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x_n &= (b_n - \ell_{n1}x_1 - \ell_{n2}x_2 - \cdots - \ell_{n,n-1}x_{n-1})/\ell_{nn}
\end{aligned}$$

**Algorithm** (Forward Substitution: Column version) Suppose that  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular lower triangular and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This algorithm computes the solution of  $Lx = b$  using column-oriented procedure.

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for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $x(i) = b(i)$ 
end for
for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $x(j) = x(j)/L(j, j)$ 
  for  $i = (j + 1), \dots, n$  do
     $x(i) = x(i) - L(i, j) * x(j)$ 
  end for
end for

```

## Back Substitution

The analogous algorithm for upper triangular system  $Ux = b$  of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & \cdots & u_{1n} \\ 0 & u_{22} & \cdots & u_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & u_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

is called back substitution.

The solution  $x_i$  are computed in a reversed order by

$$\begin{aligned}
x_n &= b_n/u_{nn} \\
x_{n-1} &= (b_{n-1} - u_{n-1,n}x_n)/u_{n-1,n-1} \\
x_{n-2} &= (b_{n-2} - u_{n-2,n-1}x_{n-1} - u_{n-2,n}x_n)/u_{n-2,n-2} \\
&\vdots \\
x_1 &= (b_1 - u_{12}x_2 - u_{13}x_3 - \cdots - u_{1n}x_n)/u_{11}
\end{aligned}$$

provided that all  $u_{ii} \neq 0$ .



The general formulation is

$$x_i = \left( b_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n u_{ij}x_j \right) / u_{ii}, \quad i = n, n-1, \dots, 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= b_n / u_{nn} \\ x_{n-1} &= (b_{n-1} - u_{n-1,n}x_n) / u_{n-1,n-1} \\ x_{n-2} &= (b_{n-2} - u_{n-2,n-1}x_{n-1} - u_{n-2,n}x_n) / u_{n-2,n-2} \\ &\vdots \\ x_1 &= (b_1 - u_{12}x_2 - u_{13}x_3 - \dots - u_{1n}x_n) / u_{11} \end{aligned}$$

**Algorithm (Back Substitution: Row Version)** Suppose that  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular upper triangular and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This algorithm computes the solution of  $Ux = b$  using row-oriented procedure.

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x(n) = b(n)/U(n,n)
for i = (n-1), ..., 1 do
    tmp = 0.0
    for j = i+1 : n do
        tmp = tmp + U(i,j) * x(j)
    end for
    x(i) = (b(i) - tmp)/U(i,i)
end for

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**Algorithm (Back Substitution: Column Version)** Suppose that  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular upper triangular and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This algorithm computes the solution of  $Ux = b$  using row-oriented procedure.

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for i = 1, ..., n do
    x(i) = b(i)
end for
for j = n, ..., 1 do
    x(j) = x(j)/U(j,j)
    for i = 1 : (j-1) do
        x(i) = x(i) - U(i,j) * x(j)
    end for
end for

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Once again the memory storage for  $b$  can be overwritten by  $x$ . Back substitution requires  $n^2 + O(n)$  flops.

Solve 1:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{11}{5} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -\frac{11}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer:

by back substitution to obtain  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$ .

## Gaussian Elimination

Given a system of linear equations to be solved, it can be transformed into a simpler equivalent system by the following three types of elementary operations:

1. Interchange two equations in the system (or equivalently, interchange two rows in  $A$ ):

$$\mathcal{E}_i \leftrightarrow \mathcal{E}_j;$$

2. Multiply an equation by a non-zero constant (multiply one row of  $A$  by a non-zero constant):

$$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow \lambda \mathcal{E}_i.$$

3. Add to an equation a multiple of some other equation (add to a row a multiple of some other row):

$$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_i + \lambda \mathcal{E}_j.$$

Here  $\mathcal{E}_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th equation in the system.

The first step in the Gaussian elimination process consists of performing, for each  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , the elementary operations

$$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow (\mathcal{E}_i - m_{i,1}\mathcal{E}_1), \quad \text{where} \quad m_{i,1} = \frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}}.$$

These operations transform the system into one in which all the entries in the first column below the diagonal are zero. Then the process is repeated on the resulting equations  $\mathcal{E}_2, \dots, \mathcal{E}_n$ , and so on.

$$A = A^{(1)} \rightarrow A^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{(n)},$$

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where  $A^{(n)}$  is upper triangular. At the conclusion of step  $k - 1$ , the matrix  $A^{(k)}$  is constructed from  $A^{(k-1)}$  by elementary operations similar to (3.10), and has the following form:

$$A^{(k)} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} a_{11}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1,k-1}^{(k)} & a_{1k}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1j}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1n}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_{k-1,k-1}^{(k)} & a_{k-1,k}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{k-1,j}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{k-1,n}^{(k)} \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{kk}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{kj}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{kn}^{(k)} \\ \hline \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{ik}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{ij}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{in}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nk}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{nj}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{nn}^{(k)} \end{array} \right]$$

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In the  $k$ -th step,  $a_{kk}^{(k)}$  is used as a pivot element and the  $k$ -th row as pivot row, and elementary operations are applied to rows  $k + 1$  through  $n$  so that zeros are produced in column  $k$  below the diagonal. That is,  $A^{(k+1)}$  is obtained from  $A^{(k)}$  in which  $a_{k+1,k}^{(k+1)}, \dots, a_{nk}^{(k+1)}$  are zero, row  $k + 1$  through  $n$  are modified but row 1 through row  $k$  are unchanged when compared to  $A^{(k)}$ . More precisely, the entries of  $A^{(k+1)}$  are produced by the formula

$$a_{ij}^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} a_{ij}^{(k)}, & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, n; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = k + 1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, k; \\ a_{ij}^{(k)} - \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}} * a_{kj}^{(k)}, & \text{for } i = k + 1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = k + 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

If we collect all the multipliers

$$\ell_{ik} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i < k; \\ 1, & \text{if } i = k; \\ \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}}, & \text{if } i > k, \end{cases}$$

and let  $L = [\ell_{ik}]$  and  $U = A^{(n)}$ , then  $L$  is unit lower triangular,  $U$  is upper triangular, and later we shall show that matrix  $A$  has the factorization  $A = LU$ .

**Algorithm** (Gaussian elimination) *Given  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , this algorithm implements the Gaussian elimination procedure to reduce  $A$  to upper triangular and modify the entries of  $b$  accordingly.*

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for  $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$  do
  for  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$  do
     $t = A(i, k) / A(k, k)$ 
     $A(i, k) = 0$ 
     $b(i) = b(i) - t * b(k)$ 
    for  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$  do
       $A(i, j) = A(i, j) - t * A(k, j)$ 
    end for
  end for
end for

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$$Ax = b,$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**for**  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$  **do**

**for**  $i = k+1, \dots, n$  **do**

$t = A(i, k) / A(k, k)$

$A(i, k) = 0$

$b(i) = b(i) - t * b(k)$

**for**  $j = k+1, \dots, n$  **do**

$A(i, j) = A(i, j) - t * A(k, j)$

**end for**

**end for**

**end for**

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## Forward Elimination

A set of  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + a_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

( $n-1$ ) steps of forward elimination

## Forward Elimination

### Step 1

For Equation 2, divide Equation 1 by  $a_{11}$  and multiply by  $a_{21}$ .

$$\left[ \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \right] (a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1)$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}x_2 + \dots + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}x_n = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1$$

## Forward Elimination

Subtract the result from Equation 2.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\
 - \quad a_{21}x_1 + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}x_2 + \dots + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}x_n = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1 \\
 \hline
 \left(a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}\right)x_2 + \dots + \left(a_{2n} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}\right)x_n = b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1
 \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_i + \lambda \mathcal{E}_j.$

or  $a'_{22}x_2 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$

## Forward Elimination

Repeat this procedure for the remaining equations to reduce the set of equations as

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n & = & b_1 \\
 a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n & = & b'_2 \\
 a'_{32}x_2 + a'_{33}x_3 + \dots + a'_{3n}x_n & = & b'_3 \\
 & \vdots & \\
 & \vdots & \\
 a'_{n2}x_2 + a'_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a'_{nn}x_n & = & b'_n
 \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_i + \lambda \mathcal{E}_j.$

$\lambda = \lambda_i = -\frac{a_{i1}}{a_{11}}, i = 2, \dots, n$

j=1

**End of Step 1**



## Forward Elimination

### Step 2

Repeat the same procedure for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of Equation 3.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots \quad \lambda = \lambda_i = -\frac{a'_{2i}}{a'_{22}}, i = 3, \dots, n$$

$$a''_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a''_{nn}x_n = b''_n$$

$$\mathcal{E}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_i + \lambda \mathcal{E}_j.$$

j=2

**End of Step 2**

## Forward Elimination

At the end of (n-1) Forward Elimination steps, the system of equations will look like

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a^{(n-1)}_{nn}x_n = b^{(n-1)}_n$$

**End of Step (n-1)**

## Matrix Form at End of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b,$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A = A^{(1)} \rightarrow A^{(2)} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow A^{(n)},$$

$$a^{(k+1)}_{ij} = \begin{cases} a^{(k)}_{ij}, & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, n; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = k+1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, k; \\ a^{(k)}_{ij} - \frac{a^{(k)}_{ik} a^{(k)}_{kj}}{a^{(k)}_{kk}}, & \text{for } i = k+1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = k+1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

$$A^{(k)} = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} a^{(k)}_{11} & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{1,k-1} & a^{(k)}_{1k} & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{k-1,k-1} & a^{(k)}_{k-1,k} & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{k-1,n} \\ \hline 0 & \cdots & 0 & a^{(k)}_{kk} & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{kn} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & a^{(k)}_{nk} & \cdots & a^{(k)}_{nn} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{ij}^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} a_{ij}^{(k)}, & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, n; \\ 0, & \text{for } i = k+1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, k; \\ a_{ij}^{(k)} - \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}} * a_{kj}^{(k)}, & \text{for } i = k+1, \dots, n, \text{ and } j = k+1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

$$A = A^{(1)} \rightarrow A^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A^{(n)},$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$  do

  for  $i = k+1, \dots, n$  do

$$t = A(i, k) / A(k, k)$$

$$A(i, k) = 0$$

$$b(i) = b(i) - t * b(k)$$

  for  $j = k+1, \dots, n$  do

$$A(i, j) = A(i, j) - t * A(k, j)$$

  end for

end for

end for

$$A^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1,k-1}^{(k)} & a_{1k}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1j}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{1n}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_{k-1,k-1}^{(k)} & a_{k-1,k}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{k-1,j}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{k-1,n}^{(k)} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{kk}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{kj}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{kn}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{ik}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{ij}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{in}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & a_{nk}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{nj}^{(k)} & \dots & a_{nn}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Naïve Gaussian Elimination

A method to solve simultaneous linear equations of the form  $[A][X]=[C]$

Two steps

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

## Forward Elimination

The goal of forward elimination is to transform the coefficient matrix into an upper triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Back Substitution

Solve each equation starting from the last equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of a system of 3 equations

## Back Substitution Starting Eqns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a^{(n-1)}_{nn}x_n = b^{(n-1)}_n$$

## Back Substitution

Start with the last equation because it has only one unknown

$$x_n = \frac{b^{(n-1)}_n}{a^{(n-1)}_{nn}}$$

## Back Substitution

$$x_n = \frac{b_n^{(n-1)}}{a_{nn}^{(n-1)}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{b_i^{(i-1)} - a_{i,i+1}^{(i-1)}x_{i+1} - a_{i,i+2}^{(i-1)}x_{i+2} - \dots - a_{i,n}^{(i-1)}x_n}{a_{ii}^{(i-1)}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

$$x_i = \frac{b_i^{(i-1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij}^{(i-1)}x_j}{a_{ii}^{(i-1)}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

**Algorithm 3.4 (Back Substitution: Column Version)** Suppose that  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is nonsingular upper triangular and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This algorithm computes the solution of  $Ux = b$  using row-oriented procedure.

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for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $x(i) = b(i)$ 
end for
for  $j = n, \dots, 1$  do
   $x(j) = x(j)/U(j, j)$ 
  for  $i = 1 : (j - 1)$  do
     $x(i) = x(i) - U(i, j) * x(j)$ 
  end for
end for

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## Example 1

The upward velocity of a rocket is given at three different times

**Table 1** Velocity vs. time data.

Time, $t$ (s)	Velocity, $v$ (m/s)
5	106.8
8	177.2
12	279.2



The velocity data is approximated by a polynomial as:

$$v(t) = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12.$$

Find the velocity at  $t=6$  seconds .

## Example 1 Cont.

Assume

$$v(t) = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12.$$

Results in a matrix template of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1^2 & t_1 & 1 \\ t_2^2 & t_2 & 1 \\ t_3^2 & t_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using data from Table 1, the matrix becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Example 1 Cont.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

Forward Elimination



## Number of Steps of Forward Elimination

Number of steps of forward elimination is  
 $(n-1)=(3-1)=2$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 1 by 25 and} \\ \text{multiply it by 64, } \frac{64}{25} = 2.56 . \end{array}$$

$$[25 \ 5 \ 1 \ \vdots \ 106.8] \times 2.56 = [64 \ 12.8 \ 2.56 \ \vdots \ 273.408]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Subtract the result from} \\ \text{Equation 2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 12.8 & 2.56 & \vdots & 273.408 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Substitute new equation for} \\ \text{Equation 2} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & : & -96.208 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 1 by 25 and} \\ \text{multiply it by 144, } \frac{144}{25} = 5.76. \end{array}$$

$$[25 \ 5 \ 1 \ : \ 106.8] \times 5.76 = [144 \ 28.8 \ 5.76 \ : \ 615.168]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Subtract the result from} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} [144 \quad 12 \quad 1 \quad : \quad 279.2] \\ - [144 \quad 28.8 \quad 5.76 \quad : \quad 615.168] \\ \hline [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -4.76 \quad : \quad -335.968] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Substitute new equation for} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & : & -96.208 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 & : & -335.968 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & : & -96.208 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 & : & -335.968 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 2 by } -4.8 \\ \text{and multiply it by } -16.8, \\ \frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5. \end{array}$$

$$[0 \ -4.8 \ -1.56 \ : \ -96.208] \times 3.5 = [0 \ -16.8 \ -5.46 \ : \ -336.728]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Subtract the result from} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} [0 \ -16.8 \ -4.76 \ : \ 335.968] \\ - [0 \ -16.8 \ -5.46 \ : \ -336.728] \\ \hline [0 \quad 0 \quad 0.7 \quad : \quad 0.76] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Substitute new equation for} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & : & -96.208 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 & : & 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Back Substitution

## Back Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 & \vdots & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.208 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_3$

$$0.7a_3 = 0.76$$

$$a_3 = \frac{0.76}{0.7}$$

$$a_3 = 1.08571$$

## Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.208 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_2$

$$-4.8a_2 - 1.56a_3 = -96.208$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.208 + 1.56a_3}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.208 + 1.56 \times 1.08571}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = 19.6905$$

## Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.2 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_1$

$$25a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3 = 106.8$$

$$a_1 = \frac{106.8 - 5a_2 - a_3}{25}$$

$$= \frac{106.8 - 5 \times 19.6905 - 1.08571}{25}$$

$$= 0.290472$$

## Naïve Gaussian Elimination Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.290472 \\ 19.6905 \\ 1.08571 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 1 Cont.

**Solution**

The solution vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.290472 \\ 19.6905 \\ 1.08571 \end{bmatrix}$$

The polynomial that passes through the three data points is then:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3 \\ &= 0.290472 t^2 + 19.6905 t + 1.08571, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(6) &= 0.290472(6)^2 + 19.6905(6) + 1.08571 \\ &= 129.686 \text{ m/s.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example** This example illustrates the application of Gaussian elimination in solving system of linear equations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 12 & -8 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & -13 & 9 & 3 \\ -6 & 4 & 1 & -18 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 34 \\ 27 \\ -38 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that if we collect all the multipliers and let

**Sol:**

**1<sup>st</sup> step** Use 6 as pivot element, the first row as pivot row, and multipliers  $2, \frac{1}{2}, -1$  are produced to reduce the system to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -12 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 10 \\ 21 \\ -26 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**2<sup>nd</sup> step** Use -4 as pivot element, the second row as pivot row, and multipliers  $3, -\frac{1}{2}$  are computed to reduce the system to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 10 \\ -9 \\ -21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**3<sup>rd</sup> step** Use 2 as pivot element, the third row as pivot row, and multipliers 2 is found to reduce the system to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 10 \\ -9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

then one can verify that  $LU = A$ .

Now the solution can be obtained by solving this triangular system with back substitution.

## Naïve Gauss Elimination Pitfalls

## Pitfall#1. Division by zero

$$10x_2 - 7x_3 = 3$$

$$6x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 11$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 9$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 11 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Is division by zero an issue here?

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 9$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 14 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is division by zero an issue here?

YES

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$

$$24x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 28$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 24 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 14 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.5 \\ 12 & -21 & 19 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 6.5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Division by zero is a possibility at any step of forward elimination

## Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 20 & 15 & 10 \\ -3 & -2.249 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 45 \\ 1.751 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exact Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 20 & 15 & 10 \\ -3 & -2.249 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 45 \\ 1.751 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve it on a computer using **6** significant digits with chopping

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9625 \\ 1.05 \\ 0.999995 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 20 & 15 & 10 \\ -3 & -2.249 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 45 \\ 1.751 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve it on a computer using **5** significant digits with chopping

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.625 \\ 1.5 \\ 0.999995 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is there a way to reduce the round off error?

## Another Case

Another difficulty will arise when a pivot element encountered is a small number  $\varepsilon$  different from zero. For example, the simple Gaussian elimination algorithm would produce relatively large error on the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\varepsilon < \epsilon_M$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \varepsilon < \epsilon_M$$

By the Gaussian Elimination step we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \end{bmatrix}$$

since in the computer, if  $\varepsilon$  is small enough,  $1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  will be computed to be the same as  $-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . Likewise,  $2 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  will be computed to be the same as  $-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ .

Hence, under these circumstances, back substitution would produce

$$x_2 = \frac{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = \frac{1 - 1}{\varepsilon} = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \varepsilon < \epsilon_M$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}}{-\frac{1}{\varepsilon}} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = \frac{1-1}{\varepsilon} = 0.$$

The computed solution is accurate for  $x_2$  but is extremely inaccurate for  $x_1$  since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

But actually  $x_1 = x_2 = 1$  would be a much better solution since

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\varepsilon \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

On the other hand, it would produce a much better result if we interchange the rows since Gaussian elimination would compute

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \varepsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1-\varepsilon \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1-2\varepsilon \end{bmatrix},$$

and the back substitution will give

$$x_1 = \frac{1-2\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon} \approx 1 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 = 2 - x_1 \approx 2 - 1 = 1.$$

The strategy of interchange rows/columns as described above is called “pivoting”. And we have seen that pivoting is necessary for some systems.

## Avoiding Pitfalls

Increase the number of significant digits

- Decreases round-off error
- Does not avoid division by zero

## Avoiding Pitfalls

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

- Avoids division by zero
- Reduces round off error

## Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

### Pitfalls of Naïve Gauss Elimination

- Possible division by zero
- Large round-off errors

## Avoiding Pitfalls

Increase the number of significant digits

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## What is Different About Partial Pivoting?

At the beginning of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  step of forward elimination, find the maximum of

$$|a_{kk}|, |a_{k+1,k}|, \dots, |a_{nk}|$$

If the maximum of the values is  $|a_{pk}|$  in the  $p^{\text{th}}$  row,  $k \leq p \leq n$ , then switch rows  $p$  and  $k$ .

## Matrix Form at Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Step of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} & \cdots & a'_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a'_{n2} & a'_{n3} & a'_{n4} & a'_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

### Example (2<sup>nd</sup> step of FE)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 14 & 5.1 & 3.7 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 6 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 9 & 23 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & -17 & 12 & 11 & 43 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which two rows would you switch?

### Example (2<sup>nd</sup> step of FE)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 14 & 5.1 & 3.7 & 6 \\ 0 & -17 & 12 & 11 & 43 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 9 & 23 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & -7 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Switched Rows



## Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

A method to solve simultaneous linear equations of the form  $[A][X]=[C]$

Two steps

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

## Forward Elimination

Same as naïve Gauss elimination method except that we switch rows before **each** of the  $(n-1)$  steps of forward elimination.

### Example: Matrix Form at Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Step of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} & \cdots & a'_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a'_{n2} & a'_{n3} & a'_{n4} & a'_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

### Matrix Form at End of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Back Substitution Starting Eqns

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\
 a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n &= b'_2 \\
 a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n &= b''_3 \\
 &\vdots \\
 a^{(n-1)}_{nn}x_n &= b^{(n-1)}_n
 \end{aligned}$$

## Back Substitution

$$x_n = \frac{b^{(n-1)}_n}{a^{(n-1)}_{nn}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{b^{(i-1)}_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a^{(i-1)}_{ij}x_j}{a^{(i-1)}_{ii}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

## Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting Example

### Example 2

Solve the following set of equations  
by Gaussian elimination with partial  
pivoting

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example 2 Cont.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

## Forward Elimination

## Number of Steps of Forward Elimination

Number of steps of forward elimination is  
 $(n-1)=(3-1)=2$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1

- Examine absolute values of first column, first row and below.

$$|25|, |64|, |144|$$

- Largest absolute value is 144 and exists in row 3.
- Switch row 1 and row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & : & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & : & 177.2 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & : & 177.2 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 1 by 144 and} \\ \text{multiply it by 64, } \frac{64}{144} = 0.4444. \end{array}$$

$$[144 \ 12 \ 1 \ : \ 279.2] \times 0.4444 = [63.99 \ 5.333 \ 0.4444 \ : \ 124.1]$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Subtract the result from} \\ \text{Equation 2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} [64 \quad 8 \quad 1 \ : \ 177.2] \\ - [63.99 \ 5.333 \ 0.4444 \ : \ 124.1] \\ \hline [0 \quad 2.667 \ 0.5556 \ : \ 53.10] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Substitute new equation for} \\ \text{Equation 2} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & : & 106.8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 1 by 144 and} \\ \text{multiply it by 25, } \frac{25}{144} = 0.1736. \end{array}$$

$$[144 \ 12 \ 1 \ : \ 279.2] \times 0.1736 = [25.00 \ 2.083 \ 0.1736 \ : \ 48.47]$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Subtract the result from} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} [25 \quad 5 \quad 1 \ : \ 106.8] \\ - [25 \ 2.083 \ 0.1736 \ : \ 48.47] \\ \hline [0 \ 2.917 \ 0.8264 \ : \ 58.33] \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Substitute new equation for} \\ \text{Equation 3} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & : & 58.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 2

- Examine absolute values of second column, second row and below.

$$|2.667|, |2.917|$$

- Largest absolute value is 2.917 and exists in row 3.
- Switch row 2 and row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & : & 58.33 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & : & 58.33 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 2 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & : & 58.33 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & : & 53.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 2 by 2.917 and multiply it by 2.667,  
 $\frac{2.667}{2.917} = 0.9143$ .

$$[0 \quad 2.917 \quad 0.8264 \quad : \quad 58.33] \times 0.9143 = [0 \quad 2.667 \quad 0.7556 \quad : \quad 53.33]$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} [0 \quad 2.667 \quad 0.5556 \quad : \quad 53.10] \\ - [0 \quad 2.667 \quad 0.7556 \quad : \quad 53.33] \\ \hline [0 \quad 0 \quad -0.2 \quad : \quad -0.23] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & : & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & : & 58.33 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 & : & -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Back Substitution

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 & \vdots & -0.23 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_3$

$$-0.2a_3 = -0.23$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-0.23}{-0.2}$$

$$= 1.15$$

## Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_2$

$$2.917a_2 + 0.8264a_3 = 58.33$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{58.33 - 0.8264a_3}{2.917} \\ &= \frac{58.33 - 0.8264 \times 1.15}{2.917} \\ &= 19.67 \end{aligned}$$

## Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_1$

$$144a_1 + 12a_2 + a_3 = 279.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{279.2 - 12a_2 - a_3}{144} \\ &= \frac{279.2 - 12 \times 19.67 - 1.15}{144} \\ &= 0.2917 \end{aligned}$$

## Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2917 \\ 19.67 \\ 1.15 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting Another Example

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Consider the system of equations

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

$$-3x_1 + 2.099x_2 + 6x_3 = 3.901$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 6$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ -3 & 2.099 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3.901 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve using Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting using five significant digits with chopping

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 1

Examining the values of the first column

$|10|$ ,  $|-3|$ , and  $|5|$  or 10, 3, and 5

The largest absolute value is 10, which means, to follow the rules of Partial Pivoting, we switch row1 with row1.

Performing Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ -3 & 2.099 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3.901 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 2

Examining the values of the first column

$|-0.001|$  and  $|2.5|$  or  $0.0001$  and  $2.5$

The largest absolute value is  $2.5$ , so row 2 is switched with row 3

Performing the row swap

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.001 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 2

Performing the Forward Elimination results in:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.002 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Back Substitution

Solving the equations through back substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.002 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{6.002}{6.002} = 1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2.5 - 5x_3}{2.5} = -1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{7 + 7x_2 - 0x_3}{10} = 0$$

## Partial Pivoting: Example

Compare the calculated and exact solution

The fact that they are equal is coincidence, but it does illustrate the advantage of Partial Pivoting

$$[X]_{\text{calculated}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [X]_{\text{exact}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Algorithm for Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $p(i) = i$  % initialize the pivoting vector
end for
for  $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$  do
   $m = k$ 
  for  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$  do
    if  $|A(p(m), k)| < |A(p(i), k)|$  then
       $m = i$ 
    end if
  end for
   $\ell = p(k)$ 
   $p(k) = p(m)$ 
   $p(m) = \ell$ 
  for  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$  do
     $A(p(i), k) = A(p(i), k) / A(p(k), k)$ 
    for  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$  do
       $A(p(i), j) = A(p(i), j) - A(p(i), k) * A(p(k), j)$ 
    end for
  end for
end for
end for

```

### Algorithm for Forward substitute for partial pivoting case

```

 $y(p(1)) = b(p(1)) / A(p(1), 1)$ 
for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
   $t = 0$ 
  for  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$  do
     $t = t + A(p(i), j) * y(p(j))$ 
  end for
   $y(p(i)) = b(p(i)) - t$ 
end for

```

## Determinant of a Square Matrix Using Naïve Gauss Elimination Example

### Theorem of Determinants

If a multiple of one row of  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is added or subtracted to another row of  $[A]_{n \times n}$  to result in  $[B]_{n \times n}$  then  $\det(A) = \det(B)$



## Theorem of Determinants

The determinant of an upper triangular matrix  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is given by

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \times a_{22} \times \dots \times a_{ii} \times \dots \times a_{nn}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

## Forward Elimination of a Square Matrix

Using forward elimination to transform  $[A]_{n \times n}$  to an upper triangular matrix,  $[U]_{n \times n}$ .

$$[A]_{n \times n} \rightarrow [U]_{n \times n}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(U)$$

### Example

Using naïve Gaussian elimination find the determinant of the following square matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Elimination

## Forward Elimination: Step 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and  
multiply it by 64,  $\frac{64}{25} = 2.56$ .

$$[25 \ 5 \ 1] \times 2.56 = [64 \ 12.8 \ 2.56]$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 2

$$\begin{array}{r} [64 \quad 8 \quad 1] \\ - [64 \ 12.8 \ 2.56] \\ \hline [0 \ -4.8 \ -1.56] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and  
multiply it by 144,  $\frac{144}{25} = 5.76$ .

$$[25 \ 5 \ 1] \times 5.76 = [144 \ 28.8 \ 5.76]$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} [144 \quad 12 \quad 1] \\ - [144 \ 28.8 \ 5.76] \\ \hline [0 \ -16.8 \ -4.76] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Forward Elimination: Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 2 by  $-4.8$   
and multiply it by  $-16.8$ ,  
 $\frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5$ .

$$([0 \quad -4.8 \quad -1.56]) \times 3.5 = [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -5.46]$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -4.76] \\ - [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -5.46] \\ \hline [0 \quad 0 \quad 0.7] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Finding the Determinant

After forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= u_{11} \times u_{22} \times u_{33} \\ &= 25 \times (-4.8) \times 0.7 \\ &= -84.00 \end{aligned}$$

## Summary

- Forward Elimination
- Back Substitution
- Pitfalls
- Improvements
- Partial Pivoting
- Determinant of a Matrix