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## CSC 431 ASSIGNMENT

### Question 1

A biologist is studying the growth rate of a bacterial culture at time intervals. The observed data points for the population size  $P(t)$  (in million) at specific times  $t$  (in hours) are as follows:

$t$ (hours)	$P(t)$ (millions)
1	1.5
3	3.2
6	5.7
9	8.4

The task is to estimate the population size at  $t = 4$  hours using interpolation techniques.

- Derive the Lagrange polynomial  $P(t)$  and use it to estimate  $P(4)$ .
- Construct the divided difference table, derive the Newton polynomial  $P(t)$ , and use it to estimate  $P(4)$ .
- Compare the results obtained from both methods and discuss any differences.

### Question 2

A chemical manufacturing company uses a cylindrical tank to mix a solution. Due to quality concerns, it is critical to ensure that the volume of the solution is at a specific level. The volume  $V$  (in liters) as a function of the height  $h$  (in meters) of the liquid in the tank is given by:

$$V(h) = \pi r^2 h$$

Where  $r$  is the radius of the tank (assumed to be 2 meters). The target volume is 40 liters, but due to sensor calibration, an error term  $e$  needs to be considered, resulting in the equation:

$$f(h) = \pi r^2 h - 40 = 0$$

The following are the measured heights of the liquid for different time periods:

Time (min)	Measured Height $h$ (m)
5	1.5
10	1.8
15	2.0
20	2.2
25	2.5

Using the initial guess  $h_0 = 1.9$  and  $h_1 = 2.1$ , from the dataset, perform three iterations of the Newton Raphson, Modified Secant and Fixed-Point Iteration methods. Show all calculations clearly, and round the results to four decimal places. Write a Python code to implement any of the methods.

### Question 3

A civil engineering team is tasked with designing a drainage system to handle water flow during heavy rainfall. The flow rate  $Q$  (in cubic meters per second) through a rectangular channel is modeled by the Manning's equation:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n} A R^{\frac{2}{3}} S^{\frac{1}{2}} - Q = 0$$

Where:

$A = b \times h$  is cross-sectional area of the channel ( $b = 2$  meters, width of the channel;  $h$ , height of water in meters).

$R = \frac{A}{P}$  is hydraulic radius ( $P = b + 2h$ , wetted perimeter).

$S = 0.01$  is channel slope.

$Q = 1.5$  is the required flow rate.

$n = 0.015$  is Manning's roughness coefficient.

The task is to determine the height  $h$ , of water that satisfies the flow condition. Given the interval  $[0.2, 0.5]$ , perform three iterations and show all calculations using Bisection, Secant and Regula Falsi methods. Write a Python function to implement any of the methods.

## SOLUTION

### Question 1

#### a) Lagrange Polynomial Estimate

The Lagrange polynomial passes through all given data points. Using the points  $(1, 1.5)$ ,  $(3, 3.2)$ ,  $(6, 5.7)$ ,  $(9, 8.4)$ , the polynomial is:

$$P(t) = 1.5 \cdot L_1(t) + 3.2 \cdot L_2(t) + 5.7 \cdot L_3(t) + 8.4 \cdot L_4(t)$$

The Lagrange basis polynomials are:

$$L_1(t) = \frac{(t-3)(t-6)(t-9)}{(1-3)(1-6)(1-9)} = \frac{(t-3)(t-6)(t-9)}{(-2)(-5)(-8)} = \frac{(t-3)(t-6)(t-9)}{-80}$$

$$L_2(t) = \frac{(t-1)(t-6)(t-9)}{(3-1)(3-6)(3-9)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-6)(t-9)}{(2)(-3)(-6)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-6)(t-9)}{36}$$

$$L_3(t) = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-9)}{(6-1)(6-3)(6-9)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-9)}{(5)(3)(-3)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-9)}{-45}$$

$$L_4(t) = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-6)}{(9-1)(9-3)(9-6)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-6)}{(8)(6)(3)} = \frac{(t-1)(t-3)(t-6)}{144}$$

Now, evaluate each basis polynomial at  $t = 4$ :

$$L_1(4) = \frac{(4-3)(4-6)(4-9)}{-80} = \frac{(1)(-2)(-5)}{-80} = \frac{10}{-80} = -0.125$$

$$L_2(4) = \frac{(4-1)(4-6)(4-9)}{36} = \frac{(3)(-2)(-5)}{36} = \frac{30}{36} = 0.8333$$

$$L_3(4) = \frac{(4-1)(4-3)(4-9)}{-45} = \frac{(3)(1)(-5)}{-45} = \frac{-15}{-45} = 0.3333$$

$$L_4(4) = \frac{(4-1)(4-3)(4-6)}{144} = \frac{(3)(1)(-2)}{144} = \frac{-6}{144} = -0.0417$$

Now, multiply each basis polynomial by its corresponding  $P(t)$  value:

$$1.5 \cdot L_1(4) = 1.5 \cdot (-0.125) = -0.1875$$

$$3.2 \cdot L_2(4) = 3.2 \cdot 0.8333 = 2.6667$$

$$5.7 \cdot L_3(4) = 5.7 \cdot 0.3333 = 1.9$$

$$8.4 \cdot L_4(4) = 8.4 \cdot (-0.0417) = -0.35$$

Summing these contributions:

$$P(4) \approx -0.1875 + 2.6667 + 1.9 - 0.35 = 4.0292 \text{ million}$$

#### b) Newton Polynomial Estimate

The divided difference table is constructed as follows:

$t$	$P(t)$	$1^{st}$	$2^{nd}$	$3^{rd}$
1	1.5	0.85	-0.00334	0.001807
3	3.2	0.8333	0.01111	
6	5.7	0.9		
9	8.4			

The Newton polynomial is:

$$P(t) = 1.5 + 0.85(t - 1) - 0.00334(t - 1)(t - 3) + 0.001807(t - 1)(t - 3)(t - 6)$$

Evaluating at  $t = 4$ :

$$P(4) = 1.5 + 0.85(4 - 1) - 0.00334(4 - 1)(4 - 3) + 0.001807(4 - 1)(4 - 3)(4 - 6)$$

$$P(4) = 1.5 + 0.85(3) - 0.00334(3)(1) + 0.001807(3)(1)(-2)$$

$$P(4) = 1.5 + 2.55 - 0.01002 - 0.01084 = 4.0291 \text{ million}$$

#### c) Comparison

Both methods yield  $P(4) \approx 4.029$  million. The minor difference arises from rounding errors during manual calculations.

### Question 2

Equation:

$$f(h) = 4\pi h - 40 = 0$$

The root is  $h = \frac{10}{\pi} \approx 3.1831$ .

#### 1. Newton-Raphson Method

Formula:

$$h_{n+1} = h_n - \frac{f(h_n)}{f'(h_n)}$$

Here,  $f(h) = 4\pi h - 40$  and  $f'(h) = 4\pi$ .

Initial guess:  $h_0 = 1.9$ .

Iteration 1:

$$h_1 = 1.9 - \frac{4\pi(1.9) - 40}{4\pi} = 1.9 - \frac{23.876 - 40}{12.566} = 1.9 + \frac{16.124}{12.566} = 3.1831$$

The method converges immediately to  $h = 3.1831$ .

## 2. Modified Secant Method

**Formula:**

$$h_{n+1} = h_n - \frac{f(h_n) \cdot \delta}{f(h_n + \delta) - f(h_n)}$$

Here,  $\delta = 0.2$ .

**Initial guess:**  $h_0 = 1.9$ .

**Iteration 1:**

$$f(h_0) = 4\pi(1.9) - 40 = 23.876 - 40 = -16.124$$

$$f(h_0 + \delta) = 4\pi(2.1) - 40 = 26.389 - 40 = -13.611$$

$$h_1 = 1.9 - \frac{(-16.124)(0.2)}{-13.611 - (-16.124)} = 1.9 - \frac{-3.2248}{2.513} = 1.9 + 1.283 = 3.1831$$

The method converges immediately to  $h = 3.1831$ .

## 3. Fixed-Point Iteration

**Rearranged equation:**

$$h = \frac{h + 10/\pi}{2}$$

**Initial guess:**  $h_0 = 1.9$ .

**Iteration 1:**

$$h_1 = \frac{1.9 + 10/\pi}{2} = \frac{1.9 + 3.1831}{2} = 2.5416$$

**Iteration 2:**

$$h_2 = \frac{2.5416 + 3.1831}{2} = 2.8624$$

**Iteration 3:**

$$h_3 = \frac{2.8624 + 3.1831}{2} = 3.0228$$

**Python Code for Fixed-Point Iteration:**

```
import math

def fixed_point(h0, iterations):
    h = h0
    for i in range(iterations):
        h = (h + 10/math.pi) / 2
        print(f"Iteration {i+1}: h = {h:.4f}")
    return h
```

## TEST 2

### Question 1: Methods of Curve Fitting

A software engineering team wants to understand the relationship between the size of a codebase ( $x$ , in thousand lines of code) and the corresponding number of reported bugs ( $y$ ). Due to issues from using peer programming approach of the software development process, a project timeline constraint term  $A$  needs to be considered, resulting in the model:  $y = Ax^k$ . The data collected from recent projects is as follows:

Codebase Size ( $x$ )	Reported Bugs ( $y$ )
1.0	5
2.0	7
3.0	10
4.0	12
5.0	15

- a) From the power-law relationship given,
- Derive the equation of the line of best fit using linearization method
  - Predict the number of bugs for a codebase size of 6000 lines given that  $A = 4.8$

Using the given data,

- b) Derive the equation of the line of best fit using the
- Least squares method
  - Predict the number of bugs for a codebase of 6000 lines.
- c) Derive the equation of the line of best fit using the
- Grouped averages method
  - Predict the number of bugs for a codebase size of 6000 lines

### Question 2: Methods of Linear Systems of Equation

In a multi-core processor, a bottleneck core will cause delays when it consumes system resources in double units than another core. Suppose that resource utilization across the cores  $X, Y, Z$  in an IoT device is modelled by the following system of equations:

$$x + y - z = 20 \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$2x + 3y + z = 44 \dots \textcircled{2}$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 35 \dots \textcircled{3}$$

Where:

- equation 1 tracks how computational workloads (CPU cycles) are shared among the cores
- equation 2 monitors how memory (RAM) is used by the cores
- equation 3 observes power consumption by the servers associated with core

- a) Solve the above system of equations using:
- Gaussian Elimination
  - Gauss-Jordan Elimination
  - LU Decomposition

- b) Based on results from Gaussian Elimination
- Which of the cores will cause system delays?

ii. Why?

iii. How can this bottleneck be resolved?

## SOLUTION

### Question 1: Methods of Curve Fitting

a) **Power-Law Model:**  $y = Ax^k$

#### i. Linearization Method

1. **Transform the model:** Take natural logs:

$$\ln y = \ln A + k \ln x$$

2. **Compute sums for linear regression:**

$$\sum \ln x = 4.7874, \quad \sum \ln y = 11.0508, \\ \sum (\ln x \ln y) = 11.6825, \quad \sum (\ln x)^2 = 6.1994$$

3. **Calculate  $k$  and  $\ln A$ :**

$$k = \frac{5 \cdot 11.6825 - 4.7874 \cdot 11.0508}{5 \cdot 6.1994 - (4.7874)^2} \approx 0.68 \\ \ln A = \frac{11.0508 - 0.68 \cdot 4.7874}{5} \approx 1.5614 \implies A \approx 4.76$$

**Equation:**

$$y \approx 4.76x^{0.68}$$

ii. **Prediction with  $A = 4.8$**

1. **Recalculate  $k$**  using fixed  $A = 4.8$ :

$$k \approx 0.673$$

2. **Predict for  $x = 6$**  (6,000 lines):

$$y = 4.8 \cdot 6^{0.673} \approx 16$$

**Predicted bugs:** 16

b) **Least Squares Method ( Linear Model:  $y = a + bx$  )**

#### i. Derive Equation

1. **Compute sums:**

$$\sum x = 15, \quad \sum y = 49, \quad \sum x^2 = 55, \quad \sum xy = 172$$

2. **Calculate  $b$  and  $a$ :**

$$b = \frac{5 \cdot 172 - 15 \cdot 49}{5 \cdot 55 - 15^2} = 2.5, \quad a = \frac{49 - 2.5 \cdot 15}{5} = 2.3$$

**Equation:**

$$y = 2.3 + 2.5x$$

ii. **Prediction for  $x = 6$**

$$y = 2.3 + 2.5 \cdot 6 = 17.3 \approx 17$$

Predicted bugs: 17

### c) Grouped Averages Method

#### i. Derive Equation

##### 1. Group data:

- Group 1 ( $x = 1, 2$ ) :  $\bar{x} = 1.5, \bar{y} = 6$
- Group 2 ( $x = 4, 5$ ) :  $\bar{x} = 4.5, \bar{y} = 13.5$

##### 2. Calculate slope $b$ :

$$b = \frac{13.5 - 6}{4.5 - 1.5} = 2.5$$

##### 3. Calculate intercept $a$ :

$$a = 6 - 2.5 \cdot 1.5 = 2.25$$

Equation:

$$y = 2.25 + 2.5x$$

#### ii. Prediction for $x = 6$

$$y = 2.25 + 2.5 \cdot 6 = 17.25 \approx 17$$

Predicted bugs: 17

### Question 2: Methods of Linear Systems of Equation

#### a) Solving the System

##### i. Gaussian Elimination

##### 1. Augmented Matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 44 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 35 \end{array} \right]$$

##### 2. Row Operations:

- $R2 \leftarrow R2 - 2R1$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R3 \leftarrow R3 - 3R1$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & -2 & 5 & -25 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R3 \leftarrow R3 + 2R2$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 11 & -17 \end{array} \right]$$

##### 3. Upper Triangular Matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & -17 \end{array} \right]$$

##### 4. Back Substitution:

- $z = -\frac{17}{11}$
- $y = \frac{95}{11}$

- $x = \frac{108}{11}$

**Solution:**

$$x = \frac{108}{11}, \quad y = \frac{95}{11}, \quad z = -\frac{17}{11}$$

## ii. Gauss-Jordan Elimination

### 1. Start with Augmented Matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 44 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 35 \end{array} \right]$$

### 2. Row Operations:

- $R2 \leftarrow R2 - 2R1$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 35 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R3 \leftarrow R3 - 3R1$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & -25 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R3 \leftarrow R3 + 2R2$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & -17 \end{array} \right]$$

### 3. Normalize $R3$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 20 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{17}{11} \end{array} \right]$$

### 4. Eliminate $z$ from $R1$ and $R2$ :

- $R1 \leftarrow R1 + R3$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{203}{11} \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{17}{11} \end{array} \right]$$

- $R2 \leftarrow R2 - 3R3$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{203}{11} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{95}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{17}{11} \end{array} \right]$$

### 5. Eliminate $y$ from $R1$ :

- $R1 \leftarrow R1 - R2$ :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{108}{11} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{95}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{17}{11} \end{array} \right]$$

### 6. Solution:

$$x = \frac{108}{11}, \quad y = \frac{95}{11}, \quad z = -\frac{17}{11}$$

## iii. LU Decomposition

### 1. Decompose Matrix $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$



2. **Solve**  $Ly = b$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 44 \\ 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $y_1 = 20$
- $y_2 = 44 - 2 \cdot 20 = 4$
- $y_3 = 35 - 3 \cdot 20 + 2 \cdot 4 = -17$

3. **Solve**  $Ux = y$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ 4 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $z = -\frac{17}{11}$
- $y = \frac{95}{11}$
- $x = \frac{108}{11}$

**Solution:**

$$x = \frac{108}{11}, \quad y = \frac{95}{11}, \quad z = -\frac{17}{11}$$

**b) Bottleneck Analysis**

**i. Bottleneck Core:** Core X

**ii. Reason:** Core  $X$  has the highest resource utilization ( $x \approx 9.82$ ).

**iii. Resolution:** Redistribute workloads or enhance Core  $X$ 's capacity.

## ASSIGNMENT

In a 100 meters race, the speed  $v(t)$  of the runners at time  $t$  is approximated by  $v(t) = a_1t^2 + a_2t + a_3$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 100$  where  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  are constants. It has been found that the speed at times  $t = 3$ ,  $t = 6$  and  $t = 9$  seconds are 64, 133 and 208 miles per second respectively, Find the speed at time  $t = 15$  seconds using

- Gaussian Elimination Method
- Gauss-Jordan Elimination Method
- LU Decomposition
- Write a C++ function for any of the 3 methods

## SOLUTION

At  $t = 3$ ,

$$\text{equation } \textcircled{1} : 9a_1 + 3a_2 + a_3 = 64$$

At  $t = 6$ ,

$$\text{equation } \textcircled{2} : 36a_1 + 6a_2 + a_3 = 133$$

At  $t = 9$ ,

$$\text{equation } \textcircled{3} : 81a_1 + 9a_2 + a_3 = 208$$

Augmented Matrix:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 3 & 1 & 64 \\ 36 & 6 & 1 & 133 \\ 81 & 9 & 1 & 208 \end{array} \right]$$

### a) Gaussian Elimination Method

- $R_2 : R_2 - 4R_1$

**Augmented Matrix:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 3 & 1 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -123 \\ 81 & 9 & 1 & 208 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R_3 : R_3 - 9R_1$

**Augmented Matrix:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 3 & 1 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -123 \\ 0 & -18 & -8 & -368 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R_3 : R_3 - 3R_2$

**Augmented Matrix:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 3 & 1 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -123 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- Back Substitution**

- $a_3 = 1$
- $-6a_2 - 3(1) = -123 \implies a_2 = 20$
- $9a_1 + 3(20) + 1 = 64 \implies a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, a_2 = 20, a_3 = 1$$

### b) Gauss-Jordan Elimination Method

- Upper Triangular Matrix from Gaussian Elimination:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & 3 & 1 & 64 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 & -123 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- **Normalize Leading Entries:**

$$- R1 : \frac{1}{9}R1, R2 : -\frac{1}{6}R2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{9} & \frac{64}{9} \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 20.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- **Eliminate Above Entries:**

- $R1 : R1 - \frac{1}{3}R2$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{18} & \frac{5}{18} \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 20.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

- $R1 : R1 + \frac{1}{18}R3, R2 : R2 - 0.5R3$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, a_2 = 20, a_3 = 1$$

### c) LU Decomposition

- **Matrix Decomposition:**

- $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- $U = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- **Forward Substitution** ( $Ly = b$ ):

- $y_1 = 64$
- $y_2 = 133 - 4(64) = -123$
- $y_3 = 208 - 9(64) - 3(-123) = 1$

- **Backward Substitution** ( $Ux = y$ ):

- $a_3 = 1$
- $a_2 = \frac{-123+3(1)}{-6} = 20$
- $a_1 = \frac{64-3(20)-1}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{1}{3}, a_2 = 20, a_3 = 1$$

### d) C++ Code for Gaussian Elimination

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

using namespace std;

vector<double> gaussianElimination(vector<vector<double>> A, vector<double> b) {
    int n = A.size();
    vector<vector<double>> augmented(n, vector<double>(n + 1));

    // Form augmented matrix
    for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < n; ++j) {
```

```

        augmented[i][j] = A[i][j];
    }
    augmented[i][n] = b[i];
}

// Forward elimination
for (int col = 0; col < n; ++col) {
    for (int row = col + 1; row < n; ++row) {
        double factor = augmented[row][col] / augmented[col][col];
        for (int j = col; j <= n; ++j) {
            augmented[row][j] -= factor * augmented[col][j];
        }
    }
}

// Back substitution
vector<double> x(n);
for (int i = n - 1; i >= 0; --i) {
    x[i] = augmented[i][n];
    for (int j = i + 1; j < n; ++j) {
        x[i] -= augmented[i][j] * x[j];
    }
    x[i] /= augmented[i][i];
}

return x;
}

int main() {
    vector<vector<double>> A = {{9, 3, 1}, {36, 6, 1}, {81, 9, 1}};
    vector<double> b = {64, 133, 208};

    vector<double> coeffs = gaussianElimination(A, b);

    double a1 = coeffs[0];
    double a2 = coeffs[1];
    double a3 = coeffs[2];

    double t = 15;
    double speed = a1 * t * t + a2 * t + a3;

    cout << "The speed at t=15 is: " << speed << endl;

    return 0;
}

```

The speed at time  $t = 15$  seconds is 376 m/s.