

# Solving Linear Systems

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# What do we have so far?

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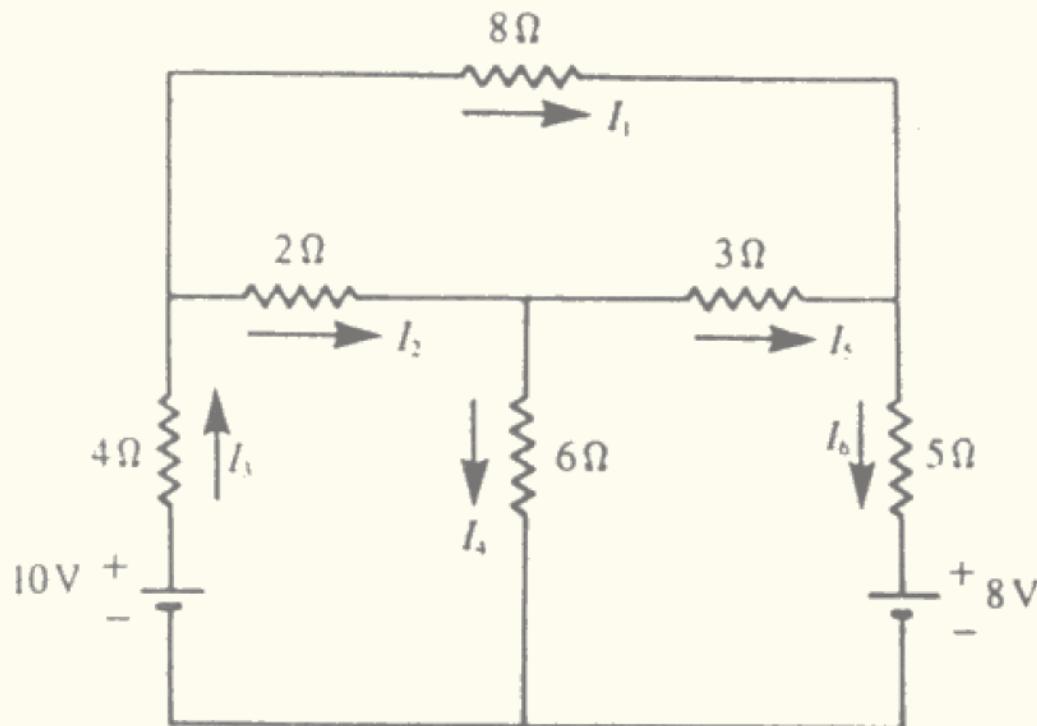
- Homer's method for evaluating a polynomial
- Solving equations 電腦解方程式
  - Bisection
  - Fixed point iteration
  - Newton
  - Secant

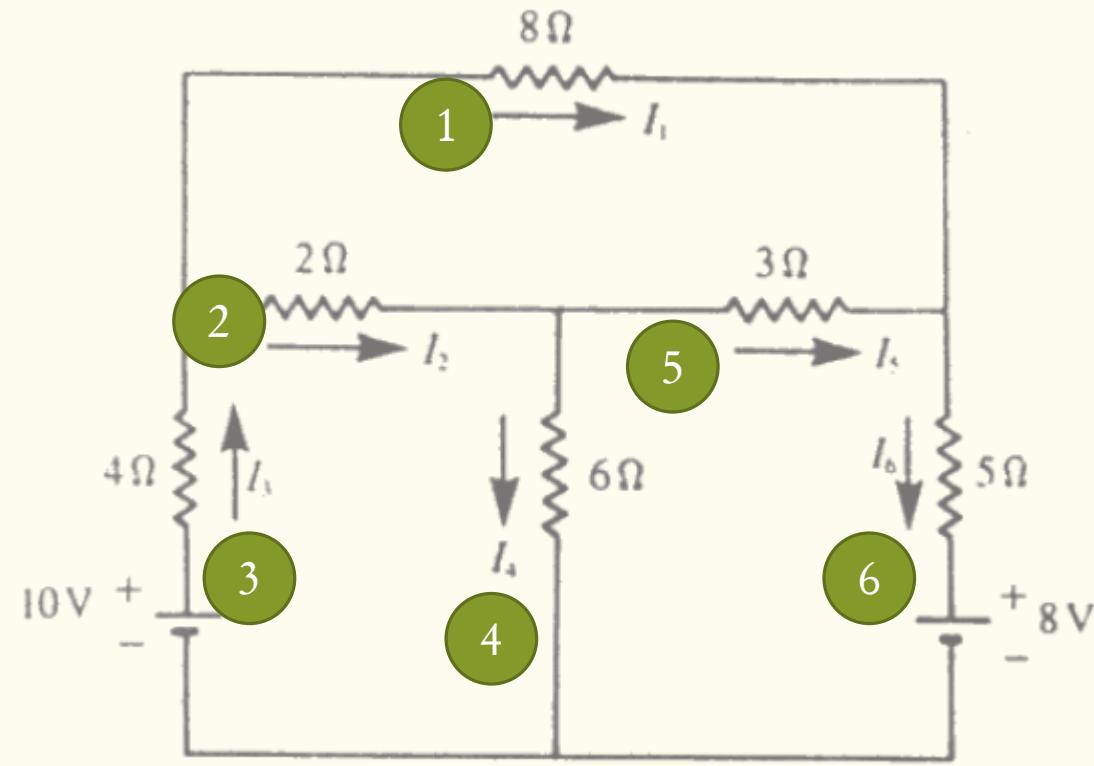
# Today

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- Solving systems of equations
  - Gaussian elimination
  - LU factorization

請問通過每個電阻的電流為？





$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 - x_4 - x_5 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_5 - x_6 = 0$$

$$2x_2 + 4x_3 + 6x_4 - 10 = 0$$

$$-6x_4 + 3x_5 + 5x_6 + 8 = 0$$

$$8x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_5 = 0$$

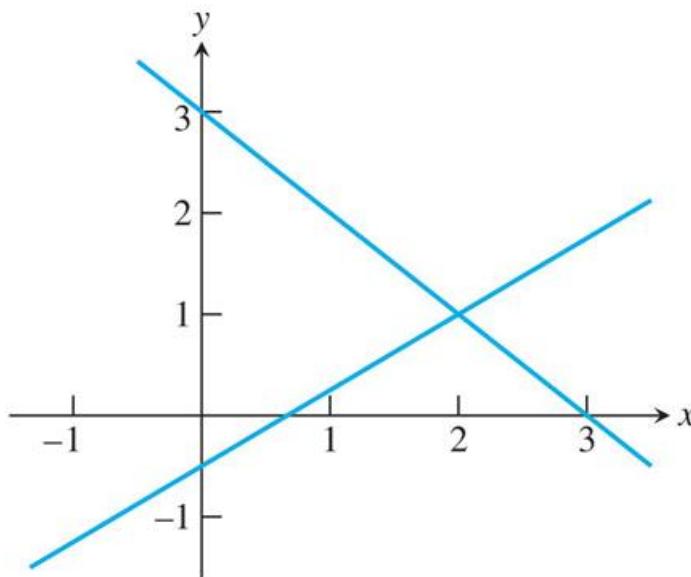
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

- Consider the system

$$x + y = 3$$

$$3x - 4y = 2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Figure 2.1 Geometric solution of a system of equations.** Each equation of (2.1) corresponds to a line in the plane. The intersection point is the solution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Linear system: Problem statement

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We consider linear systems of the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k = b_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

or


$$A\underline{x} = \underline{b}.$$

The matrix element  $a_{ik}$  and the right-hand side elements  $b_i$  are given. We are looking for the unknowns  $x_k$ .

# Back substitution

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$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 3 \\ 3x - 4y = 2 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$-7y = -7 \rightarrow y = 1$$

$$x + 1 = 3 \rightarrow x = 2$$



# Naïve Gaussian elimination

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$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 3 \\ 3x - 4y = 2 \end{array} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right]$$

$(2) - (1) \times 3$

Two useful operations

1. Multiply an equation by a nonzero constant
2. Add or subtract a multiple of one equation from another

# Example

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- Apply Gaussian elimination for solving the system:

$$x + 2y - z = 3$$

$$2x + y - 2z = 3$$

$$-3x + y + z = -6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + 2y - z &= 3 \\
 2x + y - 2z &= 3 \\
 -3x + y + z &= -6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\
 2 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\
 -3 & 1 & 1 & -6
 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(2) - (1)\times 2} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\
 0 & -3 & 0 & -3 \\
 -3 & 1 & 1 & -6
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= 2 \\
 y &= 1 \\
 x &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(3) + (1)\times 3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\
 0 & -3 & 0 & -3 \\
 0 & 7 & -2 & 3
 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{(3) + (2)\times(7/3)} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c}
 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\
 0 & -3 & 0 & -3 \\
 0 & 0 & -2 & -4
 \end{array} \right]$$

# #Operations vs. input size

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- $n$  equation,  $n$  unknowns

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

# Elimination step

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for j = 1 : n-1  
    eliminate column j  
end
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

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for j = 1 : n-1  
    for i = j+1 : n  
        eliminate entry  $a(i, j)$   
    end  
end
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## Eliminate entry $a(i, j)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & | & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & | & b_2 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & | & b_1 \\ 0 & a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} a_{12} & \dots & a_{2n} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} a_{1n} & | & b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} b_1 \end{array}$$

$2n + 1$  operations (1 division,  $n$  multiplications,  $n$  addition/subtractions)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & \\ 2n+1 & 0 & & & & \\ 2n+1 & 2(n-1)+1 & 0 & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ 2n+1 & 2(n-1)+1 & 2(n-2)+1 & \dots & 2(3)+1 & 0 \\ 2n+1 & 2(n-1)+1 & 2(n-2)+1 & \dots & 2(3)+1 & 2(2)+1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for j = 1 : n-1  
 eliminate column j  
 end

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

for j = 1 : n-1  
 for i = j+1 : n  
 eliminate entry  $a(i, j)$   
 end  
 end

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=j+1}^n 2(n+1-j)+1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{7}{6}n \end{aligned}$$

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

$$a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

⋮

$$a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

Substitution step

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$$x_1 = \frac{b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - \cdots - a_{1n}x_n}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{b_2 - a_{23}x_3 - \cdots - a_{2n}x_n}{a_{22}}$$

⋮

$$x_n = \frac{b_n}{a_{nn}}.$$

$$1 + 3 + \cdots + (2n - 1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1)$$

$$= n^2$$

# Operation count of Gaussian elimination

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$$O(n^3) + O(n^2) = O(n^3)$$

The computational cost is dominated by the elimination step!

# Today

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- Solving systems of equations
  - Gaussian elimination
  - LU factorization

Upper triangular matrix

# LU Factorization

Lower triangular matrix

- A matrix representation of Gaussian elimination
- Example

$$x + y = 3$$

$$3x - 4y = 2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{(2) - (1) \times 3} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$(2) - (1) \times 3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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Upper triangular matrix

$$x + y = 3$$

# LU Factorization

Lower triangular matrix

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$$3x - 4y = 2$$

$$LU = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = A.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad (2) - (1) \times 2$$

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

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad (3) - (1) \times -3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad (3) - (2) \times -(7/3)$$

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

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -\frac{7}{3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L \quad U$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -\frac{7}{3} & 1 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] = A.$$

- Next, how do we get the solution  $\underline{x}$ ?
- $A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \rightarrow LU\underline{x} = \underline{b}$
- Define  $\underline{c} = U\underline{x}$ 
  - Solve  $L\underline{c} = \underline{b}$  for  $\underline{c}$  (forward substitution)
  - Solve  $U\underline{x} = \underline{c}$  for  $\underline{x}$  (backward substitution)

What is the benefit using the LU factorization ?

# LU factorization: complexity

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- Lessons from Gaussian elimination analysis
  - Elimination: more expensive  $O(n^3)$
  - Substitution: less expensive  $O(n^2)$
- Need to solve a number of different problems with the **same A** and **different  $\underline{b}$**

$$A\underline{x}_1 = \underline{b}_1$$

$$A\underline{x}_2 = \underline{b}_2$$

⋮

$$A\underline{x}_k = \underline{b}_k$$

# Complexity comparison

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- Naïve Gaussian elimination

$$(2/3)n^3 \times k$$

- LU approach

$$(2/3)n^3 + 2kn^2$$

# Does a matrix always have an LU factorization



- No
- Consider the following example

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & c \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b & c \\ ab & ac + d \end{bmatrix}$$

$b = 0, ab = 1$ , a contradiction!

# 程式練習

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- Please use Gaussian elimination to solve

$$2x + y = 1$$

$$y + 2z = 1$$

$$2x + 4y + 5z + w = 2$$

$$8x + 5y + 3w = 0$$

- **and** do LU factorization of the above matrix