

Matlab Exercise:

Implementing a solver for solving systems of linear equations

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The purpose of this exercise is to create a solver for systems of linear equations with variable size.

The solver uses the Gauss-Jordan method to transform the original system of equations to a diagonal one from which the solution can be easily found. The pseudocode of the Gauss-Jordan implementation is given below:

Data: \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{A}

Result: \mathbf{x} , flag

IF: size \mathbf{A} and size \mathbf{b} are NOT correct \rightarrow set $flag = -1$, $\mathbf{x} = nan$;

ELSE: $\rightarrow \mathbf{Aa} =$ concatenation of \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b} .

FOR: each column of $\mathbf{Aa} \rightarrow c$

\rightarrow search the maximum absolute value entry and store the row of $\mathbf{Aa} \rightarrow row_p$; the row position in a vector $\rightarrow \mathbf{v}_p$ and the pivot $\rightarrow pivot = row_p(c)$

IF: $pivot \approx 0 \rightarrow flag = 1$ if system is undetermined or $flag = 2$ if it is inconsistent

ELSE: (the system of equations is consistent)

FOR: every row $\rightarrow row_k$ different to the row of the pivot row_p

$\rightarrow row_k = row_k - (row_p) (Aa(k,c))/row_p(c)$;

FOR: every row position $\rightarrow i$

$x(i) = \mathbf{Aa}(\mathbf{v}_p(i), end) / \mathbf{Aa}(\mathbf{v}_p(i), i)$

Algorithm 1: Gauss Jordan solver pseudo code

TO DO:

- Implement the above pseudocode in a matlab function.
- Solve the next linear system and compare the output with the results obtained in class

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Do the same with the next system and justify the results

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Load the attached matlab work space `WS.mat`, solve the linear system $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with your solver and deliver the sum of the solution variables $S = \sum_i x_i$