

# NUMERICAL METHODS



$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + V \cdot \nabla v = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla v) + g(v)$$

$$(\lambda + \mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot u) + \mu \nabla^2 u = \alpha (3\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla T - \rho b$$

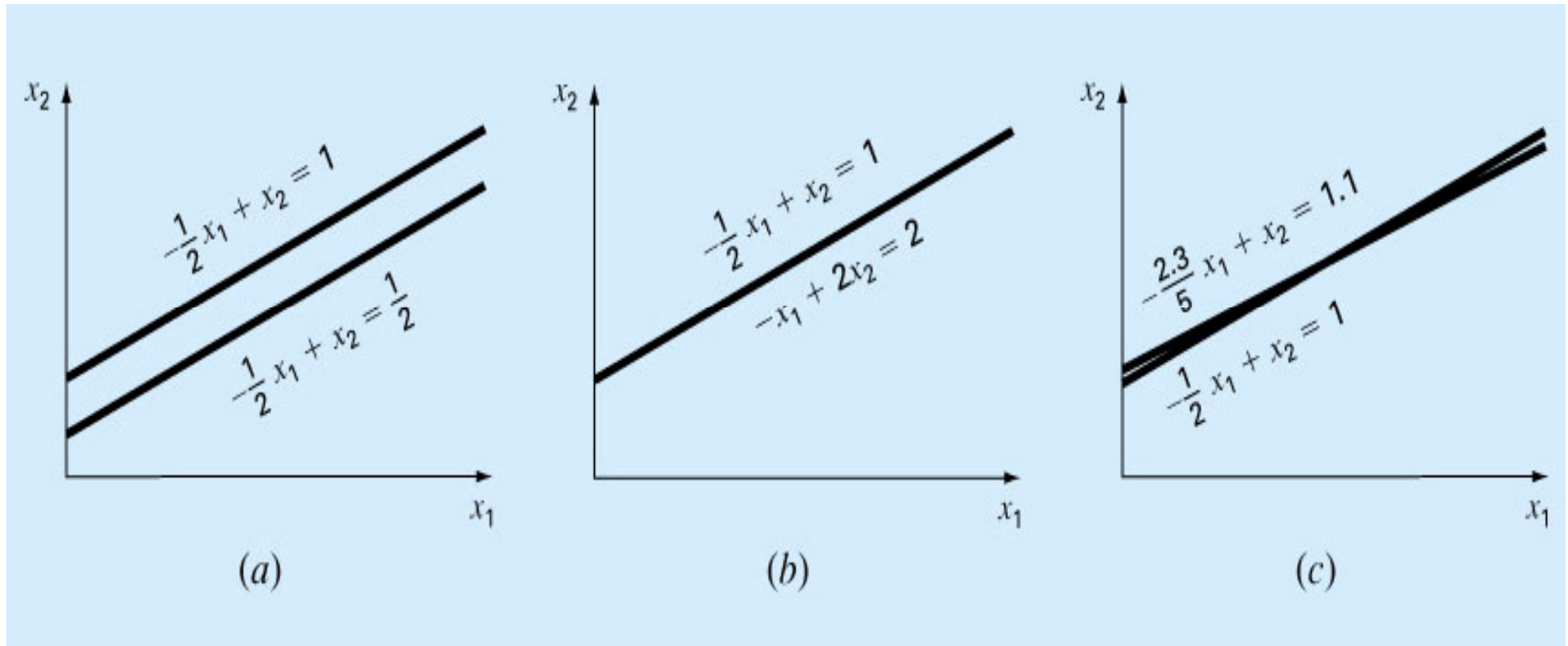
## Lecture 4

$$\rho \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + V \cdot \nabla u \right) =$$

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zx}}{\partial z} + \rho f_x$$

$$\nabla^2 u = f$$

# Graphical Method



**No solution  
condition**

**Infinite solution** **ill**  
(sensitive to round-off errors)

# *Algorithm for Gauss elimination*

## ■ 1. Forward elimination

- for each equation  $j$ ,  $j = 1$  to  $n-1$ 
  - for all equations  $k$  greater than  $j$ 
    - (a) multiply equation  $j$  by  $a_{kj}/a_{jj}$
    - (b) subtract the result from equation  $k$
- This leads to an upper triangular matrix

## ■ 2. Back-Substitution

- (a) determine  $x_n$  from 
$$x_n = b_n^{(n-1)} / a_{nn}^{(n-1)}$$
- (b) put  $x_n$  into  $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$  equation, solve for  $x_{n-1}$
- (c) repeat from (b), moving back to  $n-2$ ,  $n-3$ , etc. until all equations are solved

# *Partial Pivoting*

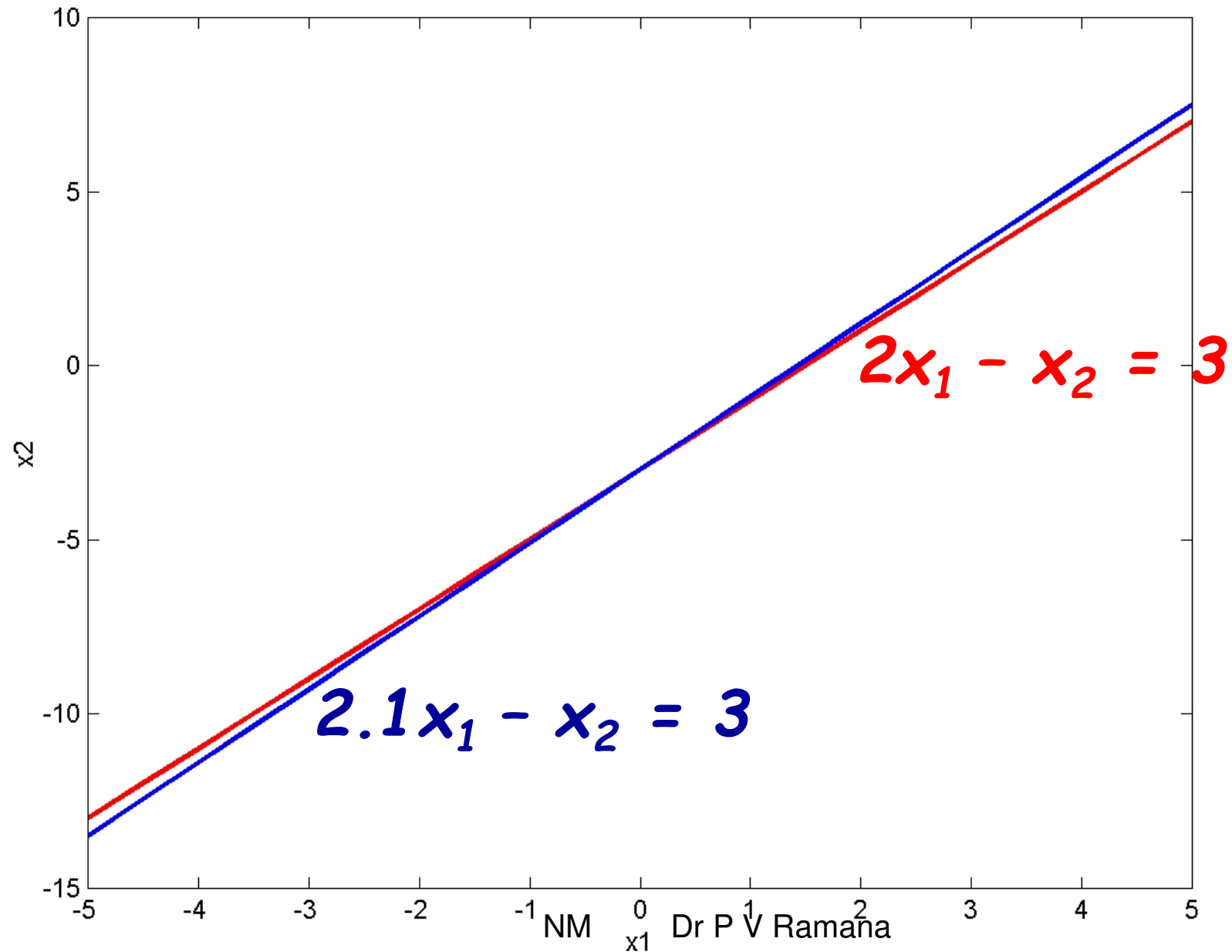
## Problems with Gauss elimination

- division by zero
- round off errors
- ill conditioned systems

## Use “Pivoting” to avoid this

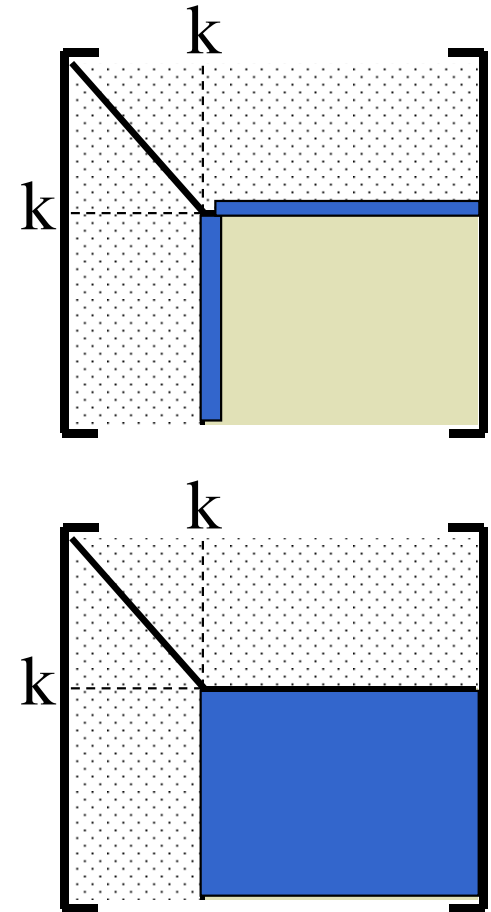
- Find the row with largest absolute coefficient below the pivot element
- Switch rows (“partial pivoting”)
- complete pivoting switch columns also (rarely used)

# *Ill-conditioned System*



# Pivoting strategies

- Partial Pivoting:
  - Only row interchange
- Complete (Full) Pivoting
  - Row and Column interchange
- Threshold Pivoting
  - Only if prospective pivot is found to be smaller than a certain threshold





# Pitfalls

-Division by zero: May occur in the forward elimination steps. Consider the set of equations:

## Two Potential Pitfalls

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

- Round-off error: Prone to round-off errors.

# Pitfalls: Example

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

Consider the system of equations: Use five significant figures with chopping

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

At the end of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 15005 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 15004 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Pitfalls: Example

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

Back Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 15005 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 15004 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{15004}{15005} = 0.99993$$

$$x_2 = \frac{6.001 - 6x_3}{-0.001} = -1.5$$

$$x_1 = \frac{7 + 7x_2 - 0x_3}{10} = -0.3500$$

# Pitfalls: Example

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

Compare the calculated values with the exact solution

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

$$[X]_{calculated} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.35 \\ -1.5 \\ 0.99993 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Improvements

Increase the number of significant digits

Decreases round off error

Does not avoid division by zero

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

Avoids division by zero

Reduces round off error

# Partial Pivoting

Gaussian Elimination with partial pivoting applies row switching to normal Gaussian Elimination.

How?

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  $k$ .

# Partial Pivoting

## What does it Mean?

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting ensures that each step of Forward Elimination is performed with the pivoting element  $|a_{kk}|$  having the largest absolute value.

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

# Partial Pivoting: Example

Consider the system of equations

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

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

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

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, 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

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

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

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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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

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

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

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

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

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

# Partial Pivoting: Example

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

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

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

Compare the calculated and exact solution

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

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

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

# Example 2

Solve using Naive Gaussian Elimination :

Part 1 : Forward Elimination \_\_\_\_ Step1 : Eliminate  $x_1$  from equations 2, 3

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8$$

*eq1 unchanged (pivot equation)*

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 10$$

$$eq2 \leftarrow eq2 - \left(\frac{2}{1}\right)eq1$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 7$$

$$eq3 \leftarrow eq3 - \left(\frac{3}{1}\right)eq1$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8$$

$$x_2 + 4x_3 = 6$$

$$-5x_2 - 7x_3 = -17$$

# Example 2

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8$$

$$x_2 + 4x_3 = 6$$

$$-5x_2 - 7x_3 = -17$$

Part 1 : Forward Elimination      Step2 : Eliminate  $x_2$  from equation 3

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8$$

*eq 1 unchanged*

$$-x_2 - 4x_3 = -6$$

*eq 2 unchanged (pivot equation)*

$$-5x_2 - 7x_3 = -17$$

$$eq\ 3 \leftarrow eq\ 3 - \left( \frac{-5}{-1} \right) eq\ 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 \\ x_2 + 4x_3 = 6 \\ x_3 = \frac{13}{13} \end{array} \right.$$

# Example 2

## Backward Substitution

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 \\ x_2 + 4x_3 = 6 \\ x_3 = \frac{13}{13} \end{cases}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{b_3}{a_{3,3}} = \frac{13}{13} = 1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{b_2 - a_{2,3}x_3}{a_{2,2}} = \frac{6 - 4x_3}{1} = 2$$

$$x_1 = \frac{b_1 - a_{1,2}x_2 - a_{1,3}x_3}{a_{1,1}} = \frac{8 - 2x_2 - 3x_3}{a_{1,1}} = 1$$

The solution is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Determinant

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 8 \\x_2 + 4x_3 &= 6 \\-5x_2 - 7x_3 &= -17\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases}x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 \\x_2 + 4x_3 = 6 \\13x_3 = 13\end{cases}$$

The elementary operations do not affect the determinant

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Elementary operations}} A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(A') = -13$$

# How Many Solutions Does a System of Equations $AX=B$ Have?

<p>Unique</p> <p><math>\det(A) \neq 0</math></p> <p>reduced matrix</p> <p>has no zero rows</p>	<p>No solution</p> <p><math>\det(A) = 0</math></p> <p>reduced matrix</p> <p>has one or more zero rows</p> <p>corresponding B elements <math>\neq 0</math></p>	<p>Infinite</p> <p><math>\det(A) = 0</math></p> <p>reduced matrix</p> <p>has one or more zero rows</p> <p>corresponding B elements <math>= 0</math></p>
<p>Unique</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$	<p>No solution</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$	<p>infinite # of solutions</p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

# Examples

Unique

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓

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

*solution :*

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

No solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓

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

*No solution*

*0 = -1 impossible!*

infinte # of solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Infinite # solutions*

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 1 - .5\alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

# Pseudo-Code: Forward Elimination

Do k = 1 to n-1

Do i = k+1 to n

factor =  $a_{i,k} / a_{k,k}$

Do j = k+1 to n

$a_{i,j} = a_{i,j} - \text{factor} * a_{k,j}$

End Do

$b_i = b_i - \text{factor} * b_k$

End Do

End Do

# Pseudo-Code: Back Substitution

$$x_n = b_n / a_{n,n}$$

Do  $i = n-1$  downto 1

$$\text{sum} = b_i$$

Do  $j = i+1$  to  $n$

$$\text{sum} = \text{sum} - a_{i,j} * x_j$$

End Do

$$x_i = \text{sum} / a_{i,i}$$

End Do

# Problems with Gaussian Elimination

- The Gaussian Elimination may fail for very simple cases.  
(The pivoting element is zero).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

- Very small pivoting element may result in serious computation errors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^{-3} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0010 \\ 0.999 \end{bmatrix}$$

# How Do Know If a Solution is Good or Not

Given  $AX=B$

$X$  is a solution if  $AX-B=0$

Compute the residual vector  $R= AX-B$

Due to rounding error,  $R$  may not be zero

The solution is acceptable if  $\max_i |r_i| \leq \varepsilon$



# How Good is the Solution?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{solution} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.8673 \\ -0.3469 \\ 0.3980 \\ 1.7245 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Exact}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.917 \\ -0.349 \\ 0.393 \\ 1.726 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{solution} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.8673 \\ -0.3469 \\ 0.3980 \\ 1.7245 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Residues } R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.005 \\ 0.002 \\ 0.003 \\ 0.001 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Gauss Elimination Method **Example 1**

Solve the following system using Gauss Elimination.

$$\begin{array}{rrcrcr} 6x_1 & - & 2x_2 & + & 2x_3 & + & 4x_4 & = & 16 \\ 12x_1 & - & 8x_2 & + & 6x_3 & + & 10x_4 & = & 26 \\ 3x_1 & - & 13x_2 & + & 9x_3 & + & 3x_4 & = & -19 \\ -6x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & x_3 & - & 18x_4 & = & -34 \end{array}$$

Step 0: Form the augmented matrix

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 16 \\ 12 & -8 & 6 & 10 & 26 & R2-2R1 \\ 3 & -13 & 9 & 3 & -19 & R3-0.5R1 \\ -6 & 4 & 1 & -18 & -34 & R4-(-R1) \end{array}$$

# Gauss Elimination Method

## Example 1 (cont'd)

### Step 1: Forward elimination

1. Eliminate  $x_1$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c}
 \boxed{6} & -2 & 2 & 4 & 16 & \text{(Does not change. Pivot is 6)} \\
 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 & -6 & \\
 0 & -12 & 8 & 1 & -27 & R3-6R2 \\
 0 & 2 & 3 & -14 & -18 & R4-(-0.5R2)
 \end{array}$$

2. Eliminate  $x_2$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c}
 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 16 & \text{(Does not change.)} \\
 0 & \boxed{-4} & 2 & 2 & -6 & \text{(Does not change. Pivot is -4)} \\
 0 & 0 & 2 & -5 & -9 & \\
 0 & 0 & 4 & -13 & -21 & R4-2R3
 \end{array}$$

3. Eliminate  $x_3$

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c}
 6 & -2 & 2 & 4 & 16 & \text{(Does not change.)} \\
 0 & -4 & 2 & 2 & -6 & \text{(Does not change.)} \\
 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & -5 & -9 & \text{(Does not change. Pivot is 2)} \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 &
 \end{array}$$

# Naive Gauss Elimination Method

## Example 1 (cont'd)

**Step 2:** Back substitution

Find  $x_4$              $x_4 = (-3) / (-3) = 1$

Find  $x_3$              $x_3 = (-9 + 5 * 1) / 2 = -2$

Find  $x_2$              $x_2 = (-6 - 2 * (-2) - 2 * 1) / (-4) = 1$

Find  $x_1$              $x_1 = (16 + 2 * 1 - 2 * (-2) - 4 * 1) / 6 = 3$

# Gauss Elimination Method **Example 2**

(Using 6 Significant Figures)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3.0 \, x_1 - 0.1 \, x_2 - 0.2 \, x_3 & = & 7.85 \\ 0.1 \, x_1 + 7.0 \, x_2 - 0.3 \, x_3 & = & -19.3 \\ 0.3 \, x_1 - 0.2 \, x_2 + 10.0 \, x_3 & = & 71.4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \\ R2 - (0.1/3)R1 \\ R3 - (0.3/3)R1 \end{array}$$

## Step 1: Forward elimination

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3.00000 \, x_1 - 0.100000 \, x_2 - 0.200000 \, x_3 & = & 7.85000 \\ & 7.00333 \, x_2 - 0.293333 \, x_3 & = -19.5617 \\ & -0.190000 \, x_2 + 10.0200 \, x_3 & = 70.6150 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3.00000 \, x_1 - 0.100000 \, x_2 - 0.20000 \, x_3 & = & 7.85000 \\ & 7.00333 \, x_2 - 0.293333 \, x_3 & = -19.5617 \\ & 10.0120 \, x_3 & = 70.0843 \end{array}$$

# Gauss Elimination Method Example 2 (cont'd)

## Step 2: Back substitution

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = 7.00003$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = -2.50000$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = 3.00000$$

## Exact solution:

$$\mathbf{x}_3 = 7.0$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = -2.5$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = 3.0$$

## Residue of solution:


$$\mathbf{x}_3 = 0.00003$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = 1\text{e-}7$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = 1\text{e-}7$$

# Pitfalls of Gauss Elimination Methods

## 1. Division by zero


$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 & = & 8 \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 & = & -3 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 & = & 5 \end{array}$$

$a_{11} = 0$   
(the pivot element)

It is possible that during both elimination and back-substitution phases a division by zero can occur.

## 2. Round-off errors

In the previous example where up to 6 digits were kept during the calculations and still end up with close to the real solution.

$x_3 = 7.00003$ , instead of  $x_3 = 7.0$



# Pitfalls of Gauss Elimination (cont'd)

## 3. Ill-conditioned systems

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 10$$

$$1.1x_1 + 2x_2 = 10.4$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = 4.0 \text{ \& } x_2 = 3.0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 10$$

$$1.05x_1 + 2x_2 = 10.4$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = 8.0 \text{ \& } x_2 = 1.0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 400 & -201 \\ -800 & 401 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ -200 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = -100 \text{ and } x_2 = -200$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 401 & -201 \\ -800 & 401 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 200 \\ -200 \end{bmatrix} \quad x_1 = 40000 \text{ and } x_2 = 79800$$

Ill conditioned systems are those where small changes in coefficients result in large change in solution. Alternatively, it happens when two or more equations are nearly identical, resulting a wide ranges of answers to approximately satisfy the equations. Since round off errors can induce small changes in the coefficients, these changes can lead to large solution errors.

# Pitfalls of Gauss Elimination (cont'd)

## 4. Singular systems.

- When two equations are identical, would lose one degree of freedom and be dealing with case of  $n-1$  equations for  $n$  unknowns.

### To check for singularity:

- After getting the forward elimination process and getting the triangle system, then the determinant for such a system is the product of all the diagonal elements. If a zero diagonal element is created, the determinant is Zero then have a singular system.
- The determinant of a singular system is zero.

# Techniques for Improving Solutions

1. **Use of more significant figures** to solve for the **round-off error**.
2. **Pivoting**. If a pivot element is zero, elimination step leads to division by zero. The same problem may arise, when the pivot element is close to zero. This Problem can be avoided by:
  - **Partial pivoting**. Switching the rows so that the largest element is the pivot element.
  - **Complete pivoting**. Searching for the largest element in all rows and columns then switching.
3. **Scaling**
  - Solve problem of ill-conditioned system.
  - Minimize round-off error

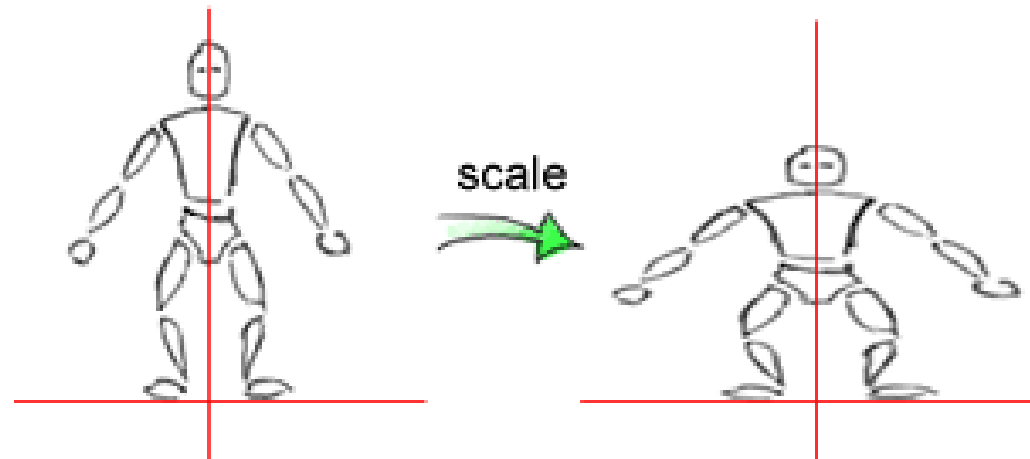
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1000 & 1000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.0005 \\ -0.5 & 0.0005 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Partial Pivoting

Before each row is normalized, find the largest available coefficient in the column below the pivot element. The rows can then be switched so that the largest element is the pivot element so that the largest coefficient is used as a pivot.



## Use of more significant figures to solve for the round-off error : Example

Use Gauss Elimination to solve these 2 equations: (keeping only 4 sig. figures)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0.0003 \mathbf{x}_1 + 3.0000 \mathbf{x}_2 & = & 2.0001 \\ 1.0000 \mathbf{x}_1 + 1.0000 \mathbf{x}_2 & = & 1.000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0.0003 \mathbf{x}_1 + 3.0000 \mathbf{x}_2 & = & 2.0001 \\ - 9999.0 \mathbf{x}_2 & = & -6666.0 \end{array}$$

**Solve:  $\mathbf{x}_2 = 0.6667$  &  $\mathbf{x}_1 = 0.0$**

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**Solve:  $\mathbf{x}_2 = 0.6667$  &  $\mathbf{x}_1 = 0.3333$**

The exact solution is  $\mathbf{x}_2 = 2/3$  &  $\mathbf{x}_1 = 1/3$

# Use of more significant figures to solve for the round-off error :Example (cont'd).

$$\begin{aligned} 0.0003 \ x_1 + 3.0000 \ x_2 &= 2.0001 \\ 1.0000 \ x_1 + 1.0000 \ x_2 &= 1.000 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{2.0001 - 3(2/3)}{0.0003}$$

Significant Figures	$x_2$	$x_1$
3	0.667	-3.33
4	0.6667	0.000
5	0.66667	0.3000
6	0.666667	0.33000
7	0.6666667	0.333000

# Pivoting: Example

Now, solving the pervious example using the partial pivoting technique:

$$1.0000 \ x_1 + 1.0000 \ x_2 = 1.000$$

$$0.0003 \ x_1 + 3.0000 \ x_2 = 2.0001$$

The pivot is 1.0

$$1.0000 \ x_1 + 1.0000 \ x_2 = 1.000$$

$$2.9997 \ x_2 = 1.9998$$

$$x_2 = 0.6667 \ \& \ x_1 = 0.3333$$

Checking the effect of the # of significant digits:

# of dig	$x_2$	$x_1$	Ea% in $x_1$
4	0.6667	0.3333	0.01
5	0.66667	0.33333	0.001



# Scaling: Example

- Solve the following equations using (naïve) gauss elimination:

(keeping only 3 sig. figures)

$$2 x_1 + 100,000 x_2 = 100,000$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2.0$$

Forward elimination (naïve):

$$2 x_1 + 100.000 x_2 = 100.000$$

$$-500000 x_2 = -500000$$

Solve  $x_2 = 1$  &  $x_1 = 0$

- Forward elimination (gauss elimination):

$$2 x_1 + 100.000 x_2 = 100.000$$

$$- 99998 x_2 = -99996$$

$$\text{Solve } x_2 = 0.9998 \quad \& \quad x_1 = 1.0002$$

- The exact solution is  $x_1 = 1.00002$  &  $x_2 = 0.99998$



## Scaling: Example (cont'd)

B) Using the scaling algorithm to solve:

$$2x_1 + 100,000x_2 = 100,000$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2.0$$

**Scaling the first equation by dividing by 100,000:**

$$0.00002x_1 + x_2 = 1.0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2.0$$

**Rows are pivoted:**

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2.0$$

$$0.00002x_1 + x_2 = 1.0$$

**Forward elimination yield:**

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2.0$$

$$x_2 = 1.00$$

$$\text{Solve: } x_2 = 1.00 \text{ \& } x_1 = 1.00$$

**The exact solution is  $x_1 = 1.00002$  \&  $x_2 = 0.99998$**

## Scaling: Example (cont'd)

C) The scaled coefficient indicate that pivoting is necessary.

Even use pivot but retain the original coefficient to give:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 &= 2.0 \\2x_1 + 100,000x_2 &= 100,000\end{aligned}$$

Forward elimination yields:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_2 &= 2.0 \\100,000x_2 &= 100,000\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solve: } x_2 = 1.00 \text{ \& } x_1 = 1.00$$

Thus, scaling was useful in determining whether pivoting was necessary, but the equation themselves did not require scaling to arrive at a correct result.

# Determinate Evaluation

The determinate can be simply evaluated at the end of the forward elimination step, when the program employs partial pivoting:

$$D = a_{11}a'_{22}a''_{33} \dots L_{nn} a_{nn}^{(n-1)} (-1)^p$$

where:

$p$  represents the number of times that rows are pivoted

# Example: Gauss Elimination

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} \textcircled{\phantom{x}} & +2x_2 & & +x_4 & = 0 \\ 2x_1 & +2x_2 & +3x_3 & +2x_4 & = -2 \\ 4x_1 & -3x_2 & \textcircled{\phantom{x}} & +x_4 & = -7 \\ 6x_1 & +x_2 & -6x_3 & -5x_4 & = 6 \end{array}$$

## a) Forward Elimination

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 1 & -7 \\ 6 & 1 & -6 & -5 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R1 \leftrightarrow R4} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & 1 & -6 & -5 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

## Example: Gauss Elimination (cont'd)

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & 1 & -6 & -5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1.6667 & 5 & 3.6667 & -4 \\ 0 & -3.6667 & 4 & 4.3333 & -11 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad R2 \longleftrightarrow R3$$

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# Naïve Gauss Elimination (cont'd)

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