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31.  $ax_1 + x_2 = 1$

a)  $x_1 + x_2 = 2$

$$(x_1 + x_2) - (ax_1 + x_2) = 2 - 1$$

$$x_1 - ax_1 = 1$$

$$x_1(1 - a) = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1 - a}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - a} + x_2 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{1}{1 - a}$$

b)  $ax_1 + x_2 = 1$   
 $x_1 + x_2 = 2 \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$a = 10^{-n}$$

$$n = 4, 8, 12, 16$$

$$a_1 = 0.0001 = 10^{-4}$$

$$a_2 = 0.00000001 = 10^{-8}$$

$$a_3 = 0.00000000000001 = 10^{-12}$$

$$a_4 = 0.0000000000000001 = 10^{-16}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1 - 10^{-4}} = 1.00010001$$

$$\text{error}_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{1}{1 - 10^{-4}} = 0.99989998$$

$$\text{error}_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^{-4} & 1 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 1.00010001 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 0.99989998 \end{bmatrix}$$

Little to no error for  $a_1$



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$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1-10^{-8}} = 1.00000001 \quad \text{error}_1 = 0.00000001$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{1}{1-10^{-8}} = 0.99999999 \quad \text{error}_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^{-8} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1.00000000 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.99999999 \end{bmatrix}$$

More error than  $a_1$ , but it is still very small

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1-10^{-12}} = 1.00000000000001$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{1}{1-10^{-12}} = 0.99999999999999$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^{-12} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.999977878279 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.99999999999999 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{error}_1 = |1 - 0.999977878279| = 0.000022121721$$

$$\text{error}_2 = 0$$

Error is rapidly increasing (~2000x more error than  $a_2$ )

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{1-10^{-16}} = 1$$

$$x_2 = 2 - \frac{1}{1-10^{-16}} = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10^{-16} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2.220446049250313 \\ 0 & 1 & 1.0000000000000000 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{error}_1 = |1 - 2.220446049250313| = 1.22044604925$$

$$\text{error}_2 = 0$$

Error has completely blown up (~55000x more error than  $a_3$ )



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c)  $x = A \setminus b; a_1 = 10^{-4}$

$$x_1 = 1.00010001$$

$$x_2 = 0.99989998$$

Same answers as gauss.m (just as good)

$$a_2 = 10^{-8}$$

$$x_1 = 1.00000001$$

$$x_2 = 0.99999999$$

Slightly more accurate answers than gauss.m (backslash is slightly better)

$$a_3 = 10^{-12}$$

$$x_1 = 1.00000000000001$$

$$x_2 = 0.99999999999999$$

Notably more accurate answers than gauss.m (backslash is definitely better here)

$$a_4 = 10^{-16}$$

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

Way more accurate answers than gauss.m (backslash is also definitely better here)



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31. Reverse equation order:

d)

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 + X_2 &= 2 \\ aX_1 + X_2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ a & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$a_1 = 10^{-4}$$

$$X_1 = 1.00010001$$

$$X_2 = 0.99989998$$

(good)

$$a_2 = 10^{-8}$$

$$X_1 = 1.00000001$$

$$X_2 = 0.99999999$$

(good)

$$a_3 = 10^{-12}$$

$$X_1 = 1.000000000001$$

$$X_2 = 0.999999999999$$

(good)

$$a_4 = 10^{-16}$$

$$X_1 = 1$$

$$X_2 = 1$$

(good)