

~ Linear Algebraic Equations ~

# Gauss Elimination

**Chapter 9**

# Solving Systems of Equations

- A linear equation in  $n$  variables:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$$

- For small ( $n \leq 3$ ), linear algebra provides several tools to solve such systems of linear equations:
  - Graphical method
  - Cramer's rule
  - Method of elimination
- Nowadays, easy access to computers makes the solution of **very large** sets of linear algebraic equations possible

# Determinants and Cramer's Rule

$$[A]\{x\} = \{b\}$$

$[A]$  : *coefficient matrix*

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ b_2 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ b_3 & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & b_1 & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & b_2 & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & b_3 & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & b_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & b_3 \end{vmatrix}}{D}$$

D : Determinant of A matrix

## Computing the Determinant

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[A]\{x\} = \{B\}$$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23}$$

$$D_{12} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} = a_{21} a_{33} - a_{31} a_{23}$$

$$D_{13} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} = a_{21} a_{32} - a_{31} a_{22}$$

$$\text{Determinant of } A = D = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

# Gauss Elimination

- Solve  $Ax = b$
- Consists of two phases:
  - **Forward elimination**
  - **Back substitution**
- *Forward Elimination* reduces  $Ax = b$  to an upper triangular system  $Tx = b'$
- *Back substitution* can then solve  $Tx = b'$  for  $x$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & b_3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \Downarrow \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & b'_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & b''_3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \Downarrow \\
 \begin{array}{l} x_3 = \frac{b''_3}{a''_{33}} \quad x_2 = \frac{b'_2 - a'_{23}x_3}{a'_{22}} \\ x_1 = \frac{b_1 - a_{13}x_3 - a_{12}x_2}{a_{11}} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Forward Elimination

Back Substitution

# Forward Elimination

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 6 \\ -(3/1) \quad 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 9 \\ -(2/1) \quad 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 7 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 6 \\ 0 + 7x_2 - x_3 = -9 \\ -(3/7) \quad 0 + 3x_2 - x_3 = -5 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 6 \\ 0 \quad 7x_2 - x_3 = -9 \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad -(4/7)x_3 = -(8/7) \end{array}$$

\*\*here Solve using BACK SUBSTITUTION:

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 = -1$$

$$x_1 = 3$$

0								
0	0							
0	0	0						
0	0	0	0					
0	0	0	0	0				
0	0	0	0	0	0			
0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

# Back Substitution

$$1x_0 + 1x_1 - 1x_2 + 4x_3 = 8$$

$$-2x_1 - 3x_2 + 1x_3 = 5$$

$$2x_2 - 3x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_3 = 4$$

# Back Substitution

$$1x_0 + 1x_1 - 1x_2 = 0$$

$$-2x_1 - 3x_2 = 3$$

$$x_2 = 3 \quad 2x_2 = 6$$



# Back Substitution

$$1x_0 + 1x_1 = 3$$

$$x_1 = -6 \quad - 2x_1 = 12$$

# Back Substitution

$$x_0 = 9$$

$$1x_0$$

=

$$9$$

# Back Substitution

(\* Pseudocode \*)

**for**  $i \leftarrow n$  **down to** 1 **do**

    /\* calculate  $x_i$  \*/

$x[i] \leftarrow b[i] / a[i, i]$

    /\* substitute  $x[i]$  in the equations above \*/

**for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $i-1$  **do**

$b[j] \leftarrow b[j] - x[i] \times a[j, i]$

**endfor**

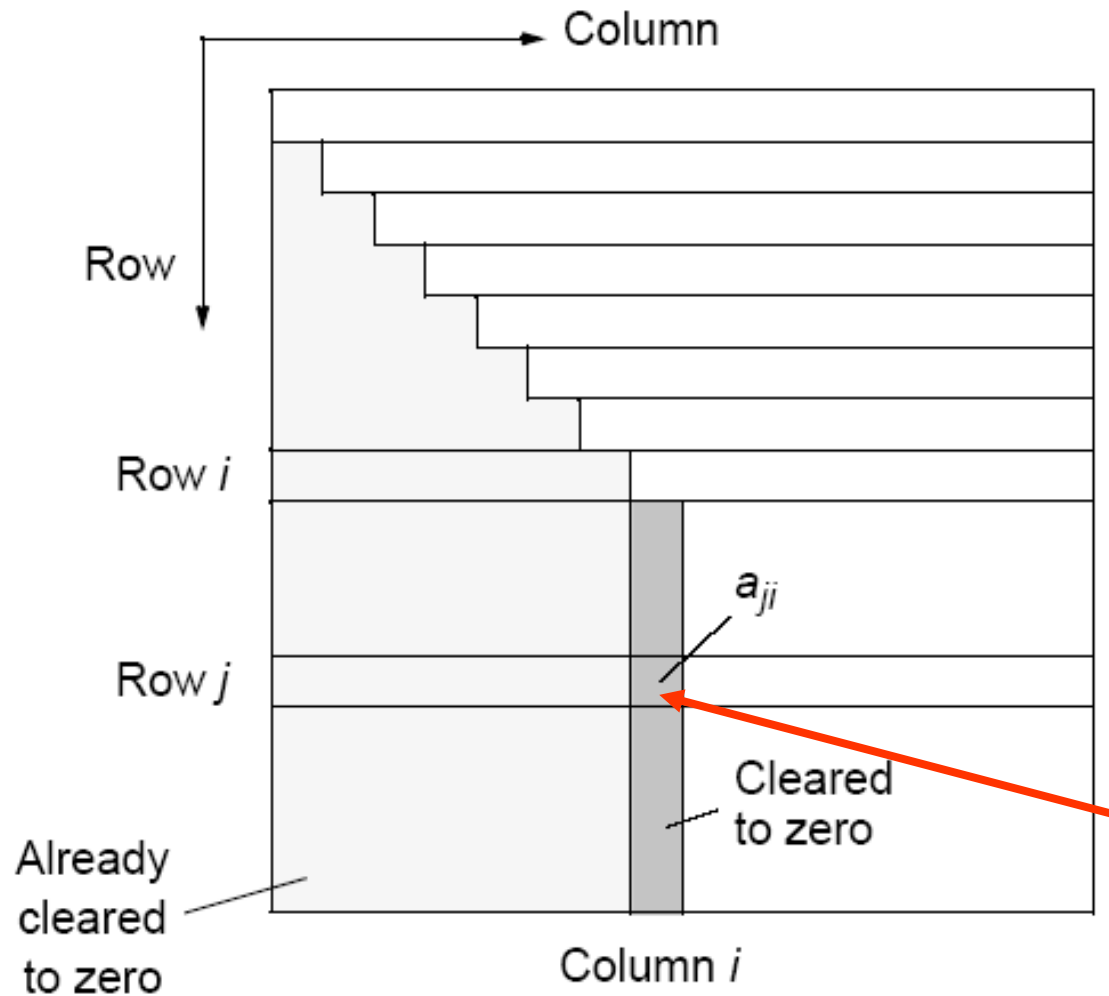
**endfor**

**Time Complexity?**



$O(n^2)$

# Forward Elimination



$$a_{ji} = a_{ji} + a_{ii} \left( \frac{-a_{ji}}{a_{ii}} \right) = 0$$

# Forward Elimination

M  
U  
L  
T  
I  
P  
L  
I  
E  
R  
S

The diagram illustrates the forward elimination process on a system of linear equations. It shows four equations with variables  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3$ . Arrows indicate the elimination of  $x_0$  from the second, third, and fourth equations using the first equation as a pivot. The multipliers used are  $-(2/4)$  (blue),  $-(-4/4)$  (red), and  $-(8/4)$  (green).

	$4x_0$	$+6x_1$	$+2x_2$	$-2x_3$	$=$	$8$
$-(2/4)$	$2x_0$		$+5x_2$	$-2x_3$	$=$	$4$
$-(-4/4)$	$-4x_0$	$-3x_1$	$-5x_2$	$+4x_3$	$=$	$1$
$-(8/4)$	$8x_0$	$+18x_1$	$-2x_2$	$+3x_3$	$=$	$40$

# Forward Elimination

M  
U  
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$$4x_0 + 6x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 = 8$$

$$-3x_1 + 4x_2 - 1x_3 = 0$$

$$+3x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 9$$

$$+6x_1 - 6x_2 + 7x_3 = 24$$

$-(3/-3)$   
 $-(6/-3)$

# Forward Elimination

	$4x_0$	$+6x_1$	$+2x_2$	$-2x_3$	$=$	$8$
		$-3x_1$	$+4x_2$	$-1x_3$	$=$	$0$
M						
U						
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I						
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L						
I						
E						
R						
			$1x_2$	$+1x_3$	$=$	$9$
			$2x_2$	$+5x_3$	$=$	$24$

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# Forward Elimination

$$4x_0 + 6x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 = 8$$

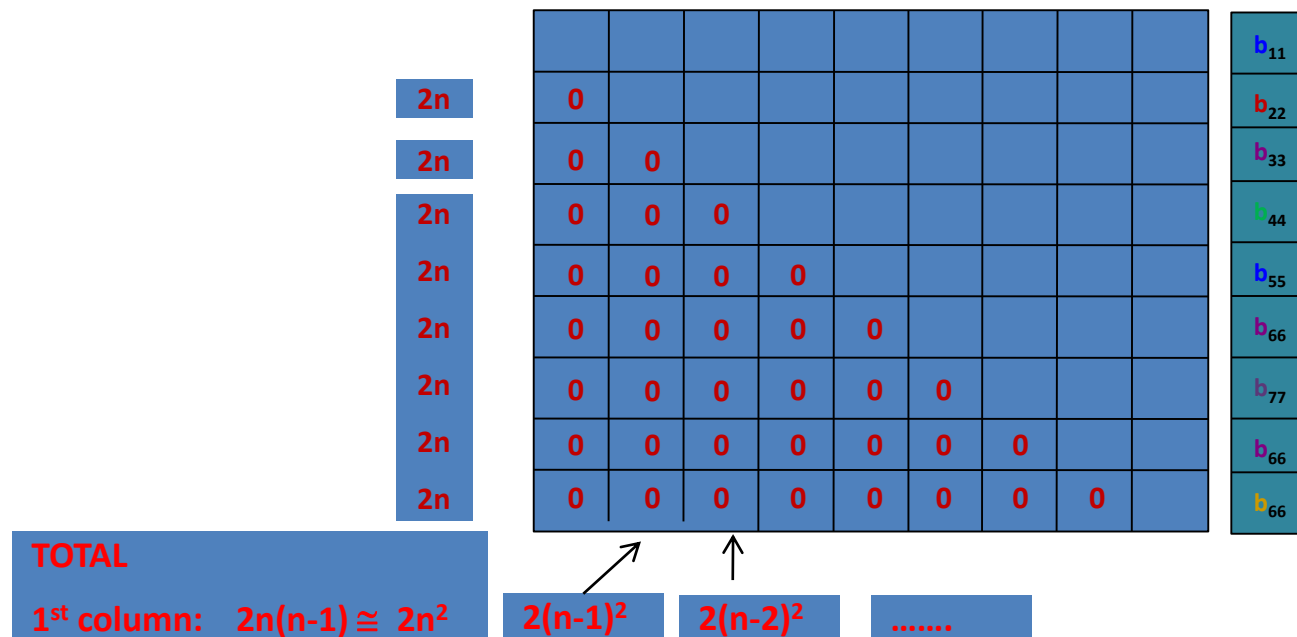
$$-3x_1 + 4x_2 - 1x_3 = 0$$

$$1x_2 + 1x_3 = 9$$

$$3x_3 = 6$$



# Operation count in Forward Elimination



TOTAL # of Operations for FORWARD ELIMINATION:

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

# Pitfalls of Elimination Methods

## *Division by zero*

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

For example:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 8 & \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 + 7x_3 = -3 & & \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 6x_3 = 5 & & \end{array} \quad A = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \end{array}$$

Solution: *pivoting* (to be discussed later)

# Pitfalls (cont.)

## *Round-off errors*

- Because computers carry only a limited number of significant figures, round-off errors will occur and they will *propagate* from one iteration to the next.
- This problem is especially important when **large** numbers of equations (100 or more) are to be solved.
- Always use **double-precision** numbers/arithmetic. It is slow but needed for correctness!
- It is also a good idea to substitute your results back into the original equations and check whether a substantial error has occurred.

# Pitfalls (cont.)

*ill-conditioned systems* - small changes in coefficients result in large changes in the solution. Alternatively, a wide range of answers can approximately satisfy the equations.

(*Well-conditioned systems* – small changes in coefficients result in small changes in the solution)

**Problem:** Since *round off errors* can induce small changes in the coefficients, these changes can lead to large solution errors in *ill-conditioned* systems.

**Example:**

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 10$$

$$1.1x_1 + 2x_2 = 10.4$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} \\ b_2 & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 10.4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{1(2) - 2(1.1)} = \frac{2(10) - 2(10.4)}{-0.2} = 4 \quad x_2 = 3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 10$$

$$1.05x_1 + 2x_2 = 10.4$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & a_{12} \\ b_2 & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 10.4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{1(2) - 2(1.05)} = \frac{2(10) - 2(10.4)}{-0.1} = 8 \quad x_2 = 1$$

## *ill-conditioned systems (cont.) –*

- Surprisingly, **substitution** of the erroneous values,  $x_1=8$  and  $x_2=1$ , into the original equation **will not** reveal their incorrect nature clearly:

$$\begin{array}{lll} x_1 + 2x_2 = 10 & 8+2(1) = 10 & \text{(the same!)} \\ 1.1x_1 + 2x_2 = 10.4 & 1.1(8)+2(1)=10.8 & \text{(close!)} \end{array}$$

### **IMPORTANT OBSERVATION:**

An ill-conditioned system is one with a *determinant* close to **zero**

- If determinant  $D=0$  then there are infinitely many solutions  $\rightarrow$  *singular system*
- Scaling** (multiplying the coefficients with the same value) does not change the equations but changes the value of the determinant in a significant way.  
**However, it does not change the ill-conditioned state of the equations!**  
**DANGER!** It may hide the fact that the system is ill-conditioned!!

**How can we find out whether a system is ill-conditioned or not?**

**Not easy! Luckily, most engineering systems yield well-conditioned results!**

- One way to find out: change the coefficients slightly and recompute & compare

# Techniques for Improving Solutions

- Use of more significant figures – *double precision arithmetic*

- *Pivoting*

If a pivot element is zero, normalization step leads to division by zero. The same problem may arise, when the pivot element is close to zero. Problem can be avoided:

- *Partial pivoting*

Switching the rows below so that the largest element is the pivot element.

**\*\*here\* Go over the solution in: CHAP9e-Problem-11.doc**

- *Complete pivoting*

- Searching for the largest element in all rows and columns then switching.
    - This is rarely used because switching columns changes the order of  $x$ 's and adds significant complexity and overhead → costly

- *Scaling*

- used to reduce the round-off errors and improve accuracy

# Gauss-Jordan Elimination

→	$a_{11}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$b_{11}$
→	0	$x_{22}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$b_{22}$
→	0	0	$x_{33}$	0	0	0	0	0	$b_{33}$
	0	0	0	$x_{44}$	0	0	0	0	$b_{44}$
	0	0	0	0	$x_{55}$	0	0	0	$b_{55}$
	0	0	0	0	0	$x_{66}$	0	0	$b_{66}$
	0	0	0	0	0	0	$x_{77}$	0	$b_{77}$
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$x_{88}$	$b_{88}$
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$x_{99}$	$b_{99}$

# Gauss-Jordan Elimination: Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Augmented Matrix :

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R2 \leftarrow R2 - (-1)R1$$

$$R3 \leftarrow R3 - (3)R1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & -1 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -14 \end{array} \right]$$

Scaling R2:

$$R2 \leftarrow R2 / (-1)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & -14 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R1 \leftarrow R1 - (1)R2$$

$$R3 \leftarrow R3 - (4)R2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 & 22 \end{array} \right]$$

Scaling R3:

$$R3 \leftarrow R3 / (18)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7 & 17 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 11/9 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R1 \leftarrow R1 - (7)R3$$

$$R2 \leftarrow R2 - (-5)R3$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8.444 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2.888 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1.222 \end{array} \right]$$

**RESULT:**

$$x_1 = 8.45, \quad x_2 = -2.89, \quad x_3 = 1.23$$

Time Complexity?



$O(n^3)$



# Systems of Nonlinear Equations

- Locate the roots of a set of simultaneous nonlinear equations:

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

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$$f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

Example:

$$x_1^2 + x_1x_2 = 10 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_1x_2 - 10 = 0$$

$$x_2 + 3x_1x_2^2 = 57 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_2(x_1, x_2) = x_2 + 3x_1x_2^2 - 57 = 0$$

- **First-order** Taylor series expansion of a function with more than one variable:

$$f_{1(i+1)} = f_{1(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_1} (x_{1(i+1)} - x_{1(i)}) + \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_2} (x_{2(i+1)} - x_{2(i)}) = 0$$

$$f_{2(i+1)} = f_{2(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_1} (x_{1(i+1)} - x_{1(i)}) + \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_2} (x_{2(i+1)} - x_{2(i)}) = 0$$

- The root of the equation occurs at the value of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  where  $f_{1(i+1)}=0$  and  $f_{2(i+1)}=0$   
Rearrange to solve for  $x_{1(i+1)}$  and  $x_{2(i+1)}$

$$\frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_1} x_{1(i+1)} + \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_2} x_{2(i+1)} = -f_{1(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_1} x_{1(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_2} x_{2(i)}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_1} x_{1(i+1)} + \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_2} x_{2(i+1)} = -f_{2(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_1} x_{1(i)} + \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_2} x_{2(i)}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1(i+1)} \\ x_{2(i+1)} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} f_{1(i)} \\ f_{2(i)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_{1(i)}}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_{2(i)}}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1(i)} \\ x_{2(i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since  $x_{1(i)}$ ,  $x_{2(i)}$ ,  $f_{1(i)}$ , and  $f_{2(i)}$  are all known at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  iteration, this represents a set of two linear equations with two unknowns,  $x_{1(i+1)}$  and  $x_{2(i+1)}$
- You may use several techniques to solve these equations

# General Representation for the solution of Nonlinear Systems of Equations

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\ &\vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

← **Jacobian Matrix**

**Solve this set of linear equations at each iteration:**

$$[J_i]\{X_{i+1}\} = -\{F_i\} + [J_i]\{X_i\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_i \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{Bmatrix}_{i+1} = - \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \end{Bmatrix}_i + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_i \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{Bmatrix}_i$$

$\{X\}_{(i+1)}$  values are found by solving this system of linear equations.

These iterations will continue until the convergence is reached;

which will happen when the **approximate relative error** (defined on the vector of values) falls below the desired error tolerance  $\epsilon_{\text{tol}}$

# Solution of Nonlinear Systems of Equations

Solve this set of linear equations at each iteration:

$$[J_i]\{X_{i+1}\} = -\{F_i\} + [J_i]\{X_i\}$$

Rearrange:

$$[J_i]\{X_{i+1} - X_i\} = -\{F_i\}$$

$$[J_i]\{\Delta X_{i+1}\} = -\{F_i\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_i \begin{Bmatrix} \Delta x_1 \\ \Delta x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Delta x_n \end{Bmatrix}_{i+1} = - \begin{Bmatrix} f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \\ f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \end{Bmatrix}_{ii}$$

# Notes on the solution of Nonlinear Systems of Equations

**$n$  non-linear equations**  
 **$n$  unknowns to be solved:**

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0 \\&\vdots \\f_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Jacobian  
Matrix:**

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Need to solve this set of **Linear Equations**

$$[J_i] \{\Delta X_{i+1}\} = -\{F_i\}$$

in each and every iterative solution of the original Non-Linear system of equations.

- For  $n$  unknowns, the size of the *Jacobian* matrix is  $n^2$  and the time it takes to solve the **linear system of equations** (one iteration of the non-linear system) is proportional to  $O(n^3)$
- There is no guarantee for the convergence of the non-linear system. There may also be slow convergence.
- In summary, finding the solution set for the Non-Linear system of equations is an extremely compute-intensive task.