## Solving Linear Systems

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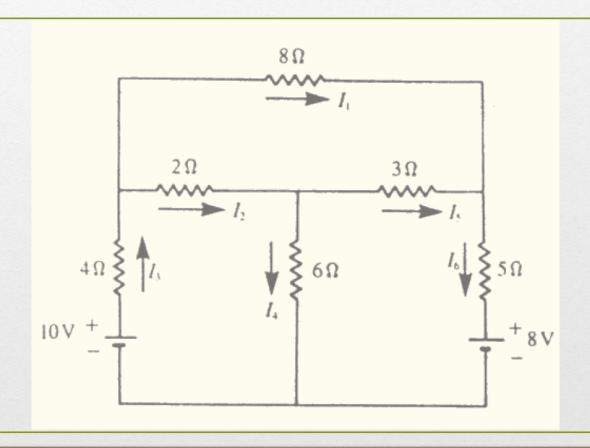
#### What do we have so far?

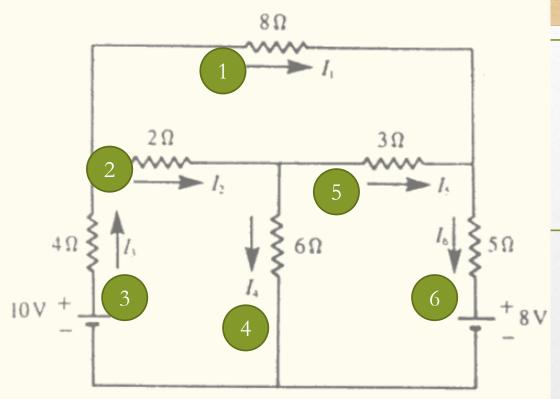
- Homer's method for evaluating a polynomial
- Solving equations 電腦解方程式
  - Bisection
  - Fixed point iteration
  - Newton
  - Secant

## Today

- Solving linear systems of equations
  - Gaussian elimination
  - LU factorization

## 請問通過每個電阻的電流為?





$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 0$$
$$x_2 - x_4 - x_5 = 0$$
$$x_1 + x_5 - x_6 = 0$$

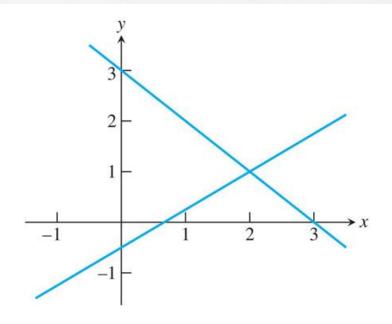
$$2x_2 + 4x_3 + 6x_4 - 10 = 0$$
$$-6x_4 + 3x_5 + 5x_6 + 8 = 0$$
$$8x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_5 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -6 & 3 & 5 \\ 8 & -2 & 0 & 0 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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.

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#### Linear system: Problem statement

We consider linear systems of the form

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

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  $x_k$ .

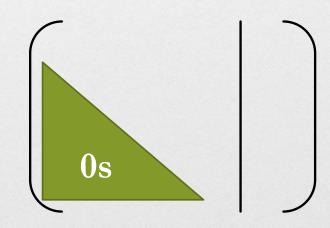
#### Back substitution

$$x + y = 3$$

$$3x - 4y = 2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -7 & | & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-7y = -7 \longrightarrow y = 1$$
$$x + 1 = 3 \longrightarrow x = 2$$



#### Naïve Gaussian elimination

Two useful operations

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

#### Example

• Apply Gaussian elimination for solving the system:

$$x + 2y - z = 3$$
$$2x + y - 2z = 3$$
$$-3x + y + z = -6$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & | & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & | & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = 2$$
$$y = 1$$
$$x = 3$$

$$(3) + (1) \times 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
(3) + (1)×3

$$(3) + (2) \times (7/3)$$

### #Operations vs. input size

• *n* equation, *n* unknowns

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\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \mid & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \mid & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \mid & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \mid & b_n \end{bmatrix}
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### Elimination step

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



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

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

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \mid & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \mid & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \mid & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \mid & b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$
  
 $a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$ 

:

$$a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

#### Substitution step

$$x_{1} = \frac{b_{1} - a_{12}x_{2} - \dots - a_{1n}x_{n}}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{b_{2} - a_{23}x_{3} - \dots - a_{2n}x_{n}}{a_{22}}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_{n} = \frac{b_{n}}{a_{nn}}.$$

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

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

$$= n^{2}$$

## Operation count of Gaussian elimination

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

The computational cost is dominated by the elimination step!

## Today

- Solving systems of equations
  - Gaussian elimination
  - LU factorization

Upper triangular matrix

#### LU Factorization

Lower triangular matrix

- A matrix representation of Gaussian elimination
- Example

$$x + y = 3$$

$$3x - 4y = 2$$

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

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

Upper triangular matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} x + y = 3 \\ 3x - 4y = 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

## LU Factorization

Lower triangular matrix

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

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 2 & -1 \\
0 & -3 & 0 \\
-3 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right]$$

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

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

$$(3) - (2) \times -(7/3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = U$$
(3) - (2)×-(7/3)

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

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

- Next, how do we get the solution x?
- $A\underline{x} = \underline{b} \rightarrow LU\underline{x} = \underline{b}$
- Define  $\underline{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{U} \underline{\mathbf{x}}$

Solve  $Lc = \underline{b}$  for  $\underline{c}$  (forward substitution)

Solve Ux = c for x (backward substitution)

What is the benefit using the LU factorization

### LU factorization: complexity

- 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 b

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

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

$$\vdots$$

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

### Complexity comparison

Naïve Gaussian elimination

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

LU approach

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

# Does a matric always have an LU factorization

- No
- Consider the following example

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

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

b = 0, ab = 1, a contradiction!

#### 程式練習

• Please use Gaussian elimination to solve

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 6 & -1 & 5 \\ -9 & 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 22 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

• and do LU factorization of the above matrix