

Solving Systems Of Linear Equations

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Real life example

- We food product and we want to find it's recipe
- We know the pizza is made of flour, cheese and tomato,
 - but we don't know in which proportion ?
- We can look at the energy, sugar and fat contained in each product to estimate the quantities

x		+	y		+	z		=		
Energy	x	6	+	y	4	+	z	2	=	28
Sugar	x	5	+	y	1	+	z	1	=	18
Fat	x	1	+	y	6	+	z	1	=	16

- We only need to solve this system of equations
 - Not always easy... → $x=3, y=2, z=1$

Example of system of linear equation

- System of linear equations of the form

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

$$y - z = -1$$

$$3x - y + z = 4$$

- We are looking for a solution to the system
 - Find a value for x, y, and z that solves the system
- That type of system appears naturally in many type of engineering and physical problems

Examples

- **Example in 1-dimension**

$$5x = 3 \qquad \qquad ax = b$$

Solution is easy to find:

$$x = 3/5 \qquad \qquad x = b/a$$

- **Example in 3 dimensions**

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 2z &= -3 \\ y - z &= -1 \\ 3x - y + z &= 4 \end{aligned} \qquad A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

- *Solution is already harder to find:*

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 \\ y &= 2 \\ z &= 3 \end{aligned} \qquad \vec{x} = A^{-1}\vec{b}$$

Extending to N-dimensions

- A system of algebraic equations has the form

$$A_{11}x_1 + A_{12}x_2 + \cdots + A_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

where

$$A_{21}x_1 + A_{22}x_2 + \cdots + A_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

⋮

- A_{ij} are known
- b_i are known
- X_i are the unknowns

$$A_{n1}x_1 + A_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + A_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

- OR equivalently with matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \cdots & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- OR simply:

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}.$$

Matrix algebra will be heavily used in this lecture,

so let's take a few minutes to review

Basis of matrix algebra

Matrix Algebra (reminder)

- A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers.
- A matrix of size (or dimension) $m \times n$ has m rows and n columns
 - The number of rows is always listed first
- A square matrix has $m=n$
- A column or a column vector, or simply a vector
 - matrix of dimensions $n \times 1$
- A row or a row vector
 - matrix of dimensions $1 \times n$
- **Notation:**
 - For Matrices: boldfaced uppercase letters
 - For Vectors: boldfaced lowercase letters
 - (For scalar: lowercase letters)
- Indices of the elements of a matrix:
The row number comes first, followed by the column number
- Indices of the elements of a vector:
 - only one index is needed

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Operations

Transpose:

- The transpose of a matrix \mathbf{A} is noted \mathbf{A}^T
- Defined as:
 - $\mathbf{A}_{ij}^T = \mathbf{A}_{ji}$
 - Rows and Columns of the matrix are exchanged
 - Column vector \rightarrow Row vector
- A square matrix is **symmetric** if $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$

Transpose



$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^T = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b}^T = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Operations

Addition:

The sum $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ of two $m \times n$ matrices \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} is defined as

$$C_{ij} = A_{ij} + B_{ij}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A10})$$

Thus the elements of \mathbf{C} are obtained by adding elements of \mathbf{A} to the elements of \mathbf{B} . Note that addition is defined only for matrices that have the same dimensions.

Matrix Operations

Vector inner (dot) product:

The *dot* or *inner product* $c = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ of the vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , each of size m , is defined as the scalar

$$c = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k b_k \tag{A11}$$

It can also be written in the form $c = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$. In NumPy the function for the dot product is `dot(a, b)` or `inner(a, b)`.

The output of an inner/dot product is a scalar

Vector outer product:

The *outer product* $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b}$ is defined as the matrix

$$C_{ij} = a_i b_j$$

An alternative notation is $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T$. The NumPy function for the outer product is `outer(a, b)`.

The output of an outer product is a matrix

Matrix Operations

Matrix product:

The *matrix product* $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{AB}$ of an $l \times m$ matrix \mathbf{A} and an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{B} is defined by

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m A_{ik} B_{kj}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, l; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (\text{A12})$$

- The number of columns in \mathbf{A} (the dimension m) must be equal to the number of rows in \mathbf{B} .
- The resulting matrix has dimension : $l \times n$
- The matrix product can also be defined in terms of the dot product.

Representing the i th row of \mathbf{A} as the vector \mathbf{a}_i and the j th column of \mathbf{B} as the vector \mathbf{b}_j , we have

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 58 & 64 \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix Operations

Note on Numpy Array products

- NumPy dot product for arrays:
 - $\text{dot}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) \rightarrow$ matrix product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} .

$$\mathbf{AB} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_2 \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{b}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- NumPy inner product for arrays:
 - $\text{Inner}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \text{dot}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}^T) \rightarrow$ matrix product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B}^T .
- NumPy outer product for arrays \mathbf{A} (size $k \times l$) and \mathbf{B} (size $m \times n$)
Construction similar to matrix product, but with an outer vector product
 $\text{outer}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) =$

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{b}_m \\ \mathbf{a}_2 \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \otimes \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_2 \otimes \mathbf{b}_m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_k \otimes \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{a}_k \otimes \mathbf{b}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_k \otimes \mathbf{b}_m \end{bmatrix}$$

The submatrices $\mathbf{a}_i \otimes \mathbf{b}_j$ are of dimensions $\ell \times n$. As you can see, the size of the outer product is much larger than either \mathbf{A} or \mathbf{B} .

Identity and Inverse

Identity Matrix

A square matrix of special importance is the identity or *unit matrix*:

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

It has the property $\mathbf{AI} = \mathbf{IA} = \mathbf{A}$.

Inverse Matrix

The inverse of an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , denoted by \mathbf{A}^{-1} , is defined to be an $n \times n$ matrix that has the property

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{AA}^{-1} = \mathbf{I} \quad (\text{A16})$$

Determinant

Determinant

The determinant of a square matrix \mathbf{A} is a scalar denoted by $|\mathbf{A}|$ or $\det(\mathbf{A})$. There is no concise definition of the determinant for a matrix of arbitrary size. We start with the determinant of a 2×2 matrix, which is defined as

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} = A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{21} \quad (\text{A17})$$

The determinant of a 3×3 matrix is then defined as

$$\begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} = A_{11} \begin{vmatrix} A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{32} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} - A_{12} \begin{vmatrix} A_{21} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} + A_{13} \begin{vmatrix} A_{21} & A_{22} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

Determinant

Having established the pattern, we can now define the determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix in terms of the determinant of an $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$ matrix:

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} A_{1k} M_{1k} \quad (\text{A18})$$

where M_{ik} is the determinant of the $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$ matrix obtained by deleting the i th row and k th column of \mathbf{A} . The term $(-1)^{k+i} M_{ik}$ is called a *cofactor* of A_{ik} .

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = a \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{bmatrix} - b \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{bmatrix} + c \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix \mathbf{A} is said to be *singular* if $|\mathbf{A}| = 0$.

Positive Definiteness

An $n \times n$ matrix A is said to be positive definite if

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0 \quad (\text{A20})$$

for all nonvanishing vectors \mathbf{x} . It can be shown that a matrix is positive definite if the determinants of all its leading minors are positive. The leading minors of \mathbf{A} are the n square matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1k} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{k1} & A_{k2} & \cdots & A_{kk} \end{bmatrix}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Therefore, positive definiteness requires that

$$A_{11} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \quad \begin{vmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} \end{vmatrix} > 0, \dots, |A| > 0$$

Useful Theorems

$$(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}^T| = |\mathbf{A}|$$

$$|\mathbf{AB}| = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}|$$

if $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}$ where $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}^T$, then $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}^T$

Introduction

Notations

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- OR simply:

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Augmented coefficient matrix

- A useful representation of the equations for computational purposes is the **augmented coefficient matrix**:
 - obtained by **adjoining the constant vector \mathbf{b} to the coefficient matrix \mathbf{A}**

$$[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} & b_1 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & \cdots & A_{n3} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

- This matrix contains all the “knowns” of the system of equations

Uniqueness of Solution

- For a system of n equations with n unknowns
 - Has a **unique solution**, IF
 - The coefficient matrix is **non-singular**
 - determinant of A is not null
 - $|A| \neq 0$
 - Row and Columns are linearly independent
- If the coefficient matrix is **singular**
 - There might be an **infinite number of solutions or None**
 - **Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 3 \\ 4x + 2y &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

→ The two equations are equivalent, so any pair (x,y) satisfying the first equation is valid
→ **Number of solution is infinite**

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 3 \\ 4x + 2y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

→ The two equations contradict each other
→ There is **no solution** satisfying both equations

“ill Conditioning “

- What happens when the coefficient matrix is almost singular ?
 - if $|A|$ is very small
- **What is “small”.... ?**
 - We need a reference → Norm of the matrix (denoted $\|A\|$)
 - Then, determinant is small IF $|A| \ll \|A\|$
- Euclidian Norm:
$$\|A\|_e = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2}$$
- Row-Sum Norm:
$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |A_{ij}|$$
- **Formal Measure of conditioning:**
 - Matrix condition number: $\text{con}^d(A) = \|A\| \|A^{-1}\|$
 - If $\text{con}^d(A)$ is close to unity, the matrix is well conditioned
 - If $\text{con}^d(A) \gg 1$ the matrix is ill conditionned

“ill Conditioning “

- Remarks on condition number
 - It depends on the choice for the norm
 - It is heavy to calculate on large matrices
- In most cases it is sufficient to gauge conditioning by comparing the determinant with the magnitudes of the elements in the matrix
- If the equations are ill conditioned,
small changes in the coefficient matrix → large changes in the solution

“ill Conditioning”



$$2x + y = 3 \quad 2x + 1.001y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = 1501.5, y = -3000.$$

$$|A| = 2(1.001) - 2(1) = 0.002 \quad \rightarrow |A| \ll \text{coefficients } (1)$$

$$2x + y = 3 \quad 2x + 1.002y = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = 751.5, y = -1500.$$

Note that a 0.1% change in the coefficient of y produced a 100% change in the solution!

- Numerical solutions of ill-conditioned equations are not to be trusted.
- Roundoff errors during the solution process are equivalent to small changes in the coefficient matrix.
- This in turn introduces large errors into the solution
- In suspect cases the determinant of the coefficient matrix should be computed so that the degree of ill conditioning can be estimated.
 - This can be done during or after the solution with only a small computational effort.

Solving Linear Systems

Two classes of methods for solving linear systems:

- **Direct Methods:**
 - Transform the original equations into equivalent equations easier to solve
 - The transformation do not change the solution, but could change $|A|$
 - Transformations :
 - Exchanging two equations
 $|A| \rightarrow -|A|$
 - Multiplying an equation by a nonzero constant c
 $|A| \rightarrow c|A|$
 - Multiplying an equation by a nonzero constant and then subtracting it from another equation
 $|A| \rightarrow |A|$
- **Indirect (or iterative) Methods**
 - Start with a guess of the solution \mathbf{x} and then repeatedly refine the solution until a certain convergence criterion is reached
 - **Generally slower, but could be faster if A is large or sparse**

Overview of Direct Methods

Method	Initial form	Final form
Gauss elimination	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$
LU decomposition	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
Gauss-Jordan elimination	$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$	$\mathbf{I}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$

Table 2.1. Three Popular Direct Methods

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ 0 & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & U_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & 0 \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{L} and \mathbf{U} are triangular matrices:

Solving a system once it has a triangular form is easy

Example with the form $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

$$L_{11}x_1 = c_1 \quad x_1 = c_1/L_{11}$$

$$L_{21}x_1 + L_{22}x_2 = c_2 \quad \rightarrow \quad x_2 = (c_2 - L_{21}x_1)/L_{22} \quad \rightarrow \text{Forward substitution}$$

$$L_{31}x_1 + L_{32}x_2 + L_{33}x_3 = c_3 \quad x_3 = (c_3 - L_{31}x_1 - L_{32}x_2)/L_{33}$$

Similarly, we can solve system of the form $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ with backward substitution

Gauss Elimination Method

Gauss Elimination

- Given the system of linear equation:

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y - 2z = -3 \\ y - z = -1 \\ 3x - y + z = 4 \end{array} \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

*augmented
coefficient matrix*

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

We can solve a system of linear equations by doing a sequence of row manipulations.

Gauss Elimination

Multiply first eq. with -3 and add to third eq.

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y - 2z = -3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \times -3 \\ y - z = -1 \\ 3x - y + z = 4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{+} \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right)$$

Multiply second eq. with 4 and add to third eq.

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y - 2z = -3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \times 4 \\ y - z = -1 \\ -4y + 7z = 13 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{+} \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & 7 & 13 \end{array} \right)$$

Multiply third eq. with $\frac{1}{3}$ to obtain z

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y - 2z = -3 \\ y - z = -1 \\ 3z = 9 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \times 1/3 \\ \text{+} \end{array} \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 9 \end{array} \right)$$

Backward substitution

Substitute $z = 3$ in first and second equation

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - 2z &= -3 \\y - z &= -1 \\z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

Substitute $y = 2$ in first equation

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 3 \\y &= 2 \\z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

The solution:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 1 \\y &= 2 \\z &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

Algorithm

- To solve $AX = B$ start with the matrix $(A|B)$
 1. We will do forward substitutions until we get a *upper triangular* matrix:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 1 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right)$$

2. Then we do backward substitutions to get

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right)$$

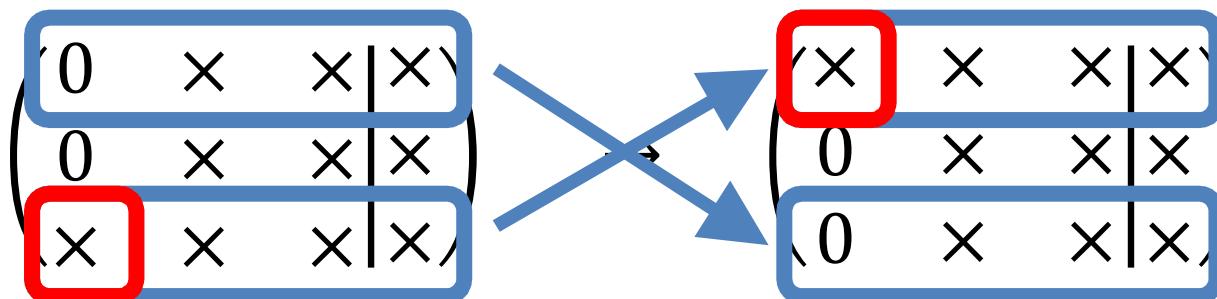
- We assume that A is $n \times n$ and the solution x exists

Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (1)

$$(A|B) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \times & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{array} \right)$$

Step 1: Choose the first element as *pivot* element

If the first element is 0, first find another row with non-zero pivot and permute the rows



Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (2)

Step 2: Divide the first line by the pivot element

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} a & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x/a & x/a & x/a \\ x & x & x & x \\ x & x & x & x \end{array} \right)$$

Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (3)

Step 3: Use the row to eliminate the other values below the pivot in the same column

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{Row } 1 \text{ subtracted from Row 2 and Row 3}} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{array}$$

Example:

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & a & b & c \\ d & e & f & g \\ h & i & j & k \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & a & b & c \\ 0 & e - da & f - db & g - dc \\ 0 & i - ha & j - hb & k - hc \end{array}$$

Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (4)

- We are finished with row 1 and column 1
- Now do the same with the second row/column:
 - Step 1: choose pivot

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{array} \right)$$

- Step 2: divide the row by the pivot

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 1 & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \end{array} \right)$$

- Step 3: eliminate values below pivot

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 1 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{array} \right)$$

Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (5)

- Repeat forward substitutions for all remaining rows and columns
 - Step 1: choose pivot

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 1 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times & \times \end{array} \right)$$

- Step 2: divide the row by the pivot

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & 1 & \times & \times \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \times \end{array} \right)$$

- Step 3: eliminate values below pivot.
 - Nothing to do here because we are already in the last row. We are finished.

Gauss Elimination Algorithm – forward (6)

- Final result of forward substitutions: A upper triangular matrix of the form

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 1 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right)$$

- If we decompose the augmented coefficient matrix, we get a simplified problem of the form:

$$\mathbf{U} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}'$$

Algorithm – Back substitution

- Use the last row to eliminate the elements in the rows above it

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & x & x \\ 0 & 1 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right)$$

The diagram shows a 3x4 matrix being transformed. A red box highlights the element '1' in the third row, first column. Red arrows indicate the elimination process: one arrow from the second row to the third row, and another from the first row to the third row, both pointing towards the pivot element.

Example:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & a & b & c \\ 0 & 1 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & f \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & a & 0 & c - bf \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & e - df \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & f \end{array} \right)$$

Back substitution (2)

- Do the same with the row above the last row:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & x & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{Row 2} \leftrightarrow \text{Row 3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x \end{array} \right)$$

- Continue with all rows until the first row has been reached. Final result: Form $(I \mid :)$

Python Implementation

```
import numpy as np

def gaussElimin(a,b):
    n = len(b)
    # Elimination Phase
    for k in range(0,n-1): #iterate on rows
        for i in range(k+1,n): #iterate on rows below pivot
            if a[i,k] != 0.0:
                lam = a[i,k]/a[k,k]
                a[i,k+1:n] = a[i,k+1:n] - lam*a[k,k+1:n]
                b[i] = b[i] - lam*b[k]
    # Back substitution
    for k in range(n-1,-1,-1):
        b[k] = (b[k] - np.dot(a[k,k+1:n],b[k+1:n]))/a[k,k]
    return b
```

```
A = np.array([[1,1,-2],[0,1,-1],[3,-1,1]])
display(A)

b = np.array([-3,-1,4])
display(b)

gaussElimin(A,b)
```

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```
array([[ 1,  1, -2],
       [ 0,  1, -1],
       [ 3, -1,  1]])
array([-3, -1,  4])
array([1,  2,  3])
```

Complexity of Gaussian Elimination

- We have three types of operation
 1. Permuting rows
 2. Multiplying a row by its pivot element
 3. Eliminating a row
- For a $n \times n$ matrix, each operation takes $\rightarrow O(n)$
- Each forward transformation changes all rows below the current row $\rightarrow O(n^2)$
- Each back substitution changes a column $\rightarrow O(n)$
- n forward and backward substitutions $\rightarrow O(n^3)$

Gauss-Jordan Elimination

- Gauss elimination pushed to its limit
- **Gauss Elimination**
 - Transform only the rows bellow the pivot
 - Output of elimination $\rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$
 - Complexity $\rightarrow \sim n^3 / 3$
- **Gauss-Jordan Elimination**
 - Transform rows bellow and above the pivot
 - Output of elimination $\rightarrow \mathbf{I} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}$
 - Complexity $\rightarrow \sim n^3 / 2$

Numerical Stability

- Let's take this system

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} a & 1 & x \\ 1 & 0 & x \end{array} \right)$$

- We have seen that with floating-point values sometimes calculations are not exact. Let's assume a is very close to zero but not exactly zero: $0 < a \ll 1$
- Forward substitution with a as pivot does this:

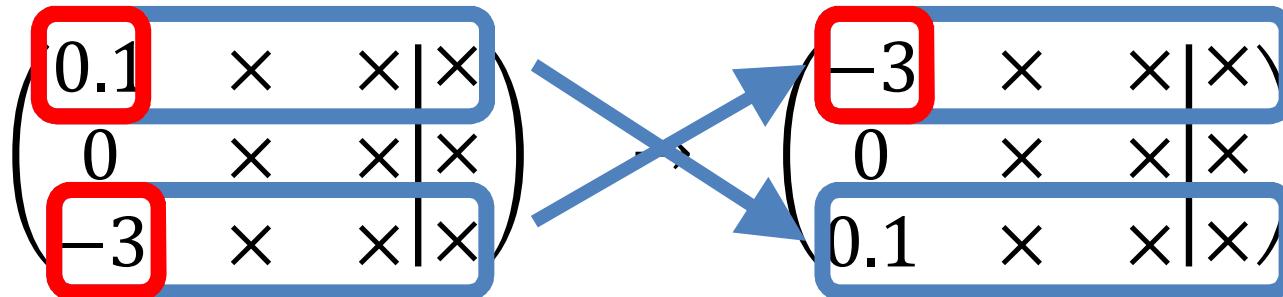
$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1/a & x \\ 0 & -1/a & x \end{array} \right)$$

Now we have two huge numbers $-1/a$ and $1/a$!
Small errors $a + \varepsilon$ will result in large differences

- Good pivot = larger (positive or negative) number

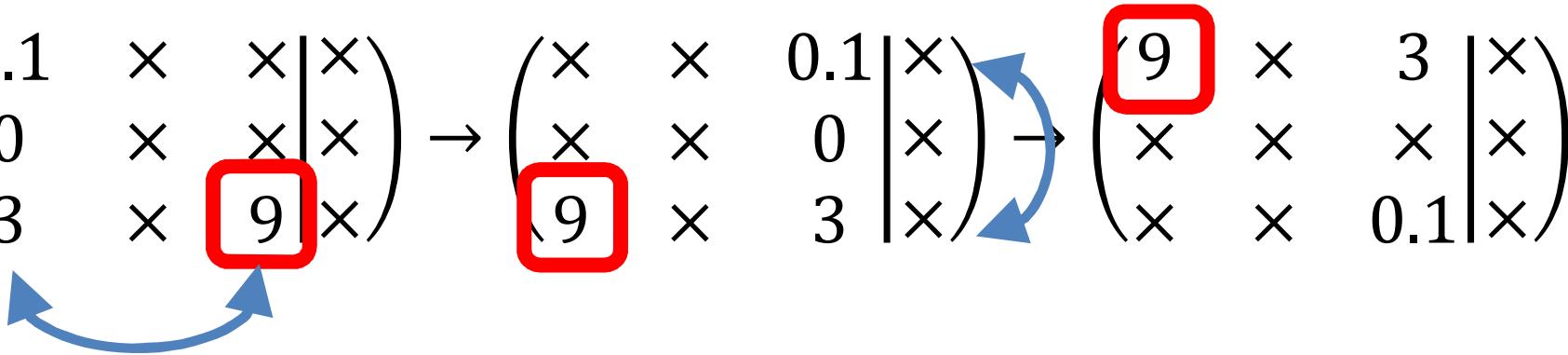
Numerical Stability (2)

- How to get a large pivot?
- Two methods: *Partial Pivoting* and *Full Pivoting*
- Partial Pivoting:
 - That's what we already do in forward substitution
 - Search the column to find other pivots. Take the row with the largest absolute value and permute.



Full Pivoting

- Full Pivoting
 - Search the entire matrix for the largest possible pivot and permute rows and/or columns

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0.1 & \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times & \times \\ 3 & \times & 9 & \times \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \times & \times & 0.1 & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 & \times \\ .9 & \times & 3 & \times \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{Swap Row 1 and Row 3}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 9 & \times & 3 & \times \\ \times & \times & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & 0.1 & \times \end{array} \right)$$


- Full Pivoting gives better results, but is slower
- Permuting columns changes the order of the variables!
We have to remember them.

Solving Two Problems Simultaneously

- Note that the steps in the Gaussian Elimination for $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{B}$ only depend on the elements of \mathbf{A} , not on \mathbf{B} !
- That means that two problems

$$\mathbf{AX}_1 = \mathbf{B}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{AX}_2 = \mathbf{B}_2$$

need the same manipulation steps on
 $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}_1)$ and $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}_2)$ to find \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2

- We can solve them both at the same time by working with $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{B}_1 \ \mathbf{B}_2)$

Solving n Problems Simultaneously

- Let's solve these special linear systems:

$$AX_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad AX_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad AX_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can solve them together by Gaussian Elimination on

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} \times & \times & \times & \times & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \times & \times & \times & \times & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{A}$

Solving n Problems Simultaneously (2)

$$AX_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad AX_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad AX_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

can be written as

$$A \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ X_1 & \dots & X_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

What are we computing here?

$$A A^{-1} = I$$

A Remark on Inverse Matrices

- Calculating A^{-1} is rarely needed and should be avoided because of numerical instabilities
- In many problems, inverse matrices appear in equations of the form $C = A^{-1}B$
- Instead of inverting A we find C by solving
$$A C = B$$