

Recall
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example

Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

augmented matrix:

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

"zero" the elements below diagonal in 1st column using elementary row operations.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{PIVOT} \\ \boxed{1} \end{array} \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$R_2 - \frac{1}{1}R_1$

zero elements below diagonal in 2nd column:

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{PIVOT} \boxed{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$

$R_3 - \frac{1}{-2}R_2$

Backward Substitution:

System of equations is now in triangular form and be solved by backward substitution.

$$R_3: 0 \cdot c = 0 \quad (\text{nothing to learn here})$$

$$R_2: -2b + 0 \cdot c = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$R_1: 1 \cdot a - 1 \cdot (0) + 1 \cdot c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -c$$

... as before.

Example (zero pivot elements)

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 & -20 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -2 \end{array}$$

$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - 2R_1$
 $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 6 \end{array}$$

pivot for column 2 = 0!
 switch/exchange

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & 8 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -4 \end{array}$$

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General procedure for Gaussian Elimination

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ & & \ddots & & b_2 \\ & & & & \vdots \\ a_{j1} & a_{j2} & \dots & a_{jn} & b_j \\ & & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

Provided $a_{11} \neq 0$, do:

$$R_j \leftarrow R_j - \frac{a_{j1}}{a_{11}} R_1$$

yielding a new augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & a_{j2} & \dots & a_{jn} & b_j \\ 0 & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

Note: entries in rows 2-n are expected to have changed.

Repeat, i.e. for $i = 2, \dots, n$:

If $a_{ii} = 0$ then $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ where j is first index after i st. $a_{ij} \neq 0$.

$$R_j \leftarrow R_j - \frac{a_{ji}}{a_{ii}} R_i \quad j = i+1, \dots, n:$$

Note 1: a_{ji}/a_{ii} is called a "multiplier".

Note 2: OPTIONAL: multipliers can be stored in the lower part of the upper-triangular matrix that results from Gaussian (Forward) elimination, in case more than one system $Ax=b$ needs to be solved w/ same matrix A .

General procedure for Backsubstitution:

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

$$a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\dots + a_{n-1,n-1}x_{n-1} + a_{n-1,n}x_n = b_{n-1}$$

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

$$a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

$$a_{n-1,n-1}x_{n-1} = b_{n-1} - a_{n-1,n}x_n$$

...

$$a_{11}x_1 = b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - \dots - a_{1n}x_n$$

ie.

$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[b_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij} x_j \right]$$

for $i = n, n-1, \dots, 2, 1$

cf. Algorithm 6.1 in the TEXT.