# COL 100M - Lab Exam 2

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## Instructions

- This exam consists of five questions, each with sub parts.
- No notes, phones, local or internet resources are allowed.
- Submit the following files: test1.ml, test2.ml, test3.ml, test4.ml, test5.ml
- For any file you should directly call the functions declared in the previous files using **open**. For example in test3.ml you can use the functions declared in test2.ml by writing **open Test2**
- A password will be announced in class that you can use to submit code on Moodle. You will be allowed to submit / evaluate your code atmost 15 times.

# 1 Gaussian Elimination Algorithm

The Gaussian elimination algorithm is used to solve systems of linear equations using simple row transformations on a matrix. Given b, a vector of size m, A, an  $m \times n$  matrix, the goal is to compute a solution vector x such that the matrix equation Ax = b is satisfied. Consider the following system of equations.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$
$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1$$
$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

This system is represented by the following 2 matrices. The matrix A is the co-efficient matrix, where each row corresponds to the *co-efficients* of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  respectively.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{array} \right]$$

The solution to the matrix equation Ax = b is

$$x = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right]$$

The Gaussian elimination algorithm works by reducing the augmented matrix  $[A \ b]$  to its equivalent  $Row\ Echelon$  form using row transformations. A matrix is in row echelon form if it satisfies the following conditions.

• The first non-zero element in each row, called the *leading entry*, is in a column to the right of the leading entry in the previous row.

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• Rows with all zero elements, if any, are below rows having at least one non-zero element.

In this example, the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix}$ 

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\
1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\
2 & -1 & 1 & 3
\end{array}\right]$$

is reduced to its equivalent row echelon form

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\
0 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\
0 & 0 & -7 & -14
\end{array}\right]$$

which is equivalent to the reduced system of equations

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$
$$x_2 - 2x_3 = -3$$
$$-7x_3 = -14$$

From this system, Back-substitution is used to obtain the solution x = [1, 1, 2].

### 2 Exam

Your goal in this exam is to implement the gaussian elimination algorithm. Please follow the steps below to ensure you get full credit for your solution. *Note:* Even though we provide inputs and expected outputs in a "list of lists" data structure, you are free to use your own representation. But, please ensure that your function signatures match those given below.

### 2.1 Input Validation

[2 marks] In the file test1.ml write a function checkDimension: float list list -> float list -> bool. checkDimension A b returns true if the number of rows in A is equal to the number of elements in b, and A is a valid matrix, false otherwise.

#### 2.2 Row transformations

In this section, you will implement row transformations to be done on the augmented matrix  $X = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \end{bmatrix}$ . In **test2.ml** file write the following functions.

(a) [6 marks] Write a function swap: float list list -> int -> int -> float list list such that swap X i j exchanges rows i and j of X. For example,

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swap [[1.0;2.0;3.0];[4.0;5.0;6.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0]] 1 2 returns
[[1.0;2.0;3.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0];[4.0;5.0;6.0]]
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(b) [6 marks] Write a function mult : float list list -> int -> float -> float list list. mult X i c multiplies row i of X with a constant c. For example,

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mult [[1.0;2.0;3.0];[4.0;5.0;6.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0]] 1 2.0 returns [[1.0;2.0;3.0];[8.0;10.0;12.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0]]
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(c) [6 marks] Write a function addRows: float list list -> int -> int -> float list list. addRows X i j adds the rows i and j of X and puts in the result in row i.

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addRows [[1.0;2.0;3.0];[4.0;5.0;6.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0]] 0 1 returns [[5.0;7.0;9.0];[4.0;5.0;6.0];[7.0;8.0;9.0]]
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#### 2.3 Row Echelon Form

The following algorithm converts the augmented matrix X to its row echelon form.

- 1. If X has only 1 row, return X.
- 2. Let c be the leftmost column of X with at least 1 non-zero entry.
- 3. Let i be any row such that  $X[i, c] \neq 0$ .
- 4. Swap rows i and 0 in X.
- 5. For all rows  $j = 1 \dots m$  of X replace row X[j] with

$$X[j] = X[j] - \frac{X[j,c]}{X[0,c]} \times X[0]$$

6. Let the dimensions of X be  $m \times (n+1)$ , and let X' be a matrix of size  $(m-1) \times (n+1)$  which has all but the first row of X. Recursively compute Y', the row echelon form of X'. Return X[0] :: Y'

[10 marks] In the file test3.ml write a function rowEchelon: float list list -> float list list such that rowEchelon X returns the row echelon form of X. For example,

## 2.4 Infinite/Unique/No solutions

- In the row echelon form of the matrix X, if there is a row such that all entries are zero except the entry in the last column, then the system of equations has no solution.
- If no such row exists, and for each column c, there is a row i such that X[i, c] is the first non-zero entry in row i, then the system has a unique solution.
- If there exists a column c for which there is no row i such that X[i, c] is the leading entry of row i, then the system has an *infinite number of solutions*.

[5 marks] In test4.ml write a function numSolutions : float list list -> int such that numSolutions X returns 1 if the system of equations represented by X has a unique solution, 0 if it has no solution, and max\_int otherwise.

## **2.5** Solve Ax = b

Given a matrix of size  $m \times n$ , and a vector b of size m, the Gaussian elimination algorithm is applied to the matrix  $[A \quad b]$  of size  $(m+1) \times n$  to reduce it to its row echelon form. Assuming the system has a unique solution, back-substitution computes the vector x of size n such that Ax = b. For example the following system of equations is in row echelon form:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$
  
 $x_2 - 2x_3 = -3$   
 $-7x_3 = -14$ 

Starting from the last equation, we know that  $x_3 = 2$ . Substituting  $x_3$  in the second equation, we obtain  $x_2 = 1$ . Substituting both  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  in the first equation, we arrive at  $x_1 = 1$  and also the solution vector [1, 1, 2].

In the **test5.ml** file write the following functions.

• [5 marks] Write a function solveRowEchelon: float list list -> float list such that solveRowEchelon X assumes that X is in row echelon form and has a unique solution, and returns a vector with the solution to the system of equations represented by X.

- ullet [5 marks] Write a function solve : float list list -> float list -> float list. solve A b
  - Raises exception Dimension\_mismatch if A is not a valid matrix or if the number of rows in A is not equal to the number of elements in b.
  - Raises exception No\_solutions if the system [A b] has no solutions.
  - Raises exception Infinite\_solutions if the system [A b] has infinitely many solutions.
  - Returns vector  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  if [A b] has a unique solution.