

# Gaussian Elimination Method

## Preliminaries:

Consider a matrix

$\mathbf{M} = \{\{8, 1, 7, 7\}, \{6, 9, 5, 6\}, \{0, 8, 0, 7\}\};$

**M // MatrixForm**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 1 & 7 & 7 \\ 6 & 9 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

To get the entry of 2nd row and 3rd column of M

**M[[2, 3]]**

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To get the entry of 3rd row and 4th column of M

**M[[3, 4]]**

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To get 2nd row of M

**M[[2]]**

{6, 9, 5, 6}

To get 3rd row of M

**M[[3]]**

{0, 8, 0, 7}

Consider the following matrix A:

$\mathbf{A} = \{\{a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}\}, \{a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}\}, \{a_{31}, a_{32}, a_{33}\}\};$

**A // MatrixForm**

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

To get submatrix consist of first two rows of the given matrix:

**Take[A, 2] // MatrixForm**

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

To get a submatrix consists of first two rows and first two columns of the given matrix:

```
Take[A, 2, 2] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

To get a submatrix consists of first two rows and last columns of the given matrix:

```
Take[A, 2, -1] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
Take[A, 2, {3, 3}] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{13} \\ a_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

To get a submatrix consists of the second column of the given matrix:

```
Take[A, 3, {2, 2}] // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Take[A, All, {2, 2}] // MatrixForm
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$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Gaussian Elimination Method:

Solve the following system of equations (without partial pivoting):

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 10x_3 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 + 14x_2 + 28x_3 &= -8 \end{aligned}$$

```
Clear[A]
```

```
A = {{1, 2, 3}, {2, 6, 10}, {3, 14, 28}};
```

```
A // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & 14 & 28 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
x = {x1, x2, x3};
```

```
MatrixForm[x]
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
b = {{1}, {0}, {-8}};
```

```
b // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define the augmented matrix:

```
aug = ArrayFlatten[{{A, b}}];
```

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aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 & 0 \\ 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now apply the following row operations:

```
aug[[2]] = aug[[2]] - 2 aug[[1]];
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```
aug[[3]] = aug[[3]] - 3 aug[[1]];
```

```
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 19 & -11 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
aug[[3]] = aug[[3]] - 4 aug[[2]];
```

```
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the reduced coefficient matrix is

```
upper = Take[aug, 3, 3];
```

```
upper // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the constant matrix is

```
c = Take[aug, 3, -1];
```

```
c // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
upper.x == c
```

```
{x1 + 2 x2 + 3 x3, 2 x2 + 4 x3, 3 x3} == {{1}, {-2}, {-3}}
```

Thus the corresponding solution is

```
Solve[upper.x == c]
```

```
{ {x1 → 2, x2 → 1, x3 → -1} }
```

Solve the following system of equations (with partial pivoting):

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + 10x_3 = 0$$

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

$$3x_1 + 14x_2 + 28x_3 = -8$$

```
Clear[A, x, b, c, aug]
```

```
A = {{2, 6, 10}, {1, 3, 3}, {3, 14, 28}};
```

```
A // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 14 & 28 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
x = {x1, x2, x3};
```

```
MatrixForm[x]
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
b = {{0}, {2}, {-8}};
```

```
b // MatrixForm
```

```
aug = ArrayFlatten[{{A, b}}];
```

```
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 10 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

To determine the first pivoting element

```
Max[Abs[Take[aug, 3, 1]]]
```

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```
row1 = aug[[3]];
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```
row2 = aug[[1]];
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```
aug[[1]] = row1;
```

```
aug[[3]] = row2;
```

```
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
aug[[2]] = aug[[2]] - (1 / 3) aug[[1]];
aug[[3]] = aug[[3]] - (2 / 3) aug[[1]];
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{3} & -\frac{19}{3} & \frac{14}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{3} & -\frac{26}{3} & \frac{16}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

To get the second pivoting element:

```
Max[Abs[Take[aug, {2, 3}, {2, 2}]]]
```

$$\frac{10}{3}$$

```
r1 = aug[[2]];
r2 = aug[[3]];
aug[[2]] = r2;
aug[[3]] = r1;
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{3} & -\frac{26}{3} & \frac{16}{3} \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{3} & -\frac{19}{3} & \frac{14}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

```
aug[[3]] = aug[[3]] - (aug[[3, 2]] / aug[[2, 2]]) aug[[2]];
aug // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 & 28 & -8 \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{3} & -\frac{26}{3} & \frac{16}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
U = Take[aug, 3, 3];
U // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 & 28 \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{3} & -\frac{26}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
H = Take[aug, 3, -1];
```

```
H // MatrixForm
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ \frac{16}{3} \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
U.x == H
```

$$\left\{ 3 x_1 + 14 x_2 + 28 x_3, -\frac{10 x_2}{3} - \frac{26 x_3}{3}, -2 x_3 \right\} == \left\{ \{-8\}, \left\{ \frac{16}{3} \right\}, \{2\} \right\}$$

```
Solve[U.x == H]
```

```
{ {x1 → 2, x2 → 1, x3 → -1} }
```