

CL249 - Computational methods Lab  
Assignment 2: Solution of system of linear eq<sup>n</sup>

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- Q1. Solve the given  $Ax = B$  problem using Gauss-Elimination with pivoting and diagonal dominant part. Put a counter in the program to count the total number of operations done (+, -, \*, /). Finally, plot the value of  $x$  using `plot(x)`.
- Q2. Write two modular code. In main code, read matrix  $A$  from data file and call Gauss Elimination code. In that code, matrix  $A$  and  $B$  are taken as input and  $x$  is provided as output. Gauss elimination code should have portion of pivoting and largest diagonal element.

## # METHOD : GAUSS ELIMINATION

Let's assume we have the given problem :

$$Ax = B$$

which on expansion appears as :

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & - & - & - \\ a_{21} & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ & & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

To proceed to solve using backsubstitution method, we need to convert matrix A into its Row Echelon Form (REF) i.e.

- (i) The non zero rows of A precede the zero rows.
- (ii) If A has  $r$  non zero rows, and the pivot in row 1 appears in col  $k_1$ , in row 2 appears in col  $k_2$ , and soon, then  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_r$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & - & - & - \\ 0 & a'_{22} & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

To achieve this form of  $A$ , we can perform row operations.

For eg. to make  $a_{21} = 0$

$$\text{perform } R_2 = R_2 - (\text{factor}) * R_1$$

$$\text{where factor} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$$

Carrying out this process for all the rows would give us REF of  $A$ .

## PIVOTING

While calculating factor, we need to make sure that the denominator doesn't equal to 0. To do this we ensure that

$$\cancel{a_{ii} > a_{ji} \quad \forall j \geq i+1} \\ a_{ii} \neq 0$$

else we replace the row with another row where  $a_{ji} \neq 0$ .

## Largest diagonal element

To ensure that there is minimum error in calculation

$$a_{ii} > a_{ji} \quad \forall j \geq i+1$$



Now, using back substitution we can find  $x$  as

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow a_{mn} \cdot x_m &= b_m' \\ x_m &= \frac{b_m'}{a_{mn}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1, n+1} \cdot x_{n+1} + a_{n+1, n} x_n = b_{n+1}'$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = \left( \frac{b_{n+1}' - a_{n+1, n} x_n}{a_{n+1, n+1}} \right)$$

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Therefore, we can find  $x$  vector that is the solution to

$$Ax = B.$$

## PSEUDOCODE

### Gauss Elimination

1. Start
2. Take user input A, B.
3.  $Y = [A \ B]$
4. counter = 0
5. For  $i = 1$  to row(Y):

% Pivot and largest diagonal Element.

diagonal-max =  $Y(i, i)$

max-row = i

for  $k = i+1$  to row(Y):

if  $|Y(k, i)| > \text{diagonal-max}$ :

update diagonal-max & max-row

end if

end for

update  $Y(i, i)$

% Gauss Elimination method

if  $|Y(1, 1)| > \epsilon$

for  $j = i+1$  to row(Y)

$$\text{factor} = \frac{Y(j,i)}{Y(i,i)}$$

$$Y(j,:)=Y(j,:)-(factor)*Y(i,:)$$

update counter

end FOR

end IF

end FOR

6. % Backsubstitution

$$X = \text{zeros}(1, \text{col}(A))$$

$$\text{for } i = \text{row}(Y) : -1 : 1$$

$$\text{temp} = \text{sum}(Y(i, i+1 : \text{col}(Y)-1)) * X(i+1 : \text{size col}(X))$$

$$X(i) = \frac{Y(i, \text{col}(Y)) - \text{temp}}{Y(i,i)}$$

update counter

END for.



## # Comments & Remarks

- Taking  $Y = [A \ B]$  simplifies the process as there is no need update  $A$  and  $B$  separately.
- Doing vector multiplication reduces the need for another for loop.
- Gauss Elimination is a better method than Cramer's rule due to its better time complexity.

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clear all;
clc

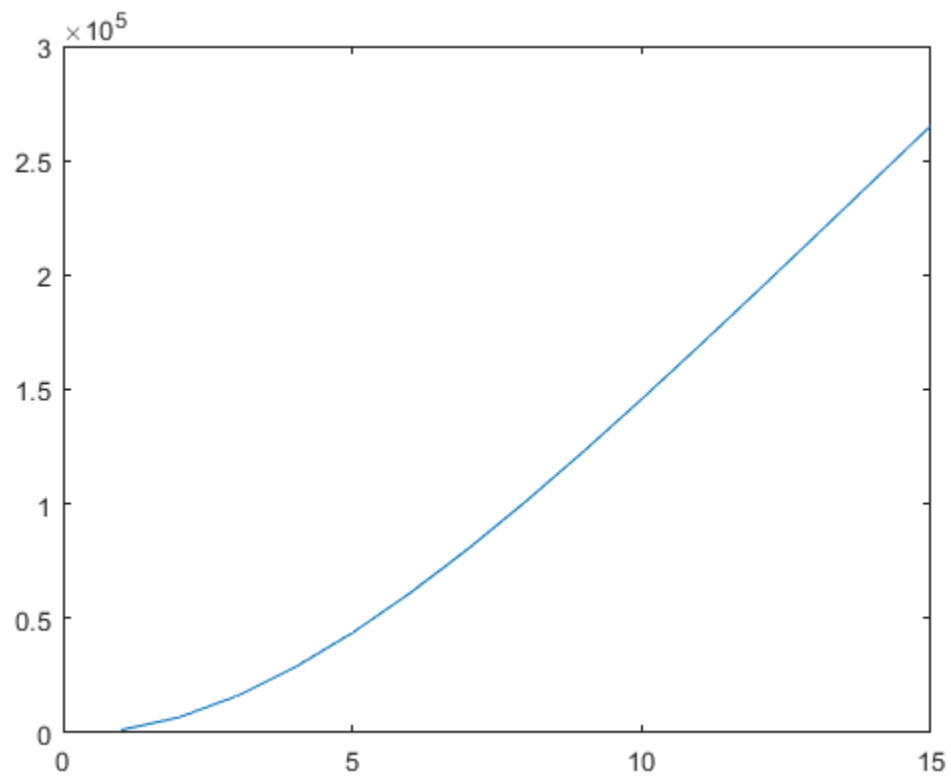
% Solving Ax=B using Gauss Elimination method and Back substitution
A= load("A.txt"); % loading A matrix from data file

B= 41*ones(15,1); % B matrix is a constant matrix

X = Gauss_elimination(A,B); % Calling Gauss_Elimination function for
    solving Ax=B

plot(X);

Number of operation = 2570
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function X= Gauss_elimination(A,B)
% Length of various matrices
len_B= size(B);
row_A= size(A,1);
col_A= size(A,2);
Y=[A B]; % Y= [A|B] format to minimize separate operations on A and B.
row_Y= size(Y,1);
col_Y= size(Y,2);

counter=0;
for i= 1 : row_Y
    % Pivot and largest diagonal element Condition
    diagonal_max=Y(i,:);
    max_row=i;
    for k= i+1 : row_Y
        if(abs(Y(k,i)) > diagonal_max(i)) % Condition
            diagonal_max=Y(k,:);
            max_row=k;
        end
    end
    Y(max_row,:)=Y(i,:); % Updating pivot value to max in column
    Y(i,:)=diagonal_max;

    % Gauss-elimination method
    if abs(Y(i,i)) > 1e-4 % Condition to ensure no operation is done
on NULL element
        for j=i+1 : row_Y

            factor= Y(j,i)./Y(i,i); % calculating factor
            counter= counter+1;
            Y(j,:)=Y(j,:)-factor.*Y(i,:); % updating subsequent rows
            counter = counter + 2.*(col_Y - i);
        end
    end
end
% Back Substitution
X = zeros(1,col_A); % Initializing X vector to 0
col_X= size(X,2);
for i=row_Y:-1:1
    temp= sum(Y(i,i+1:col_Y-1).*X(i+1:col_X));
    counter= counter + 2.*(col_X -i) -1;
    X(i)= (Y(i,col_Y)-temp)./Y(i,i); % Backsubstitution formula
    counter= counter +2;
end
fprintf('Number of operation = %i\n', counter);
end

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