

## Program na03: Gaussian Elimination

**Overview:** Write a module for Gaussian Elimination and use it to solve systems of equations.

**Introduction:** Write a module **gaussElimin** to solve a system of equations using Gaussian elimination. Save it in **gaussElimin.py** and test it on a variety of systems. The main program file is **na03.py**. It should contain a separate subroutine to solve each of the problems 10 and 11 on page 78.

**Input:** Use the module **matIO** that you wrote for the last problem. The input for both problems 10 and 11 will come from a single file named **na03in.txt**. Separate the systems in the input file with at least one blank line, and label each one appropriately using comments.

**Output:** Output to the screen. The output for each problem should be as follows:

Problem #<problem number>

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<print the augmented matrix>

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$Ax = b$  implies  $x =$  <print the vector  $x$ >T.

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$Ax - b =$  <print the vector>T

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**Writeup:** In a separate text file **writeup.txt** summarize the results of each problem. (There may be some overlap with the output here.) Tell of any problems encountered. If  $Ax-b$  is not 0 for either or both of the problems, try to determine why.

**Extra for experts.** Add an option **modifyOriginal** to the function **gaussElimin** that will allow you to do the elimination with or without modifying the original matrices. The default should be **True**. Use filename **na03X.py**

### **Checklist:**

Module files: **matIO.py**, **gaussElimin.py**

Main program file: **na03.py**

Input file: **na03in.txt**