



## Fall 2021 Precalc Lesson 3.1

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Do Now

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Be sure to... Get out your notebook/binder. Read the paragraph below carefully, then answer the questions below. Show all work and check your results!

1. Jean is trying to use Gaussian elimination to remove  $x$  in row 2. Do you agree that he did it right? Explain why or why not.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y + z = 3 & & x + y + z = 3 \\ x - 2y + 4z = 5 & \rightarrow & y + 5z = 5 \\ 3y + 4z = 5 & & 3y + 4z = 5 \end{array}$$

2. What's the pivot here? What will be the pivot when Jean removes  $3y$ ?

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1. No, Jean should multiply the first row by  $-1$  and add it to row 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} -x - y - z = -3 \\ + \quad x - 2y + 4z = 5 \end{array}$$

$$\hline -3y + 3z = 2$$

2. The pivot is positive 1. In the next step the pivot will be positive 1 (from  $y$ ).



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### B24 rules

Welcome to our new room, B24! Please read the information below:

- When you come in, please find a seat at a desk (if one's available) or one of the six closest desks to the screen. **Do not sit in the back of the classroom.** We'll conduct the do now and mini lesson from here.
- When I dismiss you for independent work, find a sit at one of the computer workstations.
- No food or drink by the computers.**
- At the end of the period, you'll be directed to assemble for the exit ticket/debrief. Log out of your computer, and **quietly** return to a seat near the front.

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- **what:** use Gaussian elimination to solve nonsquare systems of equations
- **why:** Gaussian elimination is a powerful method for solving systems of equations. It's what computers use.
- **where to:** matrices

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To solve systems with more than two variables, we want to transform the system into **row-echelon form**:

### System of Three Linear Equations in Three Variables

### Equivalent System in Row-Echelon Form

A system is in **row-echelon form** if it has a stair-step pattern and each equation has a leading coefficient of 1.

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**Gaussian elimination** involves three row operations:

1. Exchange equations
2. Multiply one of the equations but some number (but not zero)
3. Add one equation to a multiple of another equation



Johann Gauss, the guy who came up with this algorithm

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## Non-square systems

So far all of the systems we've dealt with are **square**. There's the same number of variables as there are equations. How could we solve a **nonsquare** system like the following? Let's apply our gaussian elimination algorithm and see what we get:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y + z & = & 2 \\ 2x - y - z & = & 1 \end{array}$$

Find another solution set that works for this system:

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y + z & = & 2 \\ 2x - y - z & = & 1 \end{array}$$

pivot: 1, coefficient: 2, multiplier: -2:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -2x + 4y - 2z & = & -4 \\ 2x - y - z & = & 1 \\ \hline 3y - 3z & = & -3 \end{array}$$

system:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y + z & = & 2 \\ 3y - 3z & = & -3 \end{array}$$

Next let's solve for y in terms of z:

$$y - z = -1$$

$$\mathbf{y = z - 1}$$

Let's solve for z in terms of z:

$$x - 2(z - 1) + z = 2$$

$$x - 2z + 2 + z = 2$$

$$x - z + 2 = 2$$

$$x - z = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x = z}$$

We can pick any random real number for z and find x and y. Let z = 3

$$x = 3$$

$$y = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$z = 3$$

In general we can say that the solution is

$$x = a$$

$$y = a - 1$$

$$z = a$$

where a is any real number.



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## Non-square systems

On your own, try to find a solution set for the system below. Be sure to try solving it on your own. Be prepared to share out!

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y + 5z & = & 2 \\ 4x & - & 4z = 0 \end{array}$$

Find another solution set that works for this system:

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 2y + 5z & = & 2 \\ 4x & - & z = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -4x. + 8y - 20z & = & -8 \\ 4x & - & 4z = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8y. - 24z & = & -8 \\ y. - 3z & = & 1 \end{array}$$

$$y = 3z + 1$$

$$x - 2(3z + 1) + 5z = 2$$

$$x - 6z - 2 + 5z = 2$$

$$x. - z - 2 = 2$$

$$x - z = 4$$

$$x = z + 4$$

$$z = a$$

$$x = a + 4$$

$$y = 3a + 1$$

where a is any real number



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## Independent work

Today we'll be working on Pset #2.

1. Solve the nonsquare system below:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x - 3y + z & = & -2 \\ -4x + 9y & = & 7 \end{array}$$

2. Solve the nonsquare system below:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + 2y + 3z & = & 4 \\ -x - 2y + z & = & 5 \\ 2x + 8y + z & = & -2 \end{array}$$

3. Tired of doing precalc homework, you borrowed \$775 to build an app that solves systems of linear equations automatically. You borrowed some money at 8% interest, some at 9%, and some at 10%. How much did you borrow at each rate, given that annual interest is \$67.5 and the amount of money borrowed at 8% is four times the amount borrowed at 10%?

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1.  
pivot: 2, elimination coefficient: -4, multiplier: 2

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4x - 6y + 2z & = & -4 \\ -4x + 9y. & = & 7 \end{array}$$

$$3y. + 2z = 3$$

$$y + 2/3 z = 1$$

$$y = 1 - 2/3z$$

$$4x - 6(1 - 2/3z) + 2z = -4$$

$$4x. - 6 + 4z + 2z = -4$$

$$4x + 6z. = 2$$


$$2x + 3z = 1$$

$$x = 0.5 - 1.5z$$

$z = a$ , where  $a$  is any real.

2. This system will appear to end up with a zero pivot in the second row, if students don't perform a row exchange (see iPad for detailed solution).

3.



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## Reflection

5. Are the two systems below equivalent? Be sure to explain in a complete sentence, providing reasons for your answer:

(a)  $\begin{matrix} x + 3y - z = 6 \\ 2x - y + 2z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y - z = 2 \end{matrix}$

(b)  $\begin{matrix} x + 3y - z = 6 \\ -7y + 4z = 11 \\ -7y - 4z = -16 \end{matrix}$


REMINDER: quiz on thursday

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possible exit ticket.

See answer key for detailed solution




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wrapping up!

be sure to: read the directions below!



1. Make sure there isn't any litter near your workstation.
2. If you borrowed headphones, sign them back in.
3. **Make sure you are logged out of your computer!**
4. Remain in your seat until the bell rings.

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