

* Gaussian elimination method for solving linear equations

Let's consider $Ax = b$

Step 0: Write the augmented form for the above system
 $(A \mid b)$

Step 1: Use row operations to transform the above matrix into the row-echelon form:

$$(A \mid b) \xrightarrow[\text{operations}]{\text{row}} (\underline{E} \mid c)$$

row-echelon matrix

Step 2: Use back-substitution to find x_n, x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1 from $(E \mid c)$

ex: Solve $x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 4$
 $3x_1 + 8x_2 + 7x_3 + 2x_4 = 20$
 $2x_1 + 7x_2 + 9x_3 + x_4 = 23$

Sol:
$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 7 & 2 & 20 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 & 1 & 23 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1]{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -1 & 8 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right)$$

unit column

we want this leading entry to be 1

(Use R_1 to change R_2 & R_3)

$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & 7 & -1 & 15 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_2} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 0 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & -6 \end{array} \right)$$

turn this leading entry to 1

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 / (-2)$
 $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \cdot (-1)$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & .5 & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

row-echelon form

* Back Substitution :

- Determine leading variables & free variables.

leading variables: x_1, x_2, x_3 .

free variables: x_4

- Set free variables as parameter :

set $x_4 = t$

- Find other leading variables by back subs :

From R_3 : $x_3 + 0.5 x_4 = 3$

$$x_3 + 0.5 t = 3$$

$$x_3 = 3 - 0.5 t$$

From R_2 : $x_2 + 3 x_3 = 7$

$$x_2 + 9 - 1.5 t = 7$$

$$x_2 = -2 + 1.5 t$$

From R_1 : $x_1 + 2 x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 4$

$$x_1 - 4 + 3t + 3 - 0.5t + t = 4$$

$$x_1 + 3.5t - 1 = 4$$

$$x_1 = 5 - 3.5t$$

So $x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 - 3.5t \\ -2 + 1.5t \\ 3 - 0.5t \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ (infinitely many solutions)

(ex) Solve $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 2$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 3$$

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 3$$

$$5x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 6$$

Solution : $\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 3 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right] R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 5R_1$

Solution :

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 3 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 5R_1}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & -2 & 5 & -4 \end{array} \right)$$

clear them

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & -2 & 5 & -4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\substack{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 4R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 7R_2}} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 12 & 10 \end{array} \right)$$

need to be cleared (Keep tracking leading entries and clear entries below it) *clear this*

$$\xrightarrow{R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_3} \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

* Back subs :

leading variables: x_1, x_2, x_3
 free ———: x_4

Set $x_4 = t$.

From R_3 : $-x_3 + 6x_4 = 5$
 $-x_3 + 6t = 5$
 $x_3 = 6t - 5$

— R_2 : $x_2 + x_4 = 2$
 $x_2 + t = 2$

$$x_2 = 2 - t$$

— R_1 : $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = 2$
 $x_1 + 2 - t + 6t - 5 - t = 2$

$$x_1 + 4t - 3 = 2$$

$$x_1 = 5 - 4t$$

So $x = \begin{pmatrix} 5-4t \\ 2-t \\ 6t-5 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ (infinitely many solutions)

* Jordan Step :

clear them

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 & | & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

unit column

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3(-1) \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & | & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -6 & | & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3: x_3 - 6x_1 = -5$$

$$x_3 = 6t - 5$$

$$R_2: x_2 + t = 2 \rightarrow x_2 = 2 - t$$

$$R_1: x_1 + 4t = 5 \rightarrow x_1 = 5 - 4t$$

(no substitution)

* Reduced row echelon matrix :

The reduced row - echelon matrix is a row - echelon matrix, at which the first nonzero entry (leading entry) of a row is the only nonzero entry in its column.

ex :

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

reduced row-echelon

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

row-echelon
but not reduced row-echelon
(reduced)

Gauss-Jordan method for transforming a matrix A to

Gauss-Jordan method for transforming a matrix A to a reduced row-echelon form

- Step I : Gaussian step: we turn the matrix A to the row-echelon form E by using row operations (clearing entries below the leading entries)
- Step II : Jordan step: we transform E to the reduced row-echelon format by using row operations (clearing entries above the leading entries)

Quiz 1 covers 1.1 & 1.2