

# Elimination - success / failure

# MIT LinAlg Lec 2 - Elimination w/ Matrices (Strang)

Back-Substitution

Elimination Matrices

Matrix Multiplication

$$x + 2y + z = 2 \quad \text{pivot } A$$

$$3x + 8y + z = 12 \quad r_2$$

$$4y + z = 2 \quad r_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 12 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = b \quad \text{purpose - to eliminate } x \text{ from } r_2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3x & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 2x & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 15 \end{array}$$

Goal: get from A to U (Upper triangular matrix)

U - Upper triangular \* pivots cannot be zero

To find determinant, multiply the pivots. For ex:  $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 10$

How could this operation have failed?

- if 1st pivot was 0  $\Rightarrow$  would require a row switch
- if second pivot was 0

if there is a nonzero below a pivot point that is a zero, row switch

Augmented Matrix:  $A \rightarrow U, b \rightarrow c$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & -10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$Ux = c \quad x + 2y + z = 2$$

Solve for z

$$z = -2$$

Solve for x:  $x + 2 - 2 = 2$

$$2y - 2(-2) = 6$$

$$5y = -10$$

$$2y + 4 = 6$$

$$y = 1$$

$$x = 2$$

$$(2, 1, -2)$$

Back Substitution: Solving equations in reverse order via substitution when the system is triangular.

## Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Combination of the columns.

$$3x(c1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3+8+5 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

UxCol &  
SxCol3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 16 & 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 49 \\ 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} - & - & - \end{bmatrix} \text{ by row} \quad \text{row} \times \text{matrix} = \text{row}$$

$1 \times 3$

$$1 \times \text{row1} + 2 \times \text{row2} + 7 \times \text{row3}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 24 & 35 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract 3xRow1 from Row2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{identity matrix}$$

$E_{21}$   $\rightarrow$  fixed the 21 position  
Row 2, column 1

"E" is labeled by the row and column it is fixing. row first then column.

Step 2: Subtract 2x Row1 from Row3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} E_{32}$$

$(E_{21} A) E_{32} = U$

multiply the E's first  
to get the matrix  
that does everything  
once.

$A = (\text{what matrix takes me from } A \text{ to } U)$

$\left( \begin{bmatrix} E_{32} & E_{21} \end{bmatrix} \right) A = U$

Associative Law of Matrices

Associative Law of Matrices: Given three matrices A, B, and C of the same size, the order in which we multiply does not change the result.  
 $\Rightarrow$  mat mult is associative

## Permutation

Exchange rows 1 and 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix}$$

- Exchange the rows of the identity matrix to find p.

- how to exchange columns of a matrix?

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \text{ inverse? } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ not invertible}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ inverse}$$



they flip,  
 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b & a \\ d & c \end{bmatrix}$

Column operations, multiply on the right. Row operations, multiply on the left.

$A \times B \neq B \times A$  Commutative Law does not apply to matrices

Don't think how to get from A to O, but how to get from O to A.

"inverse"

Inverse of a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{find the matrix that undoes the elimination to give the identity.}$$

$R_2 + 3R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad I$$
$$E^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The system of linear equations

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

has no solution, adding  $r_1 + r_2$  yields 203|5, which contradicts  $r_3: 203|1$

$r_1$  and  $r_3$  give us  $x_1 = 1$   $r_1 + r_2 = 203|5 \Rightarrow x_3 = 1$ . Thus,  $(1, 1, 1)$  is the

only solution.

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{array}$$

$1+2=3$ , it's redundant. Thus we have a 3-dimensional system operating

on a 2-dimensional plane. Thus this system has infinitely many solutions.

Def: Matrix: with  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  a real-valued  $(m, n)$  matrix  $A$  is a  $m \cdot n$  tuple of elements  $a_{ij}$ ,  $i: 1 \dots m, j: 1 \dots n$ , which is ordered according to a rectangular scheme consisting of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.

Matrix Addition:  $A + B := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} + b_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} + b_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} + b_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} + b_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

Matrix Multiplication

for matrices  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ , the elements  $c_{ij}$  of the product  $C := AB \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times k}$  are computed as:

$$c_{ij} := \sum_{l=1}^n a_{il} b_{lj} \quad i: 1 \dots m \quad j: 1 \dots k$$

This summation means to compute  $c_{ij}$ , we multiply the elements of the  $i$ th row of  $A$  with the  $j$ th column of  $B$  and sum them.  $\Rightarrow$  Dot product

$\Rightarrow$  Matrices can only be multiplied if their "neighboring" dimensions match.

$$\begin{matrix} A & B \\ n \times k & k \times m \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} C \\ n \times m \end{matrix}$$

must  
match

The product  $BA$  is not defined because  $n \neq m$ .  $AB$  is defined because  $k = l$

matrix! product is defined.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 2}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 0+2+0 & 2 \cdot 2 + 3 & = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ 0+1+1 & 6-2+1 & \end{array}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0+6 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Mat Mult is not commutative,  $AB \neq BA$ .

Def: Identity Matrix: In  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we define the identity matrix as the  $n \times n$  matrix containing 1 on the diagonal and 0 everywhere else.  $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Properties of matrixes:

Associativity:  $\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}; (AB)C = A(BC)$  for any matrices 'A' of size  $m \times n$ , B of size  $n \times p$ , and C of size  $p \times q$ ,  $(AB)C = A(BC) \Rightarrow$  the product of 2 matrices times a 3rd matrix is the same as the product of switching one of the two matrices in the parenthesis with the one outside.

Distributivity:  $\forall A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, C, D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}; (A+B)C = AC + BC; A(C+D) = AC + AD$ .

you can distribute scalar matrix A across the sum of  $(C+D)$  (like so: the product of  $AC$  + the product of  $AD$ ) is the same as the product of  $A(C+D)$

Multiplication with the identity matrix:  $\forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}; I_m A = A I_n = A$ ;  $I_m \neq I_n$

Multiplying matrix  $A^{m \times n}$ . Identity Matrix  $I_m$  ( $I_m A$ ) is equivalent to A · Identity  $I_n$ ;  $A I_n$ , which is equivalent to A.

Def: Inverse: Consider a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Let matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  have the property that  $AB = I_n = BA$ . B is called the inverse of A and denoted by  $A^{-1}$ .

The inverse of a matrix is the matrix that allows you to revert a matrix back to its original state after performing a transformation.

Not every matrix A has an inverse  $A^{-1}$ . If it does, the matrix A is called regular/invertible/unique.  
 $\Rightarrow$  when the matrix inverse exists, it is unique.

The Matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -7 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  are inverse to each other since  $AB = I = BA$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -7 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 & 4 \\ -28 & 4 & 25 \\ 36 & 7 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & -7 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 4 & 4 \\ -28 & 4 & 25 \\ 36 & 7 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 4 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix} = I \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Def: Transpose: For  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  the matrix  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with  $b_{ij} = a_{ji}$  is called the transpose of A. We write  $B = A^T$

$$AA^{-1} = I = A^{-1}A \quad (AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \quad (A+B)^{-1} \neq A^{-1} + B^{-1}$$

$$(A^T)^T = A \quad (AB)^T = B^T A^T \quad (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

Def: Symmetric Matrix: A matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is symmetric if  $A = A^T$

\* only  $n \times n$  matrices can be symmetric

\* the sum of symmetric matrices is also symmetric, but the product of symmetric matrices is not.

Multiplication by a scalar:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow A = \lambda A, \lambda_{ij} = \lambda a_{ij} \hookrightarrow \lambda \text{ scales each element of } A$ .

Associativity:  $\lambda(BC) = (\lambda B)C = B(\lambda C) = \lambda(BC), B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$

$\hookrightarrow$  allows us to move scalars

$$(\lambda C)^T = C^T \lambda^T = C^T \lambda = \lambda C^T; \lambda = \lambda^T \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 2\lambda \\ 3\lambda & 4\lambda \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2\lambda \\ 3\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda C + 4C$$

Distributivity:

$$\lambda(B+C) = \lambda B + \lambda C, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 1x_3 = 1 \\ 4x_1 - 2x_2 - 7x_3 = 8 \\ 9x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 = 2 \end{array} \hookrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & -7 & 8 \\ 9 & 5 & -3 & 2 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & -7 & 8 \\ 9 & 5 & -3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Matrix form  $\Rightarrow Ax = b$  product  $Ax$  is a linear combination of the columns of A.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 42 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 equations, 4 unknowns, thus we should expect infinite solutions

$$b = 42 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 8 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad [42, 8, 0, 0] \rightarrow \text{particular solution}$$

To capture all other solutions, we express a third column using the first two columns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 0 = 8c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 + 0c_4 \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (8, 2, -1, 0)$$

Any scaling by  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  produces the zero vector:

$$\lambda \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda(8, 2, -1, 0) = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \left( \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \lambda(8c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3) = b$$

General Solution - The set of all solutions:

$$\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x = \begin{bmatrix} 42 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 12 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

- 1) find particular solution  $Ax=b$
- 2) find all solutions to  $Ax=0$
- 3) combine the solutions from steps 1+2.

Elementary Transformations:

- Exchange of two rows
- multiplication of row with a constant
- addition of two rows

Definition: Row-Echelon form: A matrix is in row-echelon form if:

- All rows that contain only zeros are at the bottom of the matrix; correspondingly, all rows that contain at least one nonzero element are on top of rows that contain only zeros.
- Looking at non-zero rows only, the first nonzero number from the left (pivot point / leading coefficient) is always strictly to the right of the pivot of the row above it.
- basic variables correspond to the pivots  $\Rightarrow$  useful for finding a particular solution.
- free variables are all other variables

Reduced-Row-Echelon Form - An equation system is in reduced row-echelon form if:

- it is in row-echelon form
- every pivot is 1
- the pivot is the only nonzero entry in its column.

Gaussian Elimination - an algorithm that performs elementary transformations to bring a system of linear equations into reduced row-echelon form.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

we need to express the non-pivot columns as a linear combination of the pivot columns.

we express the non-pivot columns in terms of sums and multiples of the pivot columns that are on their left.

$$Ax = b \text{ is } 3x_1 : \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^5 : x = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Minus one trick:  $Ax=0$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume that  $A$  is in reduced row-echelon form without any rows that just contain zeroes.

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & * & \dots & * & 0 & \dots & * \\ \vdots & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $*$  can be any arbitrary real number, with the constraints that the first non-zero entry per row must be 1 and all other entries 0.  
 We extend to an  $n \times n$  matrix by adding  $n-k$  rows of form  $[0 \dots 0 \dots 0 \dots 0]$  so that the diagonal of Augmented Matrix  $A$  contains either 0 or -1. Thus, the columns of  $A$  that contain the -1 as pivots are solutions of the homogeneous equation system  $Ax=0$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  These columns form a basis of the solution space  $Ax=0$ : the nullspace / kernel

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^5 : x = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Calculating the inverse: To find  $A^{-1}$  of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , we need to find  $X$  that satisfies  $AX=I$ .

We can use augmented matrix notation  $[A|I_n] \dots [I_n|A^{-1}]$

If we bring the augmented equation system into reduced row echelon form, we can read out the inverse on the right-hand side:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left[ \begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \text{ via Gaussian Elimination}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} A^{-1}$$

Let  $x_*$  be a solution of  $Ax=b$ . The key idea is to set up an iteration of the form:

$$x^{(k+1)} = (x^{(k)}) + d$$

for suitable  $(x^{(k)})$  that reduces the residual error  $\|x^{(k+1)} - x_*\|$  in every iteration and converges to  $x_*$ .