

Chapter 4

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Algorithm for Gaussian Elimination

1] begin with (1,1)

- If $a \neq 0$, take $\textcircled{1}/a$

- If it is $a=0$

- interchange $\textcircled{1}$ with \textcircled{i}
to get $\underline{a \neq 0}$ (1,1)

- If every entry in the
column = 0, then
go to column 2

2] You may have a leading 1 in
some column. use row ops
to replace every entry below
the '1' with a zero.

3] move (col+1, row+1) - one row
down, one col over - and
repeat trying to establish
a leading value of 1, and.

4] continue to echelon form.

———— echelon achieved ————

5] Use each leading 1 to blast out
every nonzero element in that
column

System of Equations

- a system of equations $Ax=y$ is
consistent if they have at least
one solution.

- $(A \ y) \rightarrow$ Echelon Form

- if there is a leading 1 in the
last column, then no solutions
exist, and the set is inconsistent

- If there is no leading 1 in the
last column, eq's are consistent.

Leading Variables

- any column containing a leading 1
except the last column

Free Variable

- ! Leading Variable

$$\hookrightarrow \#(\text{vars}) = \#(\text{leading}) + \#(\text{free})$$

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

$$\begin{matrix} x & y & z & = \end{matrix}$$

$x, z = \text{leading} \quad y = \text{Free}$

Solutions

- if a system does not have any
free variables, then there is one
solution

- if there is at least 1 free
variable, then there are an
infinite number of solutions.

$$\hookrightarrow \# \text{ of F.V.'s} = \text{Dimensions of solution space} = \text{Deg's of freedom}$$

- to create solution
 - Assign each free variable a var.
 - rewrite other Eq's in terms of free variables.

Chapter 5

Homogenous Systems

- $Ax=0$
- Always has solution $x=0$ (can be others)
- If a solution to $Ax=0$ is a nonzero vector, it is a non-trivial solution
 - if the system has no free variables then there is only one solution - the trivial solution
 - if there exist free variable(s), then there are infinite solutions to the system.
- if there are more variables than eq's, there will be non-trivial solutions.
- for a square $A_{n \times n} x=0$
 - if $\det(A)=0$: nontrivial solutions
 - if $\det(A) \neq 0$: $x=0$.

Linear combination

- define vectors $\underbrace{u, v, \dots}_{\text{scalars } s, t}$
- linear combination of \uparrow :

$$su + tv$$

- if u, v are solutions to $Ax=0$, then $su+tv$ is too.