

Gaussian Elimination



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A method to solve simultaneous linear equations of the form $[A][X]=[C]$

Two steps

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

Forward Elimination

The goal of forward elimination is to transform the coefficient matrix into an upper triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Elimination

A set of n equations and n unknowns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array}$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + a_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

($n-1$) steps of forward elimination

Forward Elimination

Step 1

For Equation 2, divide Equation 1 by a_{11} and multiply by $\cdot a_{21}$

$$\left[\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \right] (a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1)$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}x_2 + \dots + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}x_n = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1$$

Forward Elimination

Subtract the result from Equation 2.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n & = & b_2 \\ - \quad a_{21}x_1 + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}x_2 + \dots + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}x_n & = & \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1 \\ \hline \left(a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12} \right)x_2 + \dots + \left(a_{2n} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n} \right)x_n & = & b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1 \\ \text{or} \quad a'_{22}x_2 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n & = & b'_2 \end{array}$$

Forward Elimination

Repeat this procedure for the remaining equations to reduce the set of equations as

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a'_{32}x_2 + a'_{33}x_3 + \dots + a'_{3n}x_n = b'_3$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$a'_{n2}x_2 + a'_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a'_{nn}x_n = b'_n$$

End of Step 1

Forward Elimination

Step 2

Repeat the same procedure for the 3rd term of Equation 3.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$a''_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a''_{nn}x_n = b''_n$$

End of Step 2

Forward Elimination

At the end of (n-1) Forward Elimination steps, the system of equations will look like

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a^{(n-1)}_{nn}x_n = b^{(n-1)}_n$$

End of Step (n-1)

Matrix Form at End of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Back Substitution

Solve each equation starting from the last equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example of a system of 3 equations

Back Substitution Starting Eqns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \dots + a''_{nn}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a^{(n-1)}_{nn}x_n = b^{(n-1)}_n$$



Back Substitution

Start with the last equation because it has only one unknown

$$x_n = \frac{b_n^{(n-1)}}{a_{nn}^{(n-1)}}$$

Back Substitution

$$x_n = \frac{b_n^{(n-1)}}{a_{nn}^{(n-1)}}$$

$$x_i = \frac{b_i^{(i-1)} - a_{i,i+1}^{(i-1)}x_{i+1} - a_{i,i+2}^{(i-1)}x_{i+2} - \dots - a_{i,n}^{(i-1)}x_n}{a_{ii}^{(i-1)}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

$$x_i = \frac{b_i^{(i-1)} - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{ij}^{(i-1)}x_j}{a_{ii}^{(i-1)}} \text{ for } i = n-1, \dots, 1$$

Example 1

The upward velocity of a rocket is given at three different times

Table 1 Velocity vs. time data.

Time, t (s)	Velocity, v (m/s)
5	106.8
8	177.2
12	279.2



The velocity data is approximated by a polynomial as:

$$v(t) = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12.$$

Find the velocity at $t=6$ seconds .

Example 1 Cont.

Assume

$$v(t) = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12.$$

Results in a matrix template of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_1^2 & t_1 & 1 \\ t_2^2 & t_2 & 1 \\ t_3^2 & t_3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using data from Table 1, the matrix becomes:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 1 Cont.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Forward Elimination

Number of Steps of Forward Elimination

Number of steps of forward elimination is
 $(n-1)=(3-1)=2$

Forward Elimination: Step 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and
multiply it by 64, $\frac{64}{25} = 2.56$

$$[25 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad \vdots \quad 106.8] \times 2.56 = [64 \quad 12.8 \quad 2.56 \quad \vdots \quad 273.408]$$

Subtract the result from
Equation 2

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 8 & 1 & \vdots & 177.2 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 12.8 & 2.56 & \vdots & 273.408 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for
Equation 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and
multiply it by 144, $\frac{144}{25} = 5.76$

$$[25 \quad 5 \quad 1 \quad \vdots \quad 106.8] \times 5.76 = [144 \quad 28.8 \quad 5.76 \quad \vdots \quad 615.168]$$

Subtract the result from
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 28.8 & 5.76 & \vdots & 615.168 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 & \vdots & -335.968 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 & \vdots & -335.968 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Elimination: Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 & \vdots & -335.968 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide Equation 2 by -4.8
and multiply it by -16.8 ,
 $\frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5$

$$[0 \quad -4.8 \quad -1.56 \quad \vdots \quad -96.208] \times 3.5 = [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -5.46 \quad \vdots \quad -336.728]$$

Subtract the result from
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -4.76 \quad \vdots \quad 335.968] \\ - [0 \quad -16.8 \quad -5.46 \quad \vdots \quad -336.728] \\ \hline [0 \quad 0 \quad 0.7 \quad \vdots \quad 0.76] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.208 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 & \vdots & 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$



Back Substitution

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 & \vdots & -96.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 & \vdots & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.208 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for a_3

$$0.7a_3 = 0.76$$

$$a_3 = \frac{0.76}{0.7}$$

$$a_3 = 1.08571$$

Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.208 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for a_2

$$-4.8a_2 - 1.56a_3 = -96.208$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.208 + 1.56a_3}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.208 + 1.56 \times 1.08571}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = 19.6905$$

Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.2 \\ 0.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for a_1

$$25a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3 = 106.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{106.8 - 5a_2 - a_3}{25} \\ &= \frac{106.8 - 5 \times 19.6905 - 1.08571}{25} \\ &= 0.290472 \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian Elimination Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.290472 \\ 19.6905 \\ 1.08571 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 1 Cont.

Solution

The solution vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.290472 \\ 19.6905 \\ 1.08571 \end{bmatrix}$$

The polynomial that passes through the three data points is then:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3 \\ &= 0.290472 t^2 + 19.6905 t + 1.08571, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(6) &= 0.290472(6)^2 + 19.6905(6) + 1.08571 \\ &= 129.686 \text{ m/s.} \end{aligned}$$

Pitfall#. Large Round-off Errors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 20 & 15 & 10 \\ -3 & -2.249 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 45 \\ 1.751 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exact Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Solve it on a computer using **6** significant digits with chopping

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9625 \\ 1.05 \\ 0.999995 \end{bmatrix}$$

Gauss Jordan Elimination

In this method, the element above and below the major diagonal are eliminated.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & a'_{22} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a^{(n-1)}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b^{(n-1)}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse of Matrix by Gauss-Jordan Method

Formation of Augmented matrix \mathbf{A} with identity matrix \mathbf{I}

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & I \end{bmatrix}$$

By application of Gauss-Jordan method, augmented matrix is transferred to the following form

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