

## 1.6 Gaussian elimination (高斯消去法)

Gaussian elimination (高斯消去法) 是用来解线性联立方程组的一个方法。所谓的高斯消去法是利用某些运算将线性联立方程组变成“**上三角 (upper triangular)**”的方法。能够用的运算只有三种基本运算 (elementary operation)

### Definition 53: Elementary operation (基本运算)

(E1) interchanging any two equations in the system.  
(将两个式子对调)

(E2) multiplying any equation in the system by a nonzero constant.  
(将某式乘个常数倍)

(E3) adding a multiple of one equation to another  
(将某式乘个常数加到另一个方程式)

Example 54:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y - 2z = 2 & (1) \\ 4x + 9y - 3z = 8 & (2) \\ -2x - 3y + 7z = 10 & (3) \end{cases}$$

Solving  $x, y, z$ .

Solution: 想辦法換成上三角矩陣

$(2) + (1) \times (-2):$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y - 2z = 2 \\ y + z = 4 \\ -2x - 3y + 7z = 10 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$(3) + (1) \times 1$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y - 2z = 2 \\ y + z = 4 \\ y + 5z = 12 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

(5) + (4)  $\times$  (-1):

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 4y - 2z = 2 \\ y + z = 4 \\ 4z = 8 \end{cases}$$

這種形式即為 Gaussian elimination 要達成的目標：將聯立方程化成上三角的形式。

This system is solved backward:

$$z = 2$$

$$y = 4 - z = 2$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} (2 - 4y + 2z) = -1$$

This process is called back-substitution (反向代入法)

但這個算法有點麻煩，每次都要將全部的 equations 寫出來，有沒有辦法做修改？

Remark 55: 用矩陣的方式來表示

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 & -8 & 8 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 10 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{記得要用箭頭，不可以用等號} \\ \text{有些書上會加，有些書不加}}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & -3 & 7 & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 12 \end{array} \right]$$



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

row echelon form (階梯形矩陣)

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

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

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

reduced row echelon form

(化簡後的階梯形矩陣)

Definition 56: (1) A matrix is in row echelon form (階梯形) if it has the following three properties

(i) all non-zero rows are above any rows of zeros.

所有的非零列必須在整列為 0 的列之上。

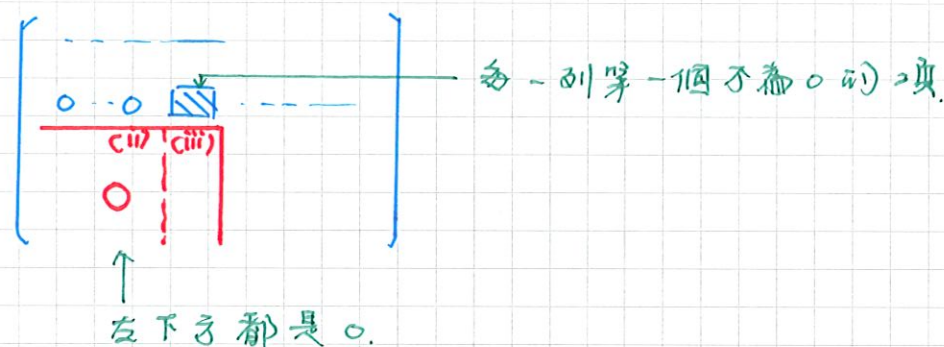
如

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

這種情況不能發生。

cii) each leading entry of a row is in a column to the right of the leading entry of the row above it.

每一列中第一個不為零的項，其左下方的任何 entries 都是 0。用圖形來看。



ciii) all entries in a column below a leading entry are zeros  
每一列中第一個不為 0 的項，其下方任何的 entry 都是 0。

記住，就是個梯形就是了。

(2) If a matrix in a row echelon form satisfies the following additional conditions, then it is in reduced row echelon form (化簡後的階梯形)

(iv) the leading entry in each non-zero row is 1

每一列中第一個不為 0 的項為 1。

(v) each leading 1 is the only non-zero entry in its column.

每一列中第一個不為 0 的項同一行中其他項全為 0。

用圖表來看比較快。

Remark 57: row echelon form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \square & * & * & * \\ 0 & \square & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & \square & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \square & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \square & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \square & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \square & * \end{bmatrix}$$



reduced row echelon form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & * & 0 & 0 & * & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & * & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & * & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * \end{pmatrix}$$

Example 58: 化成 (reduced) row echelon form 最大的好處是：求解好  
了。

$$(1) \begin{cases} x + w = 2 \\ y + z + w = 3 \\ z + 2w = 4 \\ 2w = 4 \end{cases}$$

矩陣形式為

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

(為 row echelon form)

利用 back-substitution:

$$w = 2$$

$$z = 4 - 2w = 0$$

$$y = 3 - z - w = 1$$

$$x = 2 - w = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{solution: } (x, y, z, w) = (0, 1, 0, 2)$$

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

寫成聯立方程組.

$$\begin{cases} x + w = 2 \\ y + z + w = 3 \\ z + 2w = 4 \end{cases}$$

有三個方程式, 但卻有四個未知數, 所以不可能有唯一解, 這時候會將其中一個變數固定, 但用那個變數固定呢?

規則很簡單: 在(reduced) row echelon form 中不是 non-zero leading entries 當成定數, 例如在此例中, 固定  $w$ :

$$z = 4 - 2w$$

$$y = 3 - z - w = 3 - (4 - 2w) - w = -1 + w$$

$$x = 2 - w$$

Thus, the solution is given by

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 - w \\ y = -1 + w \\ z = 4 - 2w \end{cases} \quad w \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Definition 59:** A pivot position (領先元) in a matrix  $A$  is a location in  $A$  that corresponds to a leading 1 in the reduced row echelon form of  $A$ .

**Example 60:**

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

pivot position.

**Example 61:** (1) Solve

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 1 \\ 3x + 2y = 11 \end{cases}$$



Solution:  $\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 11 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 8 & 8 \end{array} \right)$  row echelon form

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

reduced row echelon form

$\Rightarrow$  solution:  $(x, y) = (3, 1)$

(2) Solve

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ x + 2y + 2z = 9 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 10 \end{cases}$$

Solution:  $\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right)$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

row echelon form

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

reduced row echelon form

$\Rightarrow$  solution:  $x = 3, y = 2, z = 1$

Remark 62: 若  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , 且為 non-singular  $\Rightarrow$  可用 Gaussian elimination.

若  $A$  不是 non-singular, Gaussian elimination 會出現不一樣的狀況

(i) no solution:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 1 \\ 3x - 6y = 11 \end{cases}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 11 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{但 } 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 0 \neq 8$$

$\Rightarrow$  無解.

(ii) infinite many solution:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 1 \\ 3x - 6y = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

兩個變數, 一個方程式.

$\Rightarrow$  infinite many solutions.

Solution:  $x = 2y + 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

至於一般  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ , 探討的方法類似, 一樣會有

unique solution, no solution, infinite many solutions  $\equiv$  三種狀況.