

# ME6030 Assignment

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## 1. Gauss elimination

Write a code to take a matrix  $A$  as input, and print the following as output:

- a. Row echelon form of matrix
- b. Elementary matrices used in each step
- c. Rank of the given matrix

Note that you are not to use any of the internal commands for the above steps. Then use the *timeit* function to compare the time to generate the row reduced echelon form against the builtin command *rref* for the  $A$  matrix in 2.d.

### Solution

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**Algorithm 1** Gauss–Jordan Elimination for RREF

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**Require:**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

**Ensure:**  $R$ : reduced row echelon form of  $A$ , rank  $r$ , elementary matrices  $\{E_k\}$

- 1: Initialize  $R \leftarrow A$ ,  $pivot\_row \leftarrow 1$
  - 2: Initialize empty lists for pivot columns and elementary matrices
  - 3: **for** each column  $c = 1, \dots, n$  **do**
  - 4:   **if**  $pivot\_row > m$  **then**
  - 5:     **break**
  - 6:   **end if**
  - 7:   Select a nonzero pivot in column  $c$  using partial pivoting
  - 8:   Swap pivot row into position  $pivot\_row$
  - 9:   Scale pivot row to make the pivot equal to 1
  - 10:   Eliminate all entries below the pivot
  - 11:   Record pivot column and increment  $pivot\_row$
  - 12: **end for**
  - 13: Eliminate all entries above each pivot (backward elimination)
  - 14: Compute rank  $r$  as the number of nonzero rows of  $R$
  - 15: Return  $R$ ,  $r$ ,  $\{E_k\}$
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The above algorithm is used to calculate the Row Reduced echelon form of the matrix in the code. It is tested on the following matrix-

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & -11 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Both the inbuilt function and the custom function provided the same solution and the results including time are as follows-

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RREF:
    1.0000      0      0      2.0000
      0      1.0000      0      3.0000
      0      0      1.0000     -1.0000

Rank = 3
My time: 0.001625 sec
Built-in time: 0.020758 sec
Built-in result:
    1      0      0      2
    0      1      0      3
    0      0      1     -1
```

## 2.Geometry of linear equations

Graphically generate the row images and column images of the following set of linear equations. Identify and describe the nature of solutions.

- $u + v + w = 2; u + 2v + 3w = 1; v + 2w = 0$
- $x + y + z = 2; x + 2y + z = 3; 2x + 3y + 2z = 5$
- $x + y + z = 2; x + 2y + z = 3; 2x + 3y + 2z = 9$
- $x + y + z = 2; x + 2y + z = 3; 2x + 9y + 5z = 12$

Find the row reduced echelon form of each system using the code from previous steps and correlate with the nature of solutions.

### Solution

## Plots of the system of equations

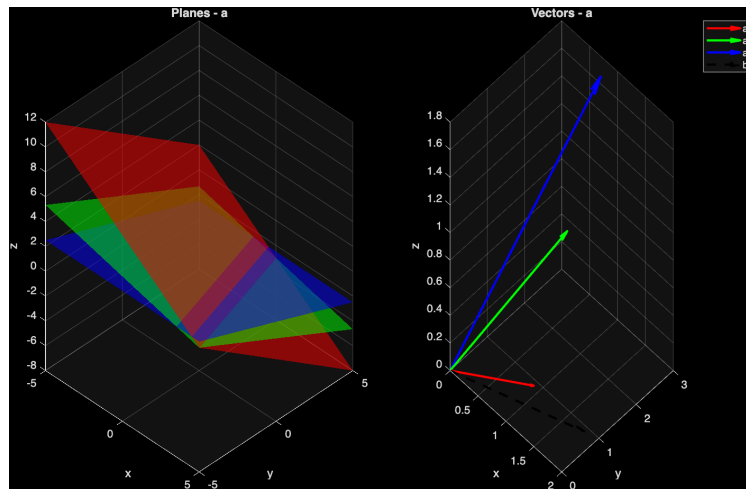


Figure 1: Equations 1

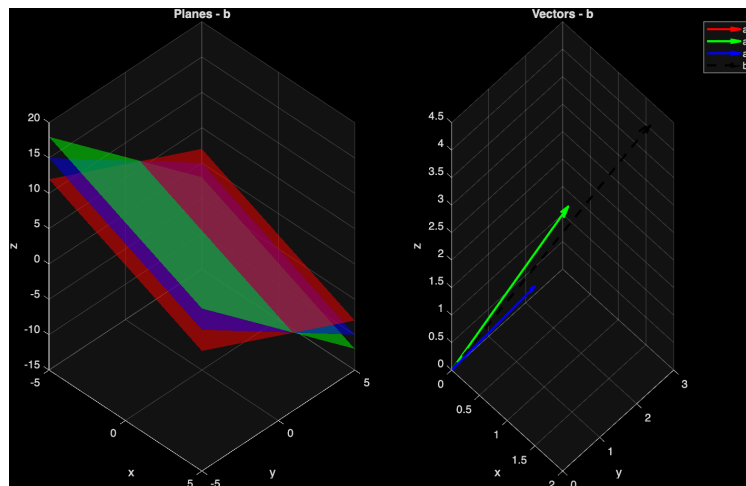


Figure 2: Equations 2

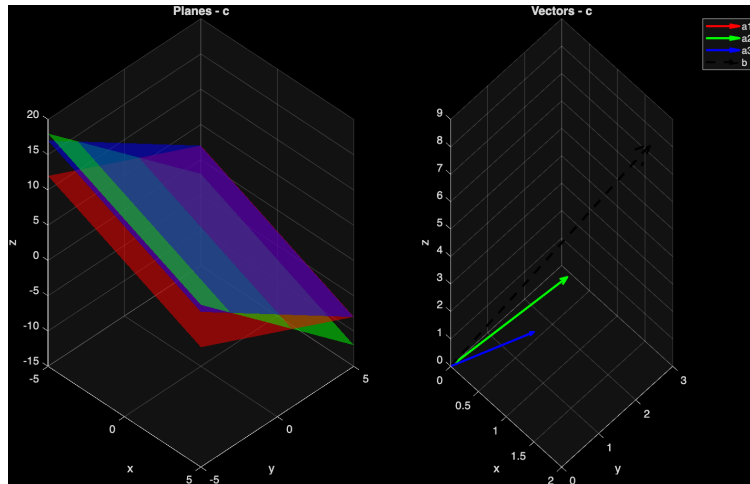


Figure 3: Equations 3

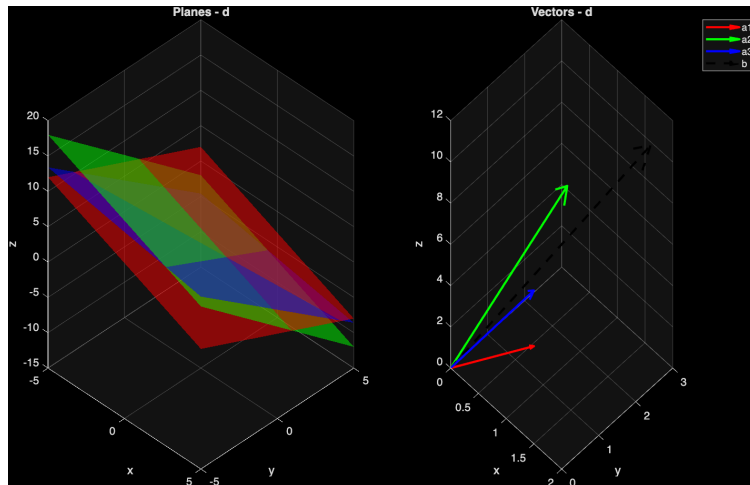


Figure 4: Equations 4

## Solutions and RREF

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Rank = 3

Final transformation matrix E_total:
  -1    2   -3
   0    0    1
   1   -1    1

RREF of augmented:
   1    0   -1    0
   0    1    2    0
   0    0    0    1

rank(A) = 2, rank([A|b]) = 3
Solution: No solution
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Figure 5: Equations 1

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Rank = 2

Final transformation matrix E_total:
   0   -3    2
   0    2   -1
   1    1   -1

RREF of augmented:
   1    0    1    1
   0    1    0    1
   0    0    0    0

rank(A) = 2, rank([A|b]) = 2
Solution: 1 free variables
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Figure 6: Equations 2

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Rank = 3

Final transformation matrix E_total:
    2.2500    -0.7500    -0.2500
   -0.7500     1.2500    -0.2500
   -0.2500    -0.2500     0.2500

RREF of augmented:
    1     0     1     0
    0     1     0     0
    0     0     0     1

rank(A) = 2, rank([A|b]) = 3
Solution: No solution

```

Figure 7: Equations 3

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Rank = 3

Final transformation matrix E_total:
    0.3333    1.3333   -0.3333
   -1.0000    1.0000     0.0000
    1.6667   -2.3333    0.3333

RREF of augmented:
    1.0000     0.0000     0.0000    0.6667
     0.0000    1.0000     0.0000    1.0000
     0.0000     0.0000    1.0000    0.3333

rank(A) = 3, rank([A|b]) = 3
Solution: Unique solution

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Figure 8: Equations 4

### 3.Back substitution

Take in any  $n \times n$  system of equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  as input with the last column of the input being the output  $[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b}]$ . Augment the code from part 1 to generate the row echelon form, with a  $n$  algorithm for back substitution to find  $\mathbf{x}$ . Using *timeit* compare the time to generate the solutions for the system in 2.d against the inbuilt solution method. You can solve the system of equations directly in Matlab using `inv(A)*b` or using the `/` operator.

## Solution

Based on the implementation of the RREF and back substitution algorithm, the system of equations from 2.d was solved. The input system is defined as:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 1. Augmented Matrix and RREF

The augmented matrix  $[A \mid \mathbf{b}]$  was processed to reach the Row Reduced Echelon Form (RREF):

$$\text{RREF}([A \mid \mathbf{b}]) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & 0 & 0 & 0.6667 \\ 0 & 1.0000 & 0 & 1.0000 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.0000 & 0.3333 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rank of the matrix is calculated as  $r = 3$ , confirming that the system has a unique solution.

### 2. Computed Solution

By extracting the final column of the RREF (performing the equivalent of back substitution), the solution vector  $\mathbf{x}$  is:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6667 \\ 1.0000 \\ 0.3333 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3. Performance Comparison

The execution time was recorded to compare the custom implementation against MATLAB's built-in methods. The results are summarized below:

Method	Time (sec)
Custom (My solution)	0.000908
Built-in <code>inv(A)*b</code>	0.002221
Built-in <code>A\b</code>	0.000029

Code to the Assignment can be found [here](#)