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Question: How can we solve the N dimensions equations? What will be the caveats?

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A matrix is said to be hermitian if and only it is equal to the transpose of its conjugate matrix.

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- A band matrix with $k_1 = k_2 = 0$ is a diagonal matrix
- A band matrix with $k_1 = k_2 = 1$ is a tridiagonal matrix
- For $k_1 = k_2 = 2$ one has a pentadiagonal matrix and so on.
- Triangular matrices
 - For $k_1 = 0, k_2 = n-1$, one obtains the definition of an upper triangular matrix
 - similarly, for $k_1 = n-1, k_2 = 0$ one obtains a lower triangular matrix.

Matlab:
issymmetric,
inv,
 A' ,
 A^*A ; $A^*.A$;

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Multiplication By Identity Matrix:

$\forall \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, $\mathbf{I}_m \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{A}$, where \mathbf{I}_m is an $m \times m$ matrix such that it has 1s on the diagonal and 0s everywhere else. It is known as the identity matrix.

Properties of Matrix Transpose

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- $(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$
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Matrix 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 is denoted by A^{-1} .

Properties of Matrix Inverse

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

Rudiments of Matrix algebra

Viewing a Matrix – 4 Ways

v

Mv

vM

MM

P

Vector times Vector – 2 Ways

Matrix times Vector – 2 Ways

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Practical Patterns

The Five Matrix Factorizations

- $CR, LU, QR, Q\Lambda Q^T, U\Sigma V^T$

Viewing a Matrix – 4 Ways

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

1 matrix 6 numbers 2 column vectors 3 row vectors
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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}a_{12} \\ a_{21}a_{22} \\ a_{31}a_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | \\ \mathbf{a_1} & \mathbf{a_2} \\ | & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{a}_1^* & - \\ -\mathbf{a}_2^* & - \\ -\mathbf{a}_3^* & - \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, column vectors are in bold as \mathbf{a}_1 , row vectors are with * as \mathbf{a}_1^* .
And transposed vectors/matrices are with T on the shoulders as \mathbf{a}^T , A^T

v

Vector times Vector – 2 Ways

v1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{red} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{red} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix}$$

Dot product (number)

v2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{green} \\ \text{red} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{red} \\ \text{green} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \\ \text{blue} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank 1 Matrix

Dot product ($\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$) is expressed as $\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$ in matrix language and yields a number.

$\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T$ is a matrix ($\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^T = A$). If neither a, b are 0, the result A is a rank 1 matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ 2x & 2y \\ 3x & 3y \end{bmatrix}$$

Matrix times Vector – 2 Ways

Mv
1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{pink} \\ \text{pink} \\ \text{pink} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{green} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{pink} \\ \text{pink} \\ \text{pink} \end{bmatrix}$$

The row vectors of A are multiplied by a vector \mathbf{x} and become the three dot-product elements of $A\mathbf{x}$.

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1+2x_2) \\ (3x_1 + 4x_2) \\ (5x_1 + 6x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

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At first, you learn (Mv1). But when you get used to viewing it as (Mv2), you can understand $A\mathbf{x}$ as a linear combination of the columns of A . Those products fill the column space of A denoted as $\mathbf{C}(A)$.
 The solution space of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is the nullspace of A denoted as $\mathbf{N}(A)$.

Vector times Matrix – 2 Ways

vM
1

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} & \text{---} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{+} & \text{+} \\ \text{+} & \text{+} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}A = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = [(y_1 + 3y_2 + 5y_3) \quad (2y_1 + 4y_2 + 6y_3)]$$

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The produced rows are linear combinations of rows.

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Multiplication AB is broken down to a sum of rank 1 matrices.

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Four Ways to Multiply AB

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A times (Columns of B)

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Sum of (Columns of A) (Rows of B)

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We can also talk about non-square systems where A is $m \times n$, b is $m \times 1$, and x is $n \times 1$

- *Overdetermined if $m > n$:*
“more equations than unknowns”
- *Underdetermined if $n > m$:*
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A is singular if some row is linear combination of other rows.

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Singular systems can be underdetermined:

or inconsistent:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 &= 5 \\ 4x_1 + 6x_2 &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

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Example

Singularity and nonsingularity

Solvability of $Ax = b$ depends on whether A is singular or nonsingular

If A is nonsingular, then $Ax = b$ has unique solution for any b

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Key Takeaways

- The **Gauss-Jordan method** reduces the system to **RREF**.
- If all rows are nonzero and form an identity matrix, a **unique solution** exists.
- If a row of zeros appears with a nonzero number in the augmented column, the system is **inconsistent** (no solution).
- If there are free variables, the system has **infinitely many solutions**.

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Exploring the Augmented Matrix

1. Understanding Row Operations

The augmented matrix allows us to apply **elementary row operations** directly:

1. **Swapping rows** (if needed for numerical stability).
2. **Multiplying a row by a scalar** (to make leading coefficients 1).
3. **Adding/subtracting multiples of one row to another** (to eliminate variables).

- If any row reduces to **all zeros except the last column** the system is **inconsistent** (no solution).
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Pseudo code

```
for i = 1 to n do
    // Step 1: Make the pivot non-zero
    if A[i][i] == 0 then
        for k = i+1 to n do
            if A[k][i] ≠ 0 then
                swap row i with row k
                break
            end if
        end for
    end if

    // Step 2: Normalize the pivot row
    pivot = A[i][i]
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        A[i][j] = A[i][j] / pivot
    end for

    // Step 3: Eliminate all other entries in column i
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        if k ≠ i then
            factor = A[k][i]
            for j = 1 to n+1 do
                A[k][j] = A[k][j] - factor * A[i][j]
            end for
        end if
    end for
end for
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2. Check for ****inconsistency (No solution)****:

- If a row has all zeros in A but a nonzero value in b → ****No solution (inconsistent system).****

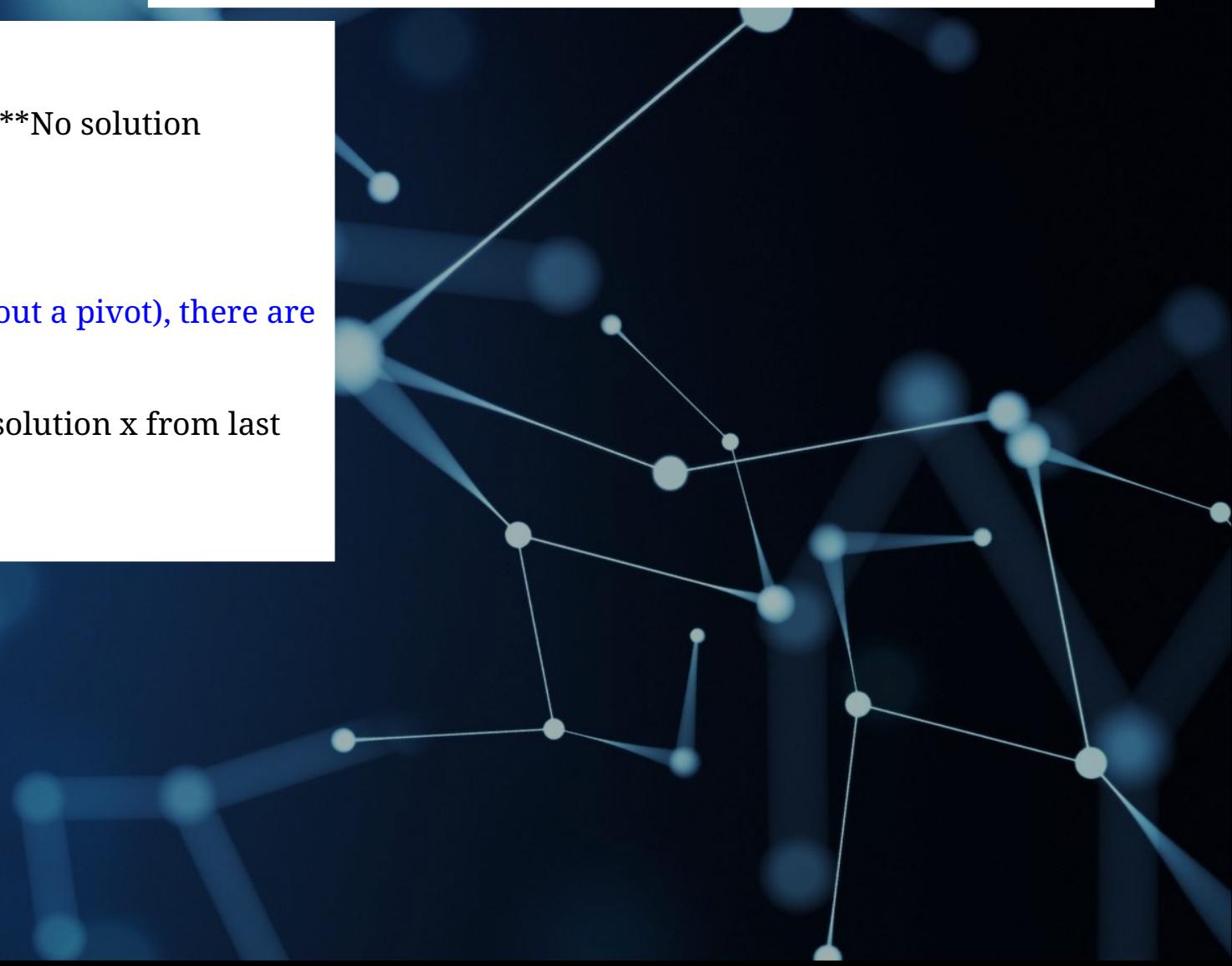
Example: `0x + 0y + 0z = 5` (Contradiction)

3. Check for ****infinitely many solutions****:

- If at least one variable is ****free**** (i.e., a column without a pivot), there are ****infinitely many solutions****.

4. If neither inconsistency nor infinite solutions, extract solution x from last column.

End



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1. Converts the system into **upper triangular form**.
2. Uses **row swaps** to prevent division by zero.
3. Normalizes pivot rows and makes elements below the pivot zero.

2. Backward Elimination (RREF conversion):

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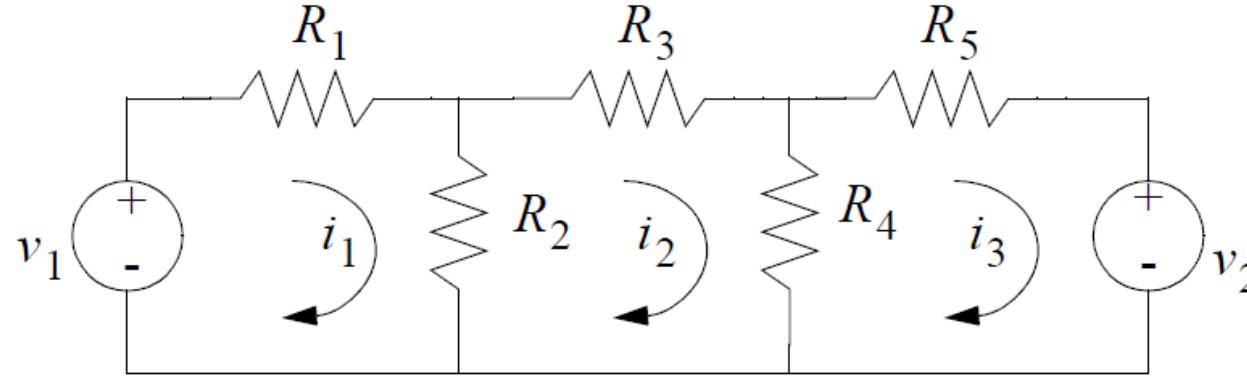
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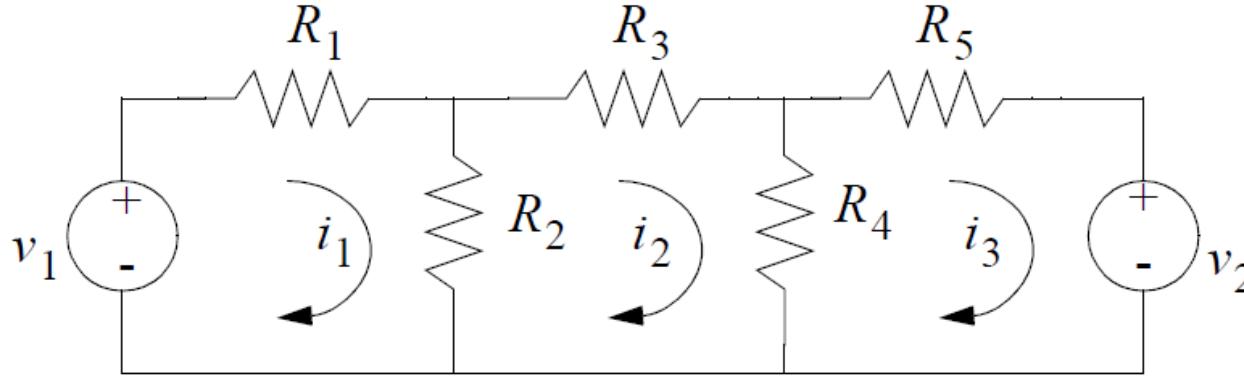
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Electrical Networks



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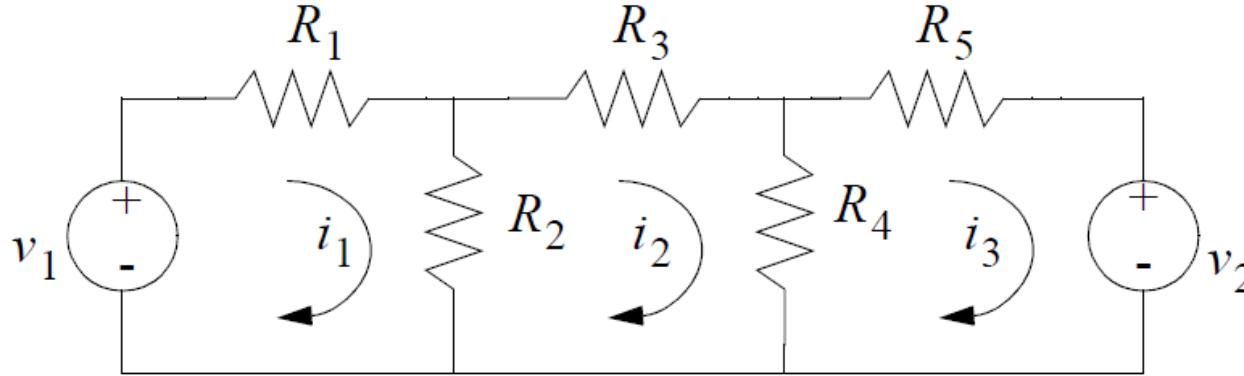
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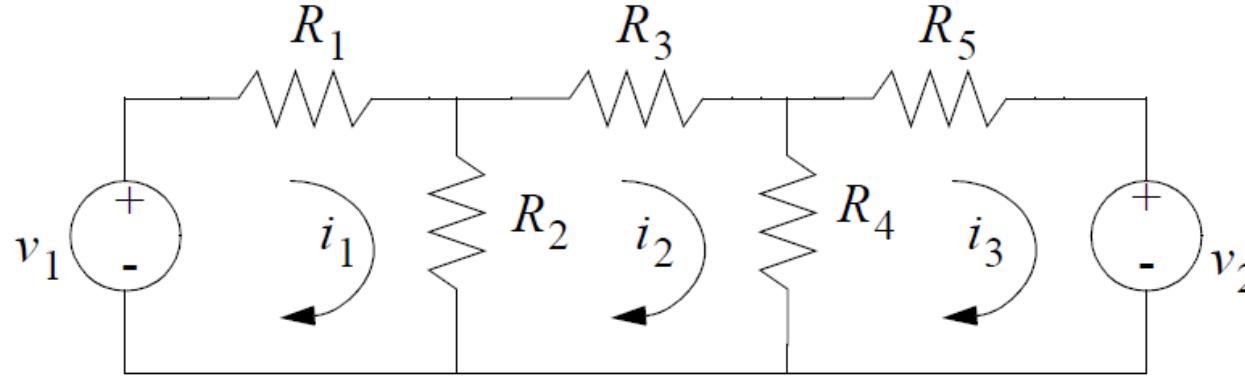


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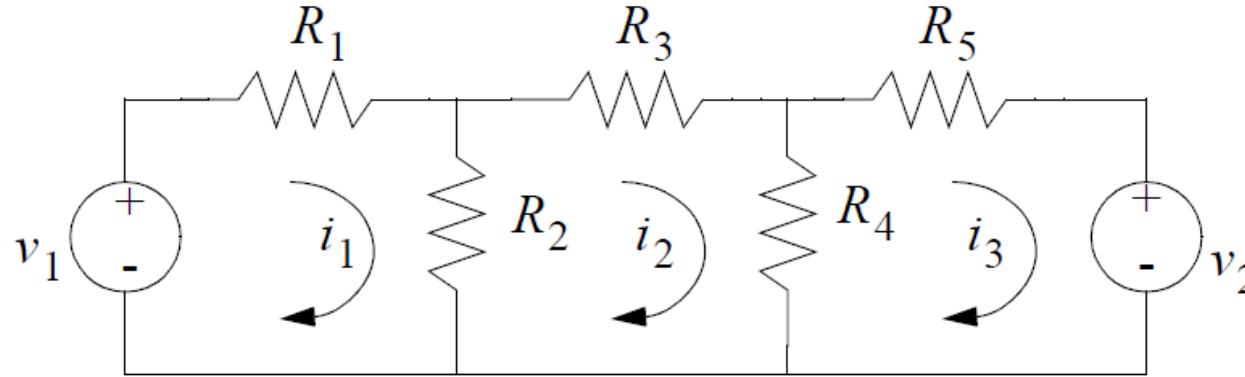


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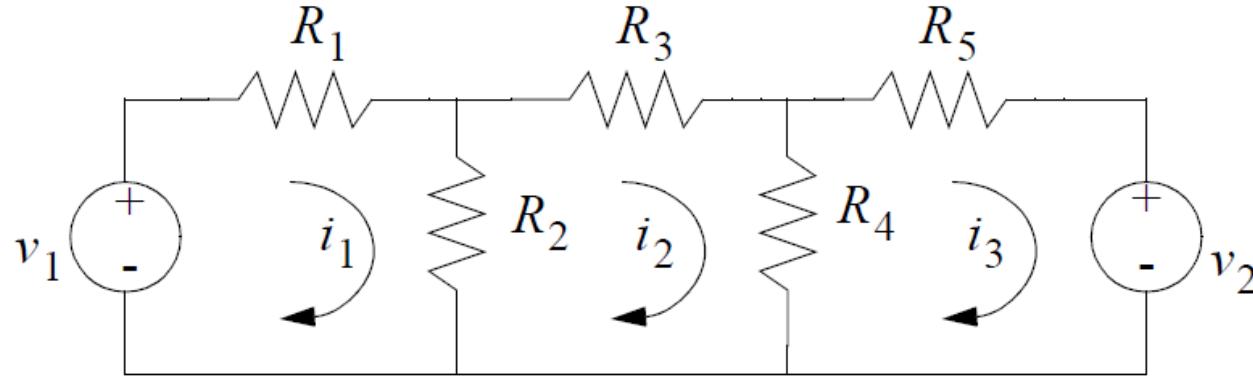
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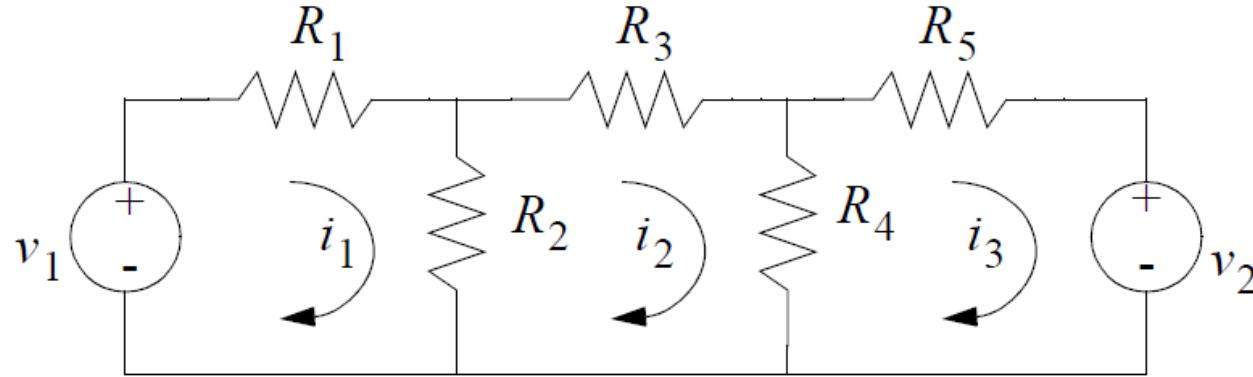
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$$v_1 = 5 \text{ volts and } v_2 = -6 \text{ volts}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_1 \\ i_2 \\ i_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

x =

3.8750 % Units of amps

2.7500 % Units of amps

4.3750 % Units of amps

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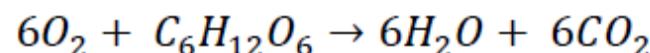
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- Only main diagonal + 1 above and 1 below

Solving Tridiagonal Systems

- When solving using Gauss-Jordan:
 - Constant # of multiplies/adds in each row
 - Each row only affects 2 others

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- Another special case: A is lower-triangular

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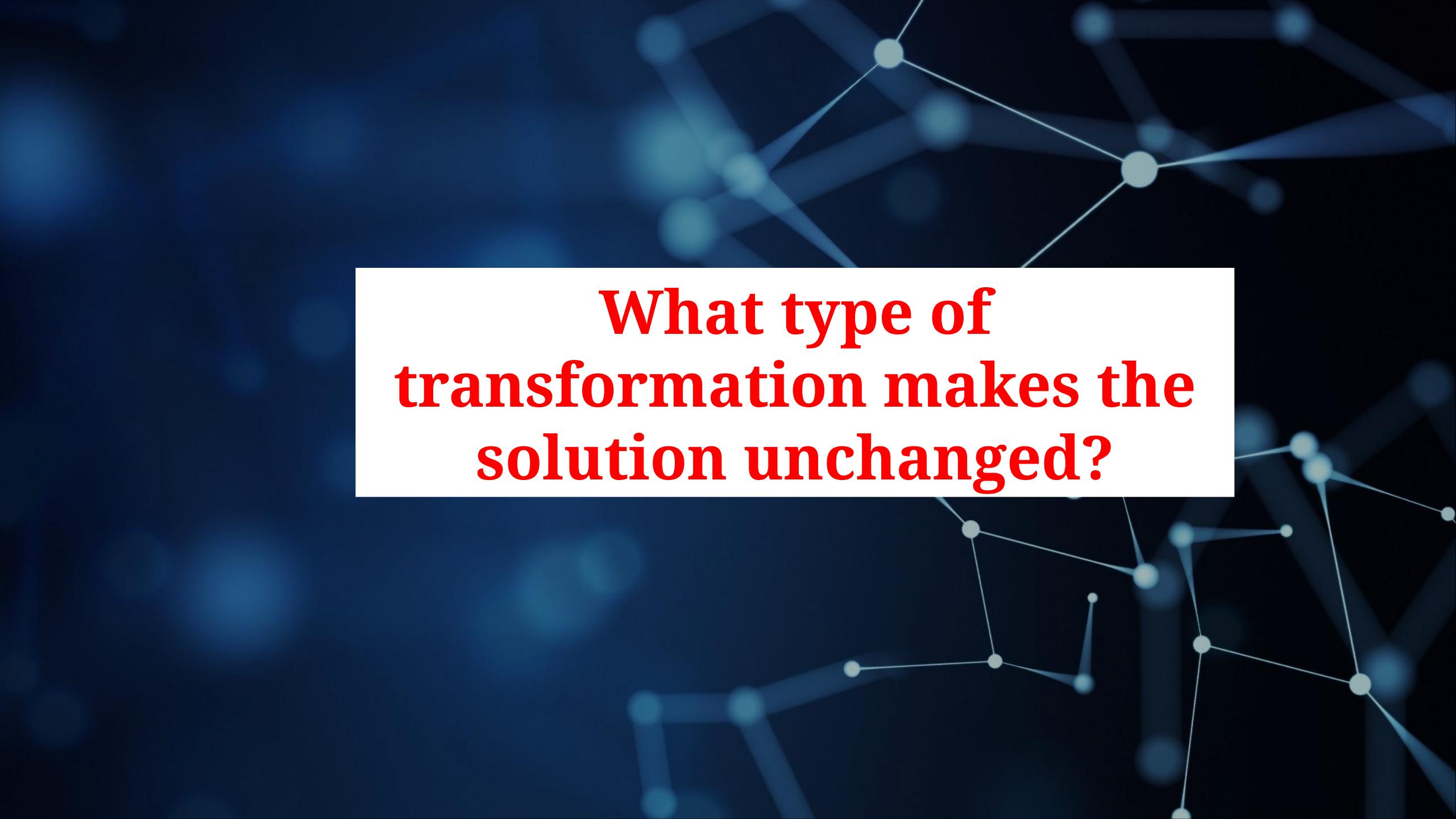
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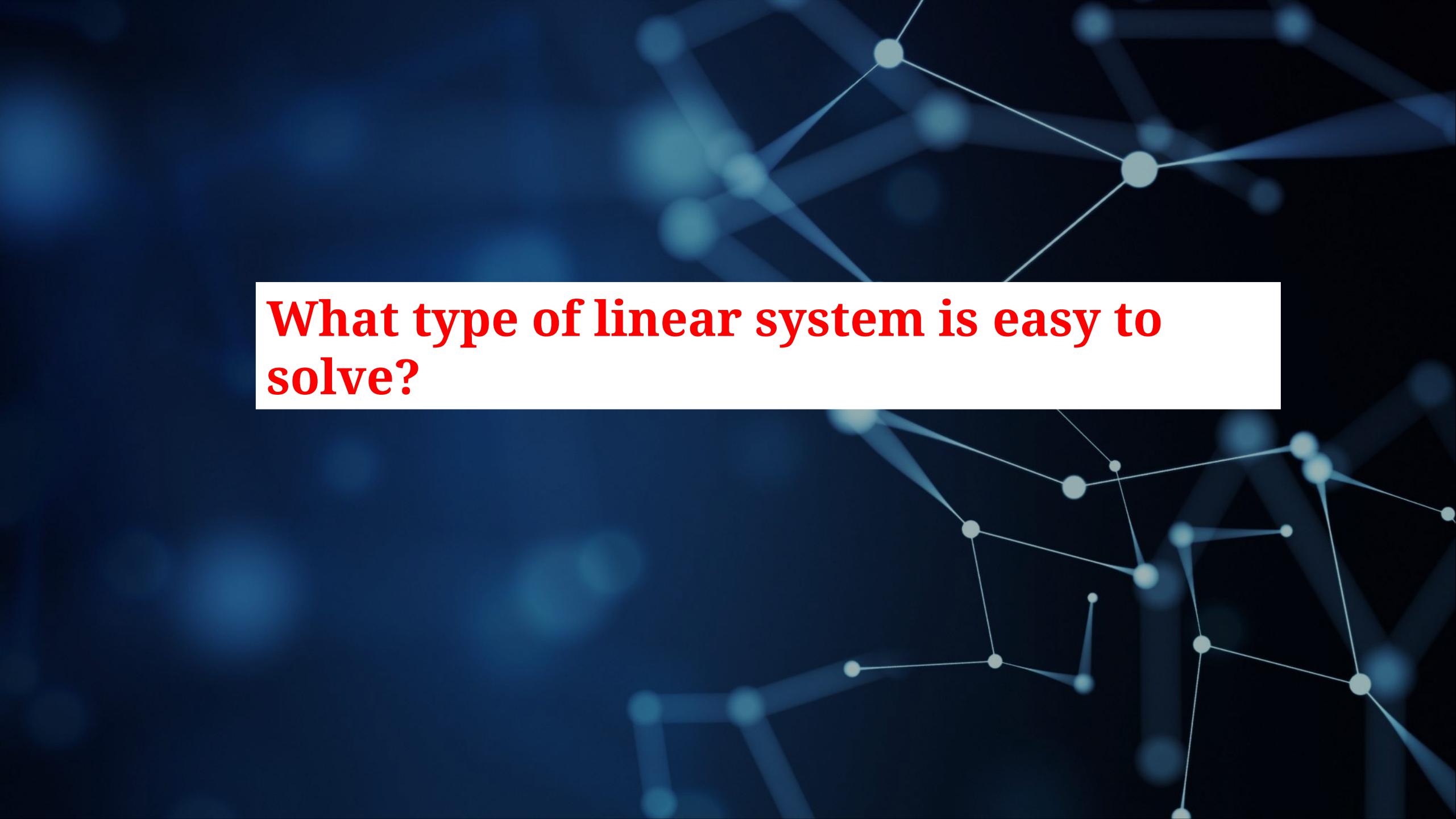
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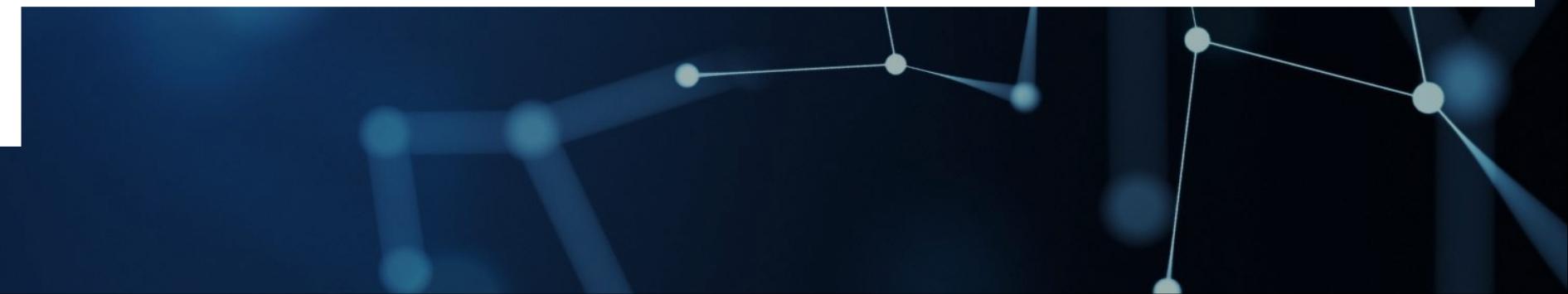
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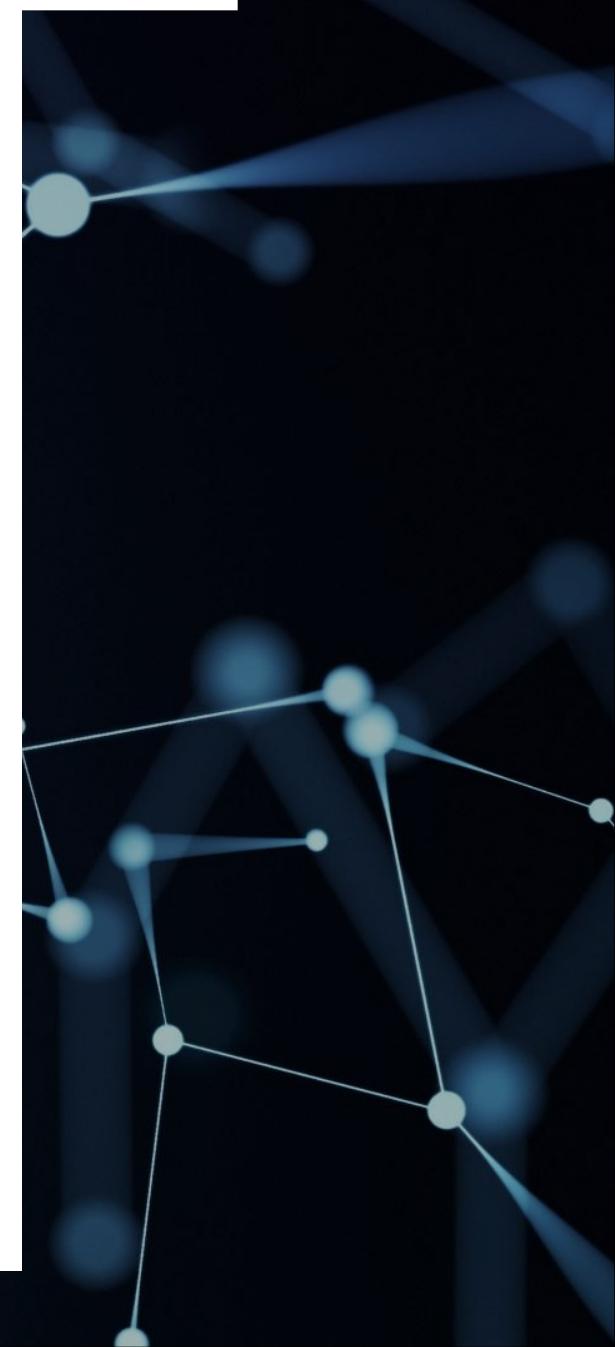
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Last equation, $4x_3 = 8$, can be solved directly to obtain $x_3 = 2$

x_3 then substituted into second equation to obtain $x_2 = 2$

Finally, both x_3 and x_2 substituted into first equation to obtain $x_1 = -1$



Code: Backward Substitution (Upper Triangular matrix)

Input: Upper triangular matrix U ($n \times n$), column vector b ($n \times 1$)

Output: Solution vector x ($n \times 1$).

1. Initialize x as an empty vector of size n .

2. For $i = n$ down to 1:

 Compute $x[i] = (b[i] - \sum(U[i, j] * x[j] \text{ for } j = i+1 \text{ to } n)) / U[i, i]$

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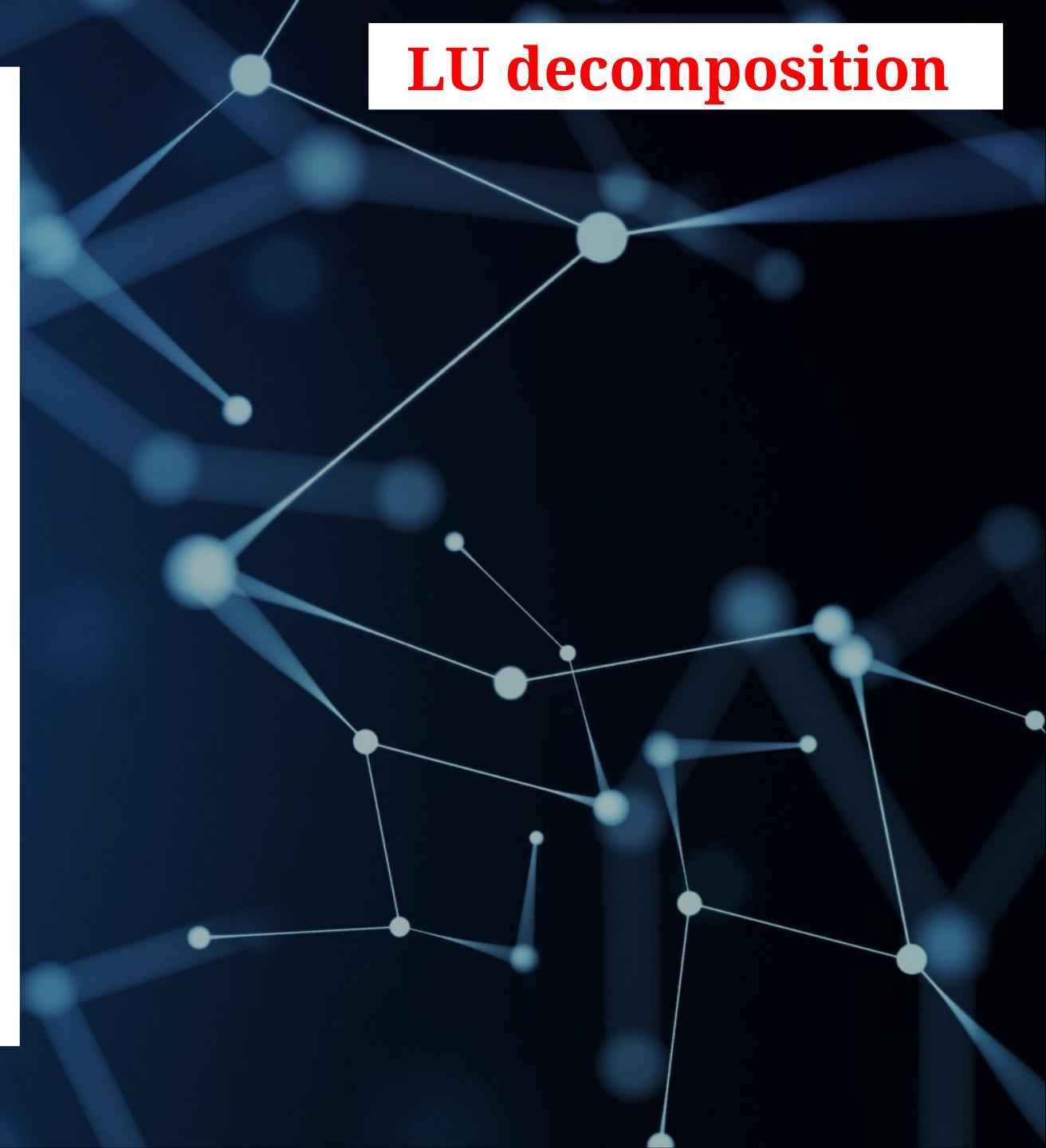
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in order to solve for x . The advantage is that L captures the transformation (using Gauss elimination) from the original matrix A to the upper diagonal matrix U . That is, if L and U are stored, the steps in the Gauss elimination are also stored. Then, if we have to solve the equation for different values of b , we could use the stored values of L and U , instead of doing the elimination once again.

LU decomposition

```
%function  
[L,A]=LU_factor_using_Gaussian_1a(A1,n)  
clear all  
%%% A matrix is decomposed here in L and U form  
A1=[2 4 -2 ; 4 9 -3; -2 -3 7]; n=3;
```

```
%A1=[1 2 2 ; 4 4 2; 4 6 4]; n=length(A1);  
A=A1;  
L=eye(n);  
for k=1:n  
if (A(k,k) == 0)  
Error('Pivoting is needed!'); end  
L(k+1:n,k)=A(k+1:n,k)/A(k,k);  
for j=k+1:n  
A(j,:)=A(j,:)-L(j,k)*A(k,:);  
end  
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[l u]=lu(A1);
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When Gauss was around 17 years old, he developed a method for working with inconsistent linear systems, called the method of *least squares*. A few years later (at the advanced age of 24) he turned his attention to a particular problem in astronomy.

In 1801 the Sicilian astronomer Piazzi discovered a (dwarf) planet, which he named Ceres, in honor of the patron goddess of Sicily. Piazzi took measurements of Ceres' position for 40 nights, but then lost track of it when it passed behind the sun. **Piazzi had only tracked Ceres through about 3 degrees of sky.**

Gauss however ***then succeeded in calculating the orbit of Ceres***, even though the task seemed hopeless on the basis of ***so few observations***. His computations were so

In the course of his computations **Gauss had to solve systems of 17 linear equations**. Since Gauss at first refused to reveal the methods that led to this amazing accomplishment, some even accused him of sorcery. Eight years later, in 1809, Gauss revealed his methods of orbit computation in his book ***Theoria Motus Corporum Coelestium***.



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Matrix M_k , called *elementary elimination matrix*, adds multiple of row k to each subsequent row, with multipliers m_i chosen so that result is zero

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & -m_{k+1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & -m_n & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \\ a_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Find M_2 , such that

$$M_2 \mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $m_i = a_i/a_k$, $i = k+1, \dots, n$

Transforming general linear system into triangular form

Note that

$$L_1 = M_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L_2 = M_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, find out $L_1 L_2$ and $M_1 M_2$

Transforming general linear system into triangular form

$$MAx = M_{n-1} \cdots M_1 Ax = M_{n-1} \cdots M_1 b = Mb$$

can be solved by back-substitution to obtain solution to original linear system $Ax = b$

Gaussian Elimination using Upper/Lower triangular matrix

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Gaussian Elimination using Upper/Lower triangular matrix

To annihilate subdiagonal entry of second column of $M_1 A$, $M_2 M_1 A =$

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Pseudo code (finding L)

Input: Square matrix A of size $n \times n$

Output: Lower triangular matrix L

1. Initialize L as an $n \times n$ identity matrix (ones on diagonal, zeros elsewhere).
2. For i from 1 to n: (Loop over rows)
 - a. For j from $i+1$ to n: (Compute lower triangular entries)

$$L[j][i] = A[j][i]$$

For k from 1 to $i-1$:

$$L[j][i] = L[j][i] - (L[j][k] * A[k][i])$$

End For

$$L[j][i] = L[j][i] / A[i][i] \text{ (Normalize)}$$

3. Return L

Gaussian Elimination using Upper/Lower triangular

Pseudo code (finding L and U together)

Input: Matrix A ($n \times n$)

Output: Matrices L ($n \times n$) and U ($n \times n$) such that $A = LU$

1. Initialize L as an identity matrix of size $n \times n$.
2. Initialize U as a zero matrix of size $n \times n$.
3. For $i = 1$ to n : # Loop over rows
 - a. For $j = i$ to n : # Compute elements of U
$$U[i, j] = A[i, j] - \sum(L[i, k] * U[k, j] \text{ for } k = 1 \text{ to } i-1)$$
 - b. For $j = i+1$ to n : # Compute elements of L
$$L[j, i] = (A[j, i] - \sum(L[j, k] * U[k, i] \text{ for } k = 1 \text{ to } i-1)) / U[i, i]$$
4. Return L, U

- Only works for square matrices ($n \times n$).
- Does not require row swapping (pivoting is needed if A is singular or nearly singular).
- Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$ due to nested loops.