

# Practical Numerical Training UKNNum

## Linear Equations



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# Linear Equations

$$[A][X]=[C]$$

- Gaussian Elimination
- Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting
- LU Decomposition / QR Decomposition
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# Gaussian Elimination

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# Naïve Gaussian Elimination

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

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

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

⋮

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

( $n-1$ ) steps of forward elimination

# Forward Elimination

## Step 1

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

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

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

# Forward Elimination

Subtract the result from Equation 2.

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

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

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$$\left( a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12} \right) x_2 + \dots + \left( a_{2n} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n} \right) x_n = b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1$$

or

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



# Forward Elimination

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

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

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

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

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

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

End of Step 1

# Forward Elimination

## Step 2

Repeat the same procedure for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

**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

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

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

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

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

# 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

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

Then:

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

Or:

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



# Naïve Gauss Elimination Pitfalls

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# Pitfall#1. Division by zero

**Example 1:**

$$10x_2 - 7x_3 = 3$$

$$6x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 11$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 9$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 11 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Is division by zero an issue **here**?

**Example 2:**

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 9$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 14 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Is division by zero an issue here? YES

**Example 2:**

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$

$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$

$$24x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 28$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 6 & 5 & 3 \\ 24 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 14 \\ 28 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 10 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.5 \\ 12 & -21 & 19 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 6.5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Division by zero is a possibility at any step of forward elimination

# Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

**Example:**

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

**Exact Solution**

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

# Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

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

Solve it on a computer using 6 significant digits with chopping

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

# Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

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

Solve it on a computer using 5 significant digits with chopping

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.625 \\ 1.5 \\ 0.99995 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is there a way to reduce the round off error?

# Avoiding Pitfalls

Increase the number of significant digits

- Does decrease round-off error
- Does not avoid division by zero



# Avoiding Pitfalls

## Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

- Avoids division by zero
- Reduces round off error

# What is Different About Partial Pivoting?

At the beginning of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  step of forward elimination, find the maximum of

$$|a_{kk}|, |a_{k+1,k}|, \dots, |a_{nk}|$$

If the maximum of the values is  $|a_{pk}|$  in the  $p^{\text{th}}$  row,

$k \leq p \leq n$ , then switch rows  $p$  and  $k$ .

# Matrix Form at Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Step of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} & \cdots & a'_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a'_{n2} & a'_{n3} & a'_{n4} & a'_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}$$

## Example (2<sup>nd</sup> step of FE)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 14 & 5.1 & 3.7 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 6 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 9 & 23 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & -17 & 12 & 11 & 43 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -6 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Which two rows would you switch?

## Example (2<sup>nd</sup> step of FE)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 14 & 5.1 & 3.7 & 6 \\ 0 & -17 & 12 & 11 & 43 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 9 & 23 & 6 & 8 \\ 0 & -7 & 6 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Switched Rows

# Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

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

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# Forward Elimination

Same as naïve Gauss elimination method except that we switch rows before **each** of the  $(n-1)$  steps of forward elimination.

## Example: Matrix Form at Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Step of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} & \cdots & a'_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & a'_{n2} & a'_{n3} & a'_{n4} & a'_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}$$



# 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 Starting Eqns

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

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

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

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⋮

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

# Back Substitution

...all the same!

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

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

## Example 2

Solve the following set of equations by Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting

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

## Example 2 Cont.

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

1.

Forward Elimination

2.

Back Substitution

# Number of Steps of Forward Elimination

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

# Forward Elimination: Step 1

- Examine absolute values of first column, first row

and below:  $|25|, |64|, |144|$

- Largest absolute value is 144 and exists in row 3.
- Switch row 1 and row 3.

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

# Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

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

Divide Equation 1 by 144 and multiply it by 64,  $\frac{64}{144} = 0.4444$

$$[144 \quad 12 \quad 1 \quad \vdots \quad 279.2] \times 0.4444 = [63.99 \quad 5.333 \quad 0.4444 \quad \vdots \quad 124.1]$$

Subtract the result from Equation 2

$$\begin{array}{r} [64 \quad 8 \quad 1 \quad \vdots \quad 177.2] \\ - [63.99 \quad 5.333 \quad 0.4444 \quad \vdots \quad 124.1] \\ \hline [0 \quad 2.667 \quad 0.5556 \quad \vdots \quad 53.10] \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for Equation 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \\ 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Divide Equation 1 by 144 and} \\ \text{multiply it by 25, } \frac{25}{144} = 0.1736 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \times 0.1736 = \begin{bmatrix} 25.00 & 2.083 & 0.1736 & \vdots & 48.47 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 & \vdots & 106.8 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 2.083 & 0.1736 & \vdots & 48.47 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Forward Elimination: Step 2

- Examine absolute values of second column, second row and below.  $|2.667|, |2.917|$

- Largest absolute value is 2.917 and exists in row 3.
- Switch row 2 and row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Forward Elimination: Step 2 (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \\ 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Divide Equation 2 by } 2.917 \text{ and} \\ \text{multiply it by } 2.667, \frac{2.667}{2.917} = 0.9143.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \end{bmatrix} \times 0.9143 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2.667 & 0.7556 & \vdots & 53.33 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from  
Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2.667 & 0.5556 & \vdots & 53.10 \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2.667 & 0.7556 & \vdots & 53.33 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -0.2 & \vdots & -0.23 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for  
Equation 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 & \vdots & -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Back Substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 & \vdots & 58.33 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 & \vdots & -0.23 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_3$

$$-0.2a_3 = -0.23$$

$$a_3 = \frac{-0.23}{-0.2}$$

$$= 1.15$$

# Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_2$

$$2.917a_2 + 0.8264a_3 = 58.33$$

$$a_2 = \frac{58.33 - 0.8264a_3}{2.917}$$

$$= \frac{58.33 - 0.8264 \times 1.15}{2.917}$$

$$= 19.67$$

# Back Substitution (cont.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \\ 0 & 2.917 & 0.8264 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 279.2 \\ 58.33 \\ -0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving for  $a_1$

$$144a_1 + 12a_2 + a_3 = 279.2$$

$$a_1 = \frac{279.2 - 12a_2 - a_3}{144}$$

$$= \frac{279.2 - 12 \times 19.67 - 1.15}{144}$$

$$= 0.2917$$

# Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting Solution

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2917 \\ 19.67 \\ 1.15 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Theorem of Determinants

If a multiple of one row of  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is added or subtracted to another row of  $[A]_{n \times n}$  to result in  $[B]_{n \times n}$  then  $\det(A) = \det(B)$



# Theorem of Determinants

The determinant of an upper triangular matrix  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is given by

$$\det(A) = a_{11} \times a_{22} \times \dots \times a_{ii} \times \dots \times a_{nn}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

## Forward Elimination of a Square Matrix

Using forward elimination to transform  $[A]_{n \times n}$  to an upper triangular matrix,  $[U]_{n \times n}$ .

$$[A]_{n \times n} \rightarrow [U]_{n \times n}$$

$$\det(A) = \det(U)$$

## Example

Using naïve Gaussian elimination find the determinant of the following square matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward elimination...

# Finding the Determinant

After forward elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= u_{11} \times u_{22} \times u_{33} \\ &= 25 \times (-4.8) \times 0.7 \\ &= -84.00 \end{aligned}$$

# Determinants and Pivoting ?

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What to do if division by zero may occur?

You can do pivoting, but be careful! The determinant may change sign!

## Theorem 3

$[A]_{n \times n}$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix. If  $[B]_{n \times n}$  is a matrix created by switching columns or rows in  $[A]_{n \times n}$ , then  $\det(A) = -\det(B)$ .

# LU Decomposition

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# LU Decomposition

LU Decomposition is another method to solve a set of simultaneous linear equations

Which is better, Gauss Elimination or LU Decomposition?

To answer this, a closer look at LU decomposition is needed.

# LU Decomposition

## Method

For most non-singular matrix  $[A]$  that one could conduct Naïve Gauss Elimination forward elimination steps, one can always write it as

$$[A] = [L][U]$$

where

$[L]$  = lower triangular matrix

$[U]$  = upper triangular matrix



# How does LU Decomposition work?

If solving a set of linear equations

$$[A][X] = [C]$$

If  $[A] = [L][U]$  then

$$[L][U][X] = [C]$$

Multiply by

$$[L]^{-1}$$

Which gives

$$[L]^{-1}[L][U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$$

Remember  $[L]^{-1}[L] = [I]$  which leads to

$$[I][U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$$

Now, if  $[I][U] = [U]$  then

$$[U][X] = [L]^{-1}[C]$$

Now, let

$$[L]^{-1}[C] = [Z]$$

Which ends with

$$[L][Z] = [C] \quad (1)$$

and

$$[U][X] = [Z] \quad (2)$$

# LU Decomposition

How can this be used?

Given  $[A][X] = [C]$

1. Decompose  $[A]$  into  $[L]$  and  $[U]$
2. Solve  $[L][Z] = [C]$  for  $[Z]$
3. Solve  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

# When is LU Decomposition better than Gaussian Elimination?

To solve  $[A][X] = [B]$

**Table.** Time taken by methods

Gaussian Elimination	LU Decomposition
$T\left(\frac{8n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{4n}{3}\right)$	$T\left(\frac{8n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{4n}{3}\right)$

where  $T$  = clock cycle time and  $n$  = size of the matrix

So both methods are equally efficient.

# To find inverse of [A]

Time taken by Gaussian Elimination

$$= n(CT|_{FE} + CT|_{BS})$$

$$= T\left(\frac{8n^4}{3} + 12n^3 + \frac{4n^2}{3}\right)$$

Time taken by LU Decomposition

$$= CT|_{LU} + n \times CT|_{FS} + n \times CT|_{BS}$$

$$= T\left(\frac{32n^3}{3} + 12n^2 + \frac{20n}{3}\right)$$

**Table 1** Comparing computational times of finding inverse of a matrix using LU decomposition and Gaussian elimination.

n	10	100	1000	10000
$CT _{\text{inverse GE}} / CT _{\text{inverse LU}}$	3.28	25.83	250.8	2501

# Method: [A] Decompose to [L] and [U]

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & u_{22} & u_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & u_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

[U] is the same as the coefficient matrix at the end of the forward elimination step.

[L] is obtained using the *multipliers* that were used in the forward elimination process

# Finding the $[U]$ matrix

Using the Forward Elimination Procedure of Gauss Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1:  $\frac{64}{25} = 2.56$ ;  $Row2 - Row1(2.56) =$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{144}{25} = 5.76; \quad Row3 - Row1(5.76) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finding the [U] Matrix

Matrix after Step 1:

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

Step 2:

$$\frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5; \quad \text{Row3} - \text{Row2}(3.5) = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[U] = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finding the $[L]$ matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ l_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ l_{31} & l_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the multipliers used during the Forward Elimination Procedure  
From the first step

of forward  
elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$l_{21} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{64}{25} = 2.56$$

$$l_{31} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{144}{25} = 5.76$$



# Finding the [L] Matrix

From the second  
step of forward  
elimination

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

$$l_{32} = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} = \frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5$$

$$[L] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Does  $[L][U] = [A]$ ?**

$$[L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

# Using LU Decomposition to solve SLEs

Solve the following set of linear equations using LU Decomposition

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

Using the procedure for finding the  $[L]$  and  $[U]$  matrices

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example

Set  $[L][Z] = [C]$

Solve for  $[Z]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ 177.2 \\ 279.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z_1 = 106.8$$

$$2.56z_1 + z_2 = 177.2$$

$$5.76z_1 + 3.5z_2 + z_3 = 279.2$$

# Example

Complete the forward substitution to solve for  $[Z]$

$$z_1 = 106.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= 177.2 - 2.56z_1 \\ &= 177.2 - 2.56(106.8) \\ &= -96.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= 279.2 - 5.76z_1 - 3.5z_2 \\ &= 279.2 - 5.76(106.8) - 3.5(-96.21) \\ &= 0.735 \end{aligned}$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example

$$\text{Set } [U][X] = [Z] \quad \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 106.8 \\ -96.21 \\ 0.735 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve for  $[X]$

The 3 equations become

$$\begin{aligned} 25a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3 &= 106.8 \\ -4.8a_2 - 1.56a_3 &= -96.21 \\ 0.7a_3 &= 0.735 \end{aligned}$$

# Example

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> equation

$$0.7a_3 = 0.735$$

$$a_3 = \frac{0.735}{0.7}$$

$$a_3 = 1.050$$

Substituting in  $a_3$  and using the second equation

$$-4.8a_2 - 1.56a_3 = -96.21$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.21 + 1.56a_3}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-96.21 + 1.56(1.050)}{-4.8}$$

$$a_2 = 19.70$$

# Example

Substituting in  $a_3$  and  $a_2$  using the first equation

$$\begin{aligned}25a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3 &= 106.8 \\ a_1 &= \frac{106.8 - 5a_2 - a_3}{25} \\ &= \frac{106.8 - 5(19.70) - 1.050}{25} \\ &= 0.2900\end{aligned}$$

Hence the Solution Vector is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2900 \\ 19.70 \\ 1.050 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Finding the inverse of a square matrix

The inverse  $[B]$  of a square matrix  $[A]$  is defined as

$$[A][B] = [I] = [B][A]$$

# Finding the inverse of a square matrix

How can LU Decomposition be used to find the inverse?

Assume the first column of  $[B]$  to be  $[b_{11} \ b_{12} \ \dots \ b_{n1}]^T$

Using this and the definition of matrix multiplication

First column of  $[B]$

$$[A] \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second column of  $[B]$

$$[A] \begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ \vdots \\ b_{n2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The remaining columns in  $[B]$  can be found in the same manner

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Find the inverse of a square matrix  $[A]$

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the decomposition procedure, the  $[L]$  and  $[U]$  matrices are found to be

$$[A] = [L][U] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving for the each column of  $[B]$  requires two steps

- 1) Solve  $[L][Z] = [C]$  for  $[Z]$
- 2) Solve  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

$$\text{Step 1: } [L][Z] = [C] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2.56 & 1 & 0 \\ 5.76 & 3.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This generates the equations:

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$2.56z_1 + z_2 = 0$$

$$5.76z_1 + 3.5z_2 + z_3 = 0$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving for  $[Z]$

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_2 &= 0 - 2.56z_1 \\ &= 0 - 2.56(1) \\ &= -2.56 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_3 &= 0 - 5.76z_1 - 3.5z_2 \\ &= 0 - 5.76(1) - 3.5(-2.56) \\ &= 3.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$[Z] = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2.56 \\ 3.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Solving  $[U][X] = [Z]$  for  $[X]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ b_{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2.56 \\ 3.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 25b_{11} + 5b_{21} + b_{31} &= 1 \\ -4.8b_{21} - 1.56b_{31} &= -2.56 \\ 0.7b_{31} &= 3.2 \end{aligned}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Using Backward Substitution

$$b_{31} = \frac{3.2}{0.7} = 4.571$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{21} &= \frac{-2.56 + 1.560b_{31}}{-4.8} \\ &= \frac{-2.56 + 1.560(4.571)}{-4.8} = -0.9524 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= \frac{1 - 5b_{21} - b_{31}}{25} \\ &= \frac{1 - 5(-0.9524) - 4.571}{25} = 0.04762 \end{aligned}$$

So the first column of the inverse of  $[A]$  is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ b_{21} \\ b_{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.04762 \\ -0.9524 \\ 4.571 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

Repeating for the second and third columns of the inverse

Second Column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{12} \\ b_{22} \\ b_{32} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.08333 \\ 1.417 \\ -5.000 \end{bmatrix}$$

Third Column

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \\ 64 & 8 & 1 \\ 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{13} \\ b_{23} \\ b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{13} \\ b_{23} \\ b_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.03571 \\ -0.4643 \\ 1.429 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example: Inverse of a Matrix

The inverse of  $[A]$  is

$$[A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.04762 & -0.08333 & 0.03571 \\ -0.9524 & 1.417 & -0.4643 \\ 4.571 & -5.000 & 1.429 \end{bmatrix}$$

To check your work do the following operation

$$[A][A]^{-1} = [I] = [A]^{-1}[A]$$

# Additional Resources

For all resources on this topic such as digital audiovisual lectures, primers, textbook chapters, multiple-choice tests, worksheets in MATLAB, MATHEMATICA, MathCad and MAPLE, blogs, related physical problems, please visit

[http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.edu/topics/gauss\\_seidel.html](http://numericalmethods.eng.usf.edu/topics/gauss_seidel.html)

# Exercise:

## Free Training

- Start writing routines using the
  1. Naive Gaussian Elimination Method and
  2. Naive Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting.
  3. Think how to implement the LU decomposition of a matrix  $A$

to solve the following set of linear equations:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b},$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 4 & 7 & 9 \\ 10 & 6 & 5 & 12 \\ 1 & 8 & 2 & 16 \\ 3 & 14 & 15 & 11 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 111 \\ 118 \\ 114 \\ 163 \end{pmatrix}.$$

## Assignment for the Afternoon / Homework, 20 Points

- **Exercise 1, 10 points:** Print the upper triangular matrix and the new  $\mathbf{b}$ -vector after the *forward* Gaussian elimination and show the solution of  $\mathbf{x}$ . Also, use the method to calculate the determinant of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- **Exercise 2, 10 points:** Write a routine which does the LU decomposition on a square matrix. Use the above matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  to test your program.
  - Print out the  $L$  and  $U$  parts of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  - Solve the above equation.
  - **Optional:** Compute the inverse of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .