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# **Lectures on Numerical Analysis**

## **Chapter 2 Solving a system of Linear Equations**

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# Linear Algebraic Equations

A system of equations consists of two or more equations with two or more variables, where any solution must satisfy all of the equations in the system at the same time.

The general form of a system of  $n$  linear algebraic equations is:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

## Matrix

What is a matrix?

- It is an array of elements that are arranged in orderly rows and columns.

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{11} & \mathbf{a}_{12} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{1m} \\ \mathbf{a}_{21} & \mathbf{a}_{22} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_{n1} & \mathbf{a}_{n2} & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{nm} \end{bmatrix}_{n \times m}$$

← 2<sup>nd</sup> row

m<sup>th</sup> column

Elements are indicated by  $a_{ij}$

row

column

Row vector:

$$[R] = [r_1 \quad r_2 \quad \cdots \quad r_n]_{1 \times n}$$

Column vector:

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{c}_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

You know what is meant by

- **Square matrix**

$[A]_{n \times m}$  is a square matrix if  $n=m$ .

- **Diagonal matrix**

$[A]_{n \times n}$  is diagonal if  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i=1, \dots, n$  ;  $j=1, \dots, n$  and  $i \neq j$

- **Identity matrix**

$[A]_{n \times n}$  is an identity matrix if it is diagonal with  $a_{ii}=1$   $i=1, \dots, n$  . Shown as  $[I]$

- **Triangular matrix:**

**1. Upper triangular matrix:**  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is upper triangular if  $a_{ij}=0$   $i=1, \dots, n$  ;  $j=1, \dots, n$  and  $i > j$

**2. Lower triangular matrix:**  $[A]_{n \times n}$  is lower triangular if  $a_{ij}=0$   $i=1, \dots, n$  ;  $j=1, \dots, n$  and  $i < j$

### Special Types of Square Matrices

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 2 & 16 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 & 39 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 & 6 \\ 16 & 39 & 6 & 88 \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric

$$[D] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ & a_{22} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonal

$$[I] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Identity

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & & & \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ a_{n1} & \dots & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower Triangular

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Upper Triangular

## Solving Small Numbers of Equations

Consider a linear system:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

There are many ways to solve a system of linear equations:

1. Graphical method
2. Cramer's rule
3. Method of elimination
4. Numerical methods for solving larger number of linear equations

**There are two numerical approaches for solving system of linear equations :**

1. Direct elimination methods
2. Iterative methods

### 1. Direct elimination methods

As the name suggests the methods are having procedures of algebraic elimination of the contents in the coefficient matrix that lead to solution.

A) Gauss elimination    B) Gauss-Jordan    C) Matrix inverse    D) LU factorization etc.

To perform elimination methods to find the solution of linear algebraic system we need to do row operations.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solve  $Ax = b$**

i.e.,  $Ax = b$

# Gaussian elimination

In mathematics, **Gaussian elimination**, also known as row reduction, is a method for solving systems of linear equations

Two steps

1. Forward Elimination

2. Back Substitution

## 1. Forward Elimination

reduces  $Ax = b$  to an upper triangular system  $Tx = b$

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

### Forward elimination

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & b_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Forward Elimination}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & b'_2 \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & b''_3 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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

2. Back substitution can then solve  $Tx = b$  for  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= \frac{b''_3}{a''_{33}} & x_2 &= \frac{b'_2 - a'_{23}x_3}{a'_{22}} \\ x_1 &= \frac{b_1 - a_{13}x_3 - a_{12}x_2}{a_{11}} \end{aligned} \quad \text{Back Substitution}$$

## a. Forward Elimination

To solve the system of three equations in form :

$$E_1 : a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$E_2 : a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_2 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$E_3 : a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 = b_3 \quad \dots (3)$$

Transform to an Upper Triangular Matrix

First step is eliminate  $x_1$  from all equations(2) and (3), through multiply equation(1) by  $r_1$  calculated as

$$r_1 = \frac{\text{coeff.of } x_1 \text{ in eq.(2)}}{\text{coeff.of } x_1 \text{ in eq.(1)}} = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \quad \text{and subtracted it from eq.(2) as ;} \quad eq.(2) - r_1 eq.(1)$$

$$(a_{21} - r_1 a_{11})x_1 + (a_{22} - r_1 a_{12})x_2 + (a_{23} - r_1 a_{13})x_3 = b_2 - r_1 b_1$$

But 
$$a_{21} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} a_{11} = 0$$

we get; 
$$E'_2 : a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 = b'_2 \quad \dots (4)$$

as; 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

► In similar way  $x_1$  is eliminate from eq.(3) by multiplying eq.(1) by  $r_2$

$$r_2 = \frac{\text{coeff.of } x_1 \text{ in eq.(3)}}{\text{coeff.of } x_1 \text{ in eq.(1)}} = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} \quad \text{and subtracted it from eq.(3) as ;} \quad eq.(3) - r_2 eq.(1)$$

$$(a_{31} - r_2 a_{11})x_1 + (a_{32} - r_2 a_{12})x_2 + (a_{33} - r_2 a_{13})x_3 = b_3 - r_2 b_1$$

also 
$$a_{31} - \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}}a_{11} = 0$$

we get; 
$$E'_3 : a'_{32}x_2 + a'_{33}x_3 = b'_3 \quad \dots (5)$$

and so 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then eliminate  $x_2$  from eq.(5) by multiply by  $r_3$

$$r_3 = \frac{\text{coeff. of } x_2 \text{ in eq.(5)}}{\text{coeff. of } x_2 \text{ in eq.(4)}} = \frac{a'_{32}}{a'_{22}} \quad \text{then subtracted it from eq.(5) as ; } eq.(5) - r_3 eq.(4)$$

$$(a'_{32} - r_3 a'_{22})x_2 + (a'_{33} - r_3 a'_{23})x_3 = b'_3 - r_3 b'_2$$

and 
$$a'_{32} - \frac{a'_{32}}{a'_{22}}a'_{22} = 0$$

so 
$$E''_3 : a''_{33}x_3 = b''_3 \quad \dots (6)$$

and be ; 
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now evaluate  $x_3$  from eq.(6) as;

$$x_3 = \frac{b''_3}{a''_{33}}$$

The backward substitution for value of  $x_3$  in eq.(4) to evaluate  $x_2$ . Further substituting values of  $x_3$  and  $x_3$  in eq.(1) to evaluate  $x_1$

**Example:** Solve the following equations system, using Gauss elimination method

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 &= 7 \\ 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 &= 11 \\ 4x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution: a) Forward Elimination**

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 7 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 11 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$4x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 11 \quad \dots(3)$$

$$\text{so will be } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 11 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 - r_1 R_1$$

$$\text{where } r_1 = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{step 1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0.5 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

so ;

$$R_3 - r_2 R_1$$

$$\text{where } r_2 = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{step 2} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0.5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

so ;

$$R_3 - r_3 R_2$$

$$\text{where } r_3 = \frac{a'_{32}}{a'_{22}} = \frac{-5}{-0.5}$$

$$\text{step 3} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0.5 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{eq.(4)}$$

so ;

**b) Back Substitution**

$$\text{From matrix } x_3 = \frac{-8}{-4} = 2,$$

put value of  $x_3$  in eq.(4)  $x_2 = 1$  and then substituting the values in eq.(1)  $x_1 = 1$



**Example:** Solve the following equations system, using Gauss elimination method

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 5 \\4x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 + 6x_4 &= 9 \\-2x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 + 6x_4 &= 4 \\4x_1 + 11x_2 - 4x_3 + 8x_4 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

**a) Forward Elimination**

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 5 \\4x_1 + 5x_2 - 3x_3 + 6x_4 &= 9 \\-2x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 + 6x_4 &= 4 \\4x_1 + 11x_2 - 4x_3 + 8x_4 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

so will be

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 & 6 \\ 4 & 11 & -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

To eliminate  $x_1$  from equations 2, 3, and 4,

so ;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & -3 & 6 \\ -2 & 5 & -2 & 6 \\ 4 & 11 & -4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 - r_1 R_1$  step 1

$R_3 - r_2 R_1$  step 2

$R_4 - r_3 R_1$  step 3

$$\begin{aligned}\text{where } r_1 &= \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{4}{2} \\ \text{where } r_2 &= \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1 \\ \text{where } r_3 &= \frac{a_{41}}{a_{11}} = \frac{4}{2}\end{aligned}$$

To eliminate  $x_2$  from equations 3, and 4,

$$\text{so ; } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 9 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 9 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 - r_4 R_2$     step 5

$R_4 - r_5 R_2$     step 6

$$\text{where } r_4 = \frac{a'_{32}}{a'_{22}} = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$\text{where } r_5 = \frac{a'_{42}}{a'_{22}} = \frac{9}{3}$$

To eliminate  $x_3$  from equations 4,

$$\text{so ; } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 11 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_4 - r_6 R_3$     step 7

$\text{where } r_6 = \frac{a'_{43}}{a'_{33}} = \frac{1}{-1}$

$$\text{so ; } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**b) Back Substitution** Solving by back substitution, we obtain

From matrix  $x_4 = \frac{6}{2} = 3$ ,    **So  $x_3 = 1$   $x_2 = -2$  and  $x_1 = 1$**

## Gauss - Jordan method

Gauss-Jordan elimination is another method for solving systems of equations in matrix form. The **Gauss-Jordan Method** is similar to **Gaussian Elimination**, except that the entries both above and below each pivot are targeted (zeroed out).

Solution of Linear Algebraic Equations using the Gauss-Jordan Method requires a number of general steps

- Within each pass two steps are performed:

1. A normalization step to reduce a diagonal element to One.
2. An elimination step to reduce off diagonal elements in the same column as the normalized diagonal element to zeros in the other rows.

These steps can be achieved by

1. Interchange two equations.
2. Multiply an equation by a nonzero constant.
3. Add a multiple of an equation to another equation.

To understand the Gauss, we will work with a numerical example

Consider the following system of linear equations,

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - 5x_4 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 - x_3 - 9x_4 = -3$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = -11$$

$$x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 + 7x_4 = -5$$

the coefficient matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 5 & -1 & -9 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The steps of the Gauss-Jordan method are :

### Step 1:

Form the augmented matrix containing only the constants and right hand side of the equations

$$\begin{array}{rrcr} 3x_1 & + & 4x_2 & + & 6x_3 & = & 9 \\ 7x_1 & + & 9x_2 & + & 10x_3 & = & 2 \\ 1x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & 5x_3 & = & 7 \end{array}$$

↓

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 4 & 6 & 9 \\ 7 & 9 & 10 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

The Gauss-Jordan method uses the two properties mentioned earlier to reduce the augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 3 & 4 & 6 & 9 \\ 7 & 9 & 10 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & a_{14} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a_{34} \end{array} \right]$$

• Solution:

$$x_1 = a_{14}$$

$$x_2 = a_{24}$$

$$x_3 = a_{34}$$

## Gauss-Jordan Elimination- Example

**Example :** Solve using Gauss-Jordan elimination , the following equations system

$$2x_2 + x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 = -2$$

$$4x_1 - 3x_2 + x_4 = -7$$

$$6x_1 + x_2 - 6x_3 - 5x_4 = 6$$

**Solution:-a) Forward Elimination**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 1 & -7 \\ 6 & 1 & -6 & -5 & 6 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R1 \longleftrightarrow R4 \\ R4/6.0 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0.16667 & -1 & -0.83335 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0.16667 & -1 & -0.83335 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & 0 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R2 - 2 \cdot R1 \\ R3 - 4 \cdot R1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0.16667 & -1 & -0.83335 & 1 \\ 0 & 1.6667 & 5 & 3.6667 & -2 \\ 0 & -3.6667 & 4 & 4.3334 & -7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

**Dividing the 2<sup>nd</sup> row by 1.6667 and reducing the second column. (operating above the diagonal as well as below) gives:**

$$R_3 - r_3 R_2 \quad R_1 - r_5 R_2$$

$$R_4 - r_4 R_2$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1.5 & -1.2000 & 1.4000 \\ 0 & 1 & 2.9999 & 2.2000 & -2.4000 \\ 0 & 0 & 15.000 & 12.400 & -19.800 \\ 0 & 0 & -5.9998 & -3.4000 & 4.8000 \end{array} \right]$$

**Divide the 3<sup>rd</sup> row by 15.000 and make the elements in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Column zero.**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.04000 & -0.58000 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -0.27993 & 1.5599 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.82667 & -1.3200 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.5599 & -3.1197 \end{array} \right]$$

**Divide the 4<sup>th</sup> row by 1.5599 and create zero above the diagonal in the fourth column.**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.49999 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1.0001 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & +0.33326 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1.9999 \end{array} \right]$$

$$x_1 = -0.49999, \quad x_2 = 1, \quad x_3 = 0.33326 \quad \text{and} \quad x_4 = -1.99999$$

**Example** Solve using Gauss-Jordan elimination , the following equations system

$$2x_1 - 5x_2 + 5x_3 = 17 \quad (1)$$

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 = -4 \quad (2) \quad \text{Solution}$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 9 \quad (3)$$

Step 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 & 5 & 17 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{(R1) \leftrightarrow (R3)}$$

Step 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & -4 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_2 - r_1 R_1$

where  $r_1 = \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$

Step 3

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -5 & 5 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 - r_2 R_1$

where  $r_2 = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{11}} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$

Step 4

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_1 - r_3 R_2$

where  $r_3 = \frac{a_{12}}{a_{22}} = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$

Step 5

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 - r_4 R_2$

where  $r_4 = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{22}} = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$

Step 6

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{R_3}{2}$$

Step 7

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 - r_5 R_3$$

$$\text{where } r_5 = \frac{a_{23}}{a_{33}} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$$

Step 8

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 19 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 - r_6 R_3$$

$$\text{where } r_6 = 9$$

Step 9

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

$$x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = -1, \quad x_3 = 2$$



## Iterative methods

In iterative methods, initially a solution is assumed and through iterations the actual solution is approached asymptotically.

A) Jacobi iteration                      B) Gauss-Seidel iteration                      C) Successive over relaxation

### Jacobi iteration Method

The Jacobi method is an iterative method to solve systems of linear algebraic equations. Consider the following system:

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + a_{n3}x_3 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{cases}$$

This system can be written under the following form:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{1}{a_{11}}(b_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3 - \dots - a_{1n}x_n) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n = \frac{1}{a_{nn}}(b_n - a_{n1}x_1 - a_{n2}x_2 - \dots - a_{n,n-1}x_{n,n-1}) \end{cases}$$

The general formulation is:

$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_{ij}x_j \right] ; i=1,2,\dots,n$$

Here we start, by an initial guess for  $x_1; x_2; \dots; x_n$ , and we compute the new values for the next iteration. If no good initial guess is available, we can assume each component to be zero.

We generate the solution at the next iteration using the following expression:

$$x_i^{k+1} = \frac{1}{a_{ii}} \left[ b_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_{ij} x_j^k \right] ; i=1,2,\dots,n; \text{ and for } k=2, \dots,$$

convergence The calculation must be stopped if:

$$\left| \frac{x_i^{k+1} - x_i^k}{x_i^k} \right| \leq \varepsilon \quad \varepsilon \text{ is the desired precision.}$$

**Example :** Use the Jacobi method to approximate the solution of the following system of linear equations.

$$5x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = -1$$

$$-3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 - 7x_3 = 3$$

Continue the iterations until two successive approximations are identical when rounded to three significant digits.

**Solution** To begin, write the system in the form

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}x_2 - \frac{3}{5}x_3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9}x_1 - \frac{1}{9}x_3$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7}x_1 - \frac{1}{7}x_2$$

Because you do not know the actual solution, choose

$x_1 = 0, \quad x_2 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 = 0$       Initial approximation  
as a convenient initial approximation. So, the first approximation is

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}(0) - \frac{3}{5}(0) = -0.200$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9}(0) - \frac{1}{9}(0) = 0.222$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7}(0) - \frac{1}{7}(0) = -0.429$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}x_2 - \frac{3}{5}x_3$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9}x_1 - \frac{1}{9}x_3$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7}x_1 - \frac{1}{7}x_2$$

Continuing this procedure, you obtain the sequence of approximations shown in Table

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$x_1$	0.000	-0.200	0.146	0.192	0.181	0.185	0.186	0.186
$x_2$	0.000	0.222	0.203	0.328	0.332	0.329	0.331	0.331
$x_3$	0.000	-0.429	-0.517	-0.416	-0.421	-0.424	-0.423	-0.423

**Example** Use the Jacobi method to approximate the solution of the following system of linear equations.

$$10x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 6$$

$$-x_1 + 11x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 25$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 + 10x_3 - x_4 = -11$$

$$3x_2 - x_3 + 8x_4 = 15$$

**Convert the set  $Ax = b$  in the form of  $x = Tx + c$ .**

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{10}x_2 - \frac{1}{5}x_3 + \frac{3}{5}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{11}x_1 + \frac{1}{11}x_3 - \frac{3}{11}x_4 + \frac{25}{11}$$

$$x_3 = -\frac{1}{5}x_1 + \frac{1}{10}x_2 + \frac{1}{10}x_4 - \frac{11}{10}$$

$$x_4 = -\frac{3}{8}x_2 + \frac{1}{8}x_3 + \frac{15}{8}$$

$$x_1^{(1)} = \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(0)} - \frac{1}{5}x_3^{(0)} + \frac{3}{5}$$

$$x_2^{(1)} = \frac{1}{11}x_1^{(0)} + \frac{1}{11}x_3^{(0)} - \frac{3}{11}x_4^{(0)} + \frac{25}{11}$$

$$x_3^{(1)} = -\frac{1}{5}x_1^{(0)} + \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(0)} + \frac{1}{10}x_4^{(0)} - \frac{11}{10}$$

$$x_4^{(1)} = -\frac{3}{8}x_2^{(0)} + \frac{1}{8}x_3^{(0)} + \frac{15}{8}$$

$$x_1^{(0)} = 0, x_2^{(0)} = 0, x_3^{(0)} = 0 \text{ and } x_4^{(0)} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{10}(0) - \frac{1}{5}(0) + \frac{3}{5} \\
 x_2^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{11}(0) + \frac{1}{11}(0) - \frac{3}{11}(0) + \frac{25}{11} \\
 x_3^{(1)} &= -\frac{1}{5}(0) + \frac{1}{10}(0) + \frac{1}{10}(0) - \frac{11}{10} \\
 x_4^{(1)} &= -\frac{3}{8}(0) + \frac{1}{8}(0) + \frac{15}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1^{(1)} &= 0.6000, \\
 x_2^{(1)} &= 2.2727, \\
 x_3^{(1)} &= -1.1000 \\
 x_4^{(1)} &= 1.8750
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(1)} - \frac{1}{5}x_3^{(1)} + \frac{3}{5} \\
 x_2^{(2)} &= \frac{1}{11}x_1^{(1)} + \frac{1}{11}x_3^{(1)} - \frac{3}{11}x_4^{(1)} + \frac{25}{11} \\
 x_3^{(2)} &= -\frac{1}{5}x_1^{(1)} + \frac{1}{10}x_2^{(1)} + \frac{1}{10}x_4^{(1)} - \frac{11}{10} \\
 x_4^{(2)} &= -\frac{3}{8}x_2^{(1)} + \frac{1}{8}x_3^{(1)} + \frac{15}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

<i>iteration</i>	0	1	2	3
$x_1^{(k)}$	0.0000	0.6000	1.0473	0.9326
$x_2^{(k)}$	0.0000	2.2727	1.7159	2.0530
$x_3^{(k)}$	0.0000	-1.1000	-0.8052	-1.0493
$x_4^{(k)}$	0.0000	1.8750	0.8852	1.1309

## Gauss-Seidel iteration Method

With the Jacobi method, the values obtained in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  approximation remain unchanged until the entire  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  approximation has been calculated. With the Gauss-Seidel method, on the other hand, you use the new values of each as soon as they are known. That is, once you have determined from the first equation, its value is then used in the second equation to obtain the new. Similarly, the new and are used in the third equation to obtain the new and so on.

What is the algorithm for the Gauss-Seidel method? Given a general set of  $n$  equations and  $n$  unknowns, we have

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = c_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = c_2$$

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

If the diagonal elements are non-zero, each equation is rewritten for the corresponding unknown, that is, the first equation is rewritten with  $x_1$  on the left hand side, the second equation is rewritten with  $x_2$  on the left hand side and so on as follows

$$x_1 = \frac{c_1 - a_{12}x_2 - a_{13}x_3 \dots - a_{1n}x_n}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{c_2 - a_{21}x_1 - a_{23}x_3 \dots - a_{2n}x_n}{a_{22}}$$

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$$x_{n-1} = \frac{c_{n-1} - a_{n-1,1}x_1 - a_{n-1,2}x_2 \dots - a_{n-1,n-2}x_{n-2} - a_{n-1,n}x_n}{a_{n-1,n-1}}$$

$$x_n = \frac{c_n - a_{n1}x_1 - a_{n2}x_2 - \dots - a_{n,n-1}x_{n-1}}{a_{nn}}$$

These equations can be rewritten in a summation form as

$$x_1 = \frac{c_1 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq 1}}^n a_{1j}x_j}{a_{11}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{c_2 - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq 2}}^n a_{2j}x_j}{a_{22}}$$

$$x_{n-1} = \frac{c_{n-1} - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq n-1}}^n a_{n-1,j}x_j}{a_{n-1,n-1}}$$

$$x_n = \frac{c_n - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq n}}^n a_{nj}x_j}{a_{nn}}$$

Hence for any row  $i$

$$x_i = \frac{c_i - \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n a_{ij} x_j}{a_{ii}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Now to find  $x_i$  's, one assumes an initial guess for the  $x_i$  's and then uses the rewritten equations to calculate the new estimates. Remember, one always uses the most recent estimates to calculate the next estimates,  $x_i$ . At the end of each iteration, one calculates the absolute relative approximate error for each  $x_i$  as

$$|\epsilon_a|_i = \left| \frac{x_i^{\text{new}} - x_i^{\text{old}}}{x_i^{\text{new}}} \right| \times 100$$

Where  $x_i^{\text{new}}$  is the recently obtained value of  $x_i$  and  $x_i^{\text{old}}$  is the previous value of  $x_i$

When the absolute relative approximate error for each  $x_i$  is less than the pre-specified tolerance, the iterations are stopped.



### Example

Find the solution to the following system of equations using the Gauss-Seidel method.

$$12x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 28$$

$$3x_1 + 7x_2 + 13x_3 = 76$$

Use  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as the initial guess and conduct two iterations.

### Solution

The coefficient matrix  $[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 & -5 \\ 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$

Rewriting the equations, we get  $x_1 = \frac{1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3}{12}$   $x_2 = \frac{28 - x_1 - 3x_3}{5}$   $x_3 = \frac{76 - 3x_1 - 7x_2}{13}$

Assuming an initial guess of  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

### Iteration #1

$$x_1 = \frac{1 - 3(0) + 5(1)}{12} = 0.50000$$
$$x_2 = \frac{28 - (0.50000) - 3(1)}{5} = 4.90000$$
$$x_3 = \frac{76 - 3(0.50000) - 7(4.90000)}{13} = 3.0923$$

The absolute relative approximate error at the end of the first iteration is

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{0.50000 - 1}{0.50000} \right| \times 100 = 100.00\% \quad |\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{4.9000 - 0}{4.9000} \right| \times 100 = 100.00\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{3.0923-1}{3.0923} \right| \times 100 = 67.662\% \quad \text{The maximum absolute relative approximate error is 100.00\%}$$

## Iteration #2

$$x_1 = \frac{1 - 3(4.9000) + 5(3.0923)}{12} = 0.14679$$

$$x_2 = \frac{28 - (0.14679) - 3(3.0923)}{5} = 3.7153$$

$$x_3 = \frac{76 - 3(0.14679) - 7(3.7153)}{13} = 3.8118$$

At the end of second iteration, the absolute relative approximate error is

$$|\epsilon_a|_1 = \left| \frac{0.14679 - 0.50000}{0.14679} \right| \times 100 = 240.61\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_2 = \left| \frac{3.7153 - 4.9000}{3.7153} \right| \times 100 = 31.889\%$$

$$|\epsilon_a|_3 = \left| \frac{3.8118 - 3.0923}{3.8118} \right| \times 100 = 18.874\%$$

Iteration	$x_1$	$ \epsilon_a _1$ %	$x_2$	$ \epsilon_a _2$ %	$x_3$	$ \epsilon_a _3$ %
1	0.50000	100.00	4.9000	100.00	3.0923	67.662
2	0.14679	240.61	3.7153	31.889	3.8118	18.874
3	0.74275	80.236	3.1644	17.408	3.9708	4.0064
4	0.94675	21.546	3.0281	4.4996	3.9971	0.65772
5	0.99177	4.5391	3.0034	0.82499	4.0001	0.074383
6	0.99919	0.74307	3.0001	0.10856	4.0001	0.00101

This is close to the exact solution vector of

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

**EXAMPLE** Use the Gauss-Seidel method to obtain the solution for

$$\begin{aligned} 3x_1 - 0.1x_2 - 0.2x_3 &= 7.85 \\ 0.1x_1 + 7x_2 - 0.3x_3 &= -19.3 \\ 0.3x_1 - 0.2x_2 + 10x_3 &= 71.4 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** First, solve each of the equations for its unknown on the diagonal:

$$x_1 = \frac{7.85 + 0.1x_2 + 0.2x_3}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$x_2 = \frac{-19.3 - 0.1x_1 + 0.3x_3}{7} \quad (2)$$

$$x_3 = \frac{71.4 - 0.3x_1 + 0.2x_2}{10} \quad (3)$$

let  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  as the initial guess iterations.

$$x_1 = \frac{7.85 + 0.1(0) + 0.2(0)}{3} = 2.61666667$$

This value, along with the assumed value of  $x_3 = 0$ , can be substituted into Eq.(2) to calculate

$$x_2 = \frac{-19.3 - 0.1(2.616667) + 0.3(0)}{7} = -2.794524$$

The first iteration is completed by substituting the calculated values for  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  into Eq.(3) to yield

$$x_3 = \frac{71.4 - 0.3(2.616667) + 0.2(-2.794524)}{10} = 7.005610$$

For the second iteration, the same process is repeated to compute

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{7.85 + 0.1(-2.794524) + 0.2(7.005610)}{3} = 2.990557 \\ x_2 &= \frac{-19.3 - 0.1(2.990557) + 0.3(7.005610)}{7} = -2.499625 \\ x_3 &= \frac{71.4 - 0.3(2.990557) + 0.2(-2.499625)}{10} = 7.000291 \end{aligned}$$