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## Gaussian Elimination

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□ Gaussian Elimination: Method for Solving

$$Ax = b$$

(n × n) (n × 1) (n × 1)

when  $\exists!$  solution:

• Assume  $A$   $n \times n$  & consider  $Ax = b$

$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$4u - 6v = -2$$

$$-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$$

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$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$A \quad x = b$$

Idea: "You can add a mult of one eqvn to another & not change soln space"

Q1: When does  $Ax = b$  have a unique soln?

Thm①  $Ax = b$  has a !soln iff  $A^{-1}$  exists:

$$A^{-1} \text{ satisfies } A^{-1}A = I = AA^{-1}$$

Pf.  $\begin{aligned} Ax &= b \\ A^{-1}Ax &= A^{-1}b \\ x &= A^{-1}b \end{aligned}$

Thm②  $A^{-1}$  exists iff  $\det A \neq 0$

Thm③  $\det(AB) = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}|$

Defn  $|\mathbf{A}| = \det(\mathbf{A})$ : By induction on size of matrix

$$(2 \times 2) \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$(3 \times 3)$  expand about any row or colm:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

$A_{ij}$  = det of the  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  matrix obtained by deleting the  $i$ th row &  $j$ th colm

$$(n \times n) \quad \mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{i1} & a_{i2} & \cdots & a_{in} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{i+1} a_{1i} |A_{11}| + (-1)^{i+2} a_{2i} |A_{12}| + \cdots + (-1)^{i+n} a_{ni} |A_{1n}|$$

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$$\underline{\text{Check}} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)^{1+2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 0$$

$$= -4(2-7) - 6(4+2) = 20 - 36 = -16 \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  (2) has a unique soln

To solve (2) it is more efficient to use Gaussian Elimination than to find  $A^{-1}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{subt } 2 \times E_1 \text{ from } E_2 \\ \text{subt } (-1) \times E_1 \text{ from } E_3 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} u + v + w = 5 \\ 4u - 6v = -2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} u + v + w = 5 \\ -8v - 2w = -12 \end{array} \text{ add} \\ -2u + 7v + 2w = 9 \\ 8v + 3w = 14 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2u + v + w = 5 & 2u + 1 + 2 = 5 \Rightarrow \\ -8v - 2w = -12 & -8v - 2(\textcircled{2}) = -12 \Rightarrow v = 1 \\ w = \underline{\underline{2}} & w = \underline{\underline{2}} \end{array}$$

upper triangular  
with "pivot" on  
diagonal

We do this systematically  
keeping track of pivots b  
multiplying ...

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Row reduce matrix by elementary matrices

Defn:  $E_{ij}(a)$  = "identify matrix with a in the  $(i,j)$  entry"

always  
 $i \neq j$

Eg  $n=3$ :  $E_{21}(-2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $E_{32}(2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Note ①: If  $i > j$ ,  $E_{ij}(a)$  is lower triangular

(0's above the diagonal) with 1's on diag.

Note ②: If  $i < j$ ,  $E_{ij}(a)$  is upper triangular

(0's below diag) with 1's on diag

Eg  $n=4$      $E_{23}(-1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Theorem: Let  $A$  be  $n \times n$ . Then

$E_{ij}(a) \cdot A$  = "the matrix obtained from  
 $A$  by adding  $a$  times row  $j$  to row  $i$ "

$A \cdot E_{ij}(a)$  = "the matrix obtained from  
 $A$  by adding  $a$  times column  $j$  to column  $i$ "

"Pf by example"  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 \\ -r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 \\ -r_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -ar_1 + r_2 \\ -r_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_1 + ac_2 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$E_{21}(a) \quad A \quad \quad \quad A \quad E_{21}(a)$

Thm:  $E_{ij}(a)^{-1} = E_{ij}(-a)$

"Pf":  $E_{ij}(a) E_{ij}(-a) \cdot I \Rightarrow I$  because  $E_{ij}(a)$  undoes what  $E_{ij}(-a)$  does —

adds  $a \times$  row  $j$  to row  $i$

subtracts  $+a \times$  row  $j$  from row  $i$

# ⑥ Pivots and Multipliers in Gaussian Elimination:

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$$2u + v + w = 5$$

$$4u - 6v = -2$$

$$-2u + 7v + 2w = 9$$

(MuH) Pivot

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} l_{21}=2 \\ l_{31}=-1 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 & -12 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{l_{32}=\frac{1}{-8}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2u + v + w = 5$$

$$-8v - 2w = -12$$

$$w = 2$$

$$-8v - 4 = -12$$

$$v = 1$$

$$2u + 1 + 2 = 5$$

$$u = 1$$

Pivots:  $d_1 = 2, d_2 = -8, d_3 = 1$

Mult's:  $l_{21} = 2, l_{31} = -1, l_{23} = -1$

$$\text{row } \overset{1}{\nearrow} \text{ col } \overset{1}{\nearrow} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ 2 & * & * \\ -1 & -1 & * \end{bmatrix}$$

• Alternatively write:  $Ax = b : \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  (7)

• Row reduce A by matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} U \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G = E_{32}(1) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F = E_{31}(1) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E = E_{21}(-2) \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \circ^{-1} \quad (\text{Note: } l, w \text{ don't appear})$$

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•  $(GFE)A = U \Rightarrow A = (GFE)^{-1}U$

$$(GFE)^{-1} = E^{-1}F^{-1}G^{-1} = L$$

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

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

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

always get 1's along diag  
because  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 1 & 0 \\ * & * & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$d_{ii}$  appear along diagonal !

Conclude:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$b_{ij}$  appear below diag !

• Now solve  $Ax = b$  :  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -6 & 0 \\ -2 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  (9)

$A = LU$  so

$$Ax = b \Leftrightarrow LUx = b \Leftrightarrow \boxed{Ux = L^{-1}b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v \quad x = \quad G \quad E \quad F$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

In reverse order  
they just drop in  
but not in original!

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -12 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} u=1 \\ v=1 \\ w=2 \end{array} \quad \checkmark$$

• Conclude:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -8 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

L      D      U

new U always  
has 1's along  
diag

General:  $A = LDU$

$D = \text{diag}(d_i)$ ; L has lower diag  $\neq 1$

L, U have 1's along diag -

2 problems - A not invertible

Rows out of order for elimination