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

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

$$\downarrow$$

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

Forward Elimination

A set of *n* equations and *n* unknowns

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

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

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

(n-1) steps of forward elimination

Forward Elimination

Step 1

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

$$\left[\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}\right](a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 + ... + a_{1n}x_n = b_1)$$

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

Forward Elimination

Subtract the result from Equation 2.

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

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

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

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

Forward Elimination

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

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

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

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

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

End of Step 1

Forward Elimination

Step 2

Repeat the same procedure for the 3rd term of Equation 3.

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

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

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

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$a''_{n3}x_3 + \ldots + a''_{nn}x_n = b''_n$$

End of Step 2

Forward Elimination

At the end of (n-1) Forward Elimination steps, the system of equations will look like

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

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

$$a''_{33}x_3 + ... + a''_{3n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

End of Step (n-1)

Matrix Form at End of Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn}^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_n^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \ldots + a''_{n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

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

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

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

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

THE END

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Naïve Gauss Elimination Example

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Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Three-phase loads are common in AC systems. When the system is balanced the analysis can be simplified to a single equivalent circuit model. However, when it is unbalanced the only practical solution involves the solution of simultaneous linear equations. In a model the following equations need to be solved.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0.4516 & 0.7460 & 0.0080 & 0.0100 & 0.0080 & 0.0100 \\ 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.7787 & -0.5205 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0.0080 & 0.0100 & 0.5205 & 0.7787 & 0.0080 & 0.0100 \\ 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.8080 & -0.6040 \\ 0.0080 & 0.0100 & 0.0080 & 0.0100 & 0.6040 & 0.8080 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ 0.000 \\ -60.00 \\ -103.9 \\ -60.00 \\ 103.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the values of I_{ar}, I_{ai}, I_{br}, I_{bi}, I_{cr}, and I_{ci} using Naïve Gaussian Elimination.

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 1

For the new row 2: $Row2 - \left[\frac{Row1}{0.7460}\right] \times (0.4516) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{ai}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-72.643\end{bmatrix}$$

For the new row 3: $Row3 - \left[\frac{Row1}{0.7460}\right] \times (0.0100) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & -0.0019464 & 0.77857 & -0.52061 & 0.0098660 & -0.0078928\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{br}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-61.609\end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 1

For the new row 4: $$Row4 - \left[\frac{Row1}{0.7460}\right] \times (0.0080) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.014843 & 0.52039 & 0.77879 & 0.0078928 & 0.010086 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{bi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -105.19 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the new row 5: $$Row5 - \left[\frac{Row1}{0.7460}\right] \times (0.0100) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.0019464 & 0.0098660 & -0.0078928 & 0.80787 & -0.60389 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{cr} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -61.609 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 1

For the new row 6: $Row6 - \left[\frac{Row1}{0.7460}\right] \times (0.0080) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.014843 & 0.0078928 & 0.010086 & 0.60389 & 0.80809 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 102.61 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations after the completion of the first step of forward elimination is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 \\ 0 & -0.0019464 & 0.77857 & -0.52039 & 0.0098660 & -0.0078928 \\ 0 & 0.014843 & 0.52039 & 0.77879 & 0.0078928 & 0.010086 \\ 0 & -0.0019464 & 0.0098660 & -0.0078928 & 0.80787 & -0.60389 \\ 0 & 0.014843 & 0.0078928 & 0.010086 & 0.60389 & 0.80809 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ -72.643 \\ -61.609 \\ -105.19 \\ -61.609 \\ 102.61 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 2

For the new row 3: $Row3 - \left[\frac{Row2}{1.0194}\right] \times (-0.0019464) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0.77857 & -0.52036 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{br}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-61.747\end{bmatrix}$$

For the new row 4: $Row4 - \left[\frac{Row2}{1.0194}\right] \times (0.014843) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0.52036 & 0.77857 & 0.0078644 & 0.0098697\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{bi}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}-104.13\end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 2

For the new row 5:

$$Row5 - \left[\frac{Row2}{1.0194}\right] \times (-0.0019464) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 & 0.80787 & -0.60386 \end{bmatrix} \left[I_{cr} \right] = \left[-61.747 \right]$$

For the new row 6:

$$Row6 - \left[\frac{Row2}{1.0194}\right] \times (0.014843) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.0078644 & 0.0098697 & 0.60386 & 0.80787 \end{bmatrix} \left[I_{ci} \right] = \left[103.67 \right]$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

The system of equations after the completion of the second step of forward elimination is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.77857 & -0.52036 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.52036 & 0.77857 & 0.0078644 & 0.0098697 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 & 0.80787 & -0.60386 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.0078644 & 0.0098697 & 0.60386 & 0.80787 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ -72.643 \\ -61.747 \\ -104.13 \\ -61.747 \\ 103.67 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 3

For the new row 4:
$$Row4 - \left[\frac{Row3}{0.77857}\right] \times (0.52036) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.1264 & 0.0012679 & 0.015126 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{bi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -62.860 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the new row 5:
$$Row5 - \left[\frac{Row3}{0.77857}\right] \times (0.0098697) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.0012679 & 0.80774 & -0.60376 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{cr} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -60.965 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 3

For the new row 6: $Row6 - \left[\frac{Row3}{0.77857}\right] \times (0.0078644) =$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0 & 0.015126 & 0.60376 & 0.80795\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{ci}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}104.29\end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations after the completion of the third step of forward elimination is:

$$\begin{bmatrix}0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.77857 & -0.52036 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.1264 & 0.0012679 & 0.015126 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.0012679 & 0.80774 & -0.60376 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.015126 & 0.60376 & 0.80795\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci}\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}120 \\ -72.643 \\ -61.747 \\ -62.860 \\ -60.965 \\ 104.29\end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 4

For the new row 5: $Row5-\left[\dfrac{Row4}{1.1264}\right]\times\left(-0.0012679\right)=$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.80775 & -0.60375\end{bmatrix}\left[I_{cr}\right]=\left[-61.035\right]$$

For the new row 6: $Row6-\left[\dfrac{Row4}{1.1264}\right]\times\left(0.015126\right)=$

$$\begin{bmatrix}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.60375 & 0.80775\end{bmatrix}\left[I_{ci}\right]=\left[104.97\right]$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

The system of equations after the completion of the fourth step of forward elimination is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.77857 & -0.52036 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.1264 & 0.0012679 & 0.015126 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.80775 & -0.60375 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.60375 & 0.80775 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ -72.643 \\ -61.747 \\ -62.860 \\ -61.035 \\ 104.97 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Forward Elimination: Step 5

For the new row 6: $Row6 - \left[\frac{Row5}{0.80775} \right] \times (0.60375) =$

$$[0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1.2590] \, [I_{ci}] = [150.76]$$

The system of equations after the completion of forward elimination is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.7460 & -0.4516 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 & 0.0100 & -0.0080 \\ 0 & 1.0194 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 & 0.0019464 & 0.014843 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.77857 & -0.52036 & 0.0098697 & -0.0078644 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.1264 & 0.0012679 & 0.015126 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.80775 & -0.60375 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.2590 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 120 \\ -72.643 \\ -61.747 \\ -62.860 \\ -61.035 \\ 150.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Back Substitution

The six equations obtained at the end of the forward elimination process are:

$$0.7460\,I_{ar} + (-0.4516)I_{ai} + 0.0100I_{br} + (-0.0080)I_{bi} + 0.0100I_{cr} + (-0.0080)I_{ci} = 120$$

$$1.0194\,I_{ai} + 0.0019464\,I_{br} + 0.014843\,I_{bi} + 0.0019464\,I_{cr} + 0.014843\,I_{ci} = -72.643$$

$$0.77857\,I_{br} + (-0.52036)I_{bi} + 0.0098697\,I_{cr} + (-0.0078644)I_{ci} = -61.747$$

$$1.1264\,I_{bi} + 0.0012679\,I_{cr} + 0.015126\,I_{ci} = -62.860$$

$$0.80775\,I_{cr} + (-0.60375)I_{ci} = -61.035$$

$$1.2590\,I_{ci} = 150.76$$

Now solve the six equations starting with the sixth equation and back substituting to solve the remaining equations, ending with equation one

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Back Substitution

From the sixth equation:

$$1.2590 \; I_{ci} = 150.76$$

$$I_{ci} = \frac{150.76}{1.2590}$$

$$= 119.74$$

Substituting the value of I_{ci} in the fifth equation:

$$0.80775 \, I_{cr} + (-0.60375) I_{ci} = -61.035$$

$$I_{cr} = \frac{-61.035 - (-0.60375) I_{ci}}{0.80775}$$

$$= 13.940$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Back Substitution

Substituting the value of I_{cr} and I_{ci} in the fourth equation

$$1.1264\, I_{bi} + 0.0012679\, I_{cr} + 0.015126\, I_{ci} = -62.860$$

$$I_{bi} = \frac{-62.860 - 0.0012679\, I_{cr} - 0.015126\, I_{ci}}{1.1264}$$

$$I_{bi} = -57.432$$

Substituting the value of I_{bi} , I_{cr} and I_{ci} in the third equation

$$0.77857\, I_{br} + (-0.52036) I_{bi} + 0.0098697\, I_{cr} + (-0.0078644) I_{ci} = -61.747$$

$$I_{br} = \frac{-61.747 - (-0.52036) I_{bi} - 0.0098697\, I_{cr} - (-0.0078644) I_{ci}}{0.77857}$$

$$I_{br} = -116.66$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Back Substitution

Substituting the value of I_{br}, I_{bi}, I_{cr} and I_{ci} in the second equation

$$1.0194\, I_{ai} + 0.0019464\, I_{br} + 0.014843\, I_{bi} + 0.0019464\, I_{cr} + 0.014843\, I_{ci} = -72.643$$

$$I_{ai} = \frac{-72.643 - 0.0019464\, I_{br} - 0.014843\, I_{bi} - 0.0019464\, I_{cr} - 0.014843\, I_{ci}}{1.0194}$$

$$I_{ai} = -71.973$$

Substituting the value of I_{ai}, I_{br}, I_{bi}, I_{cr} and I_{ci} in the first equation

$$0.7460\, I_{ar} + (-0.4516) I_{ai} + 0.0100 I_{br} + (-0.0080) I_{bi} + 0.0100 I_{cr} + (-0.0080) I_{ci} = 120$$

$$I_{ar} = \frac{120 - (-0.4516) I_{ai} - 0.0100 I_{br} - (-0.0080) I_{bi} - 0.0100 I_{cr} - (-0.0080) I_{ci}}{0.7460}$$

$$I_{ar} = 119.33$$

Example: Unbalanced three phase load

Solution:

The solution vector is

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{ar} \\ I_{ai} \\ I_{br} \\ I_{bi} \\ I_{cr} \\ I_{ci} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 119.33 \\ -71.973 \\ -116.66 \\ -57.432 \\ 13.940 \\ 119.74 \end{bmatrix}$$

THE END

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Naïve Gauss Elimination Pitfalls

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Pitfall#1. Division by zero

$$10x_2 - 7x_3 = 3$$

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

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

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

Is division by zero an issue here?

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$
$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$
$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 9$$

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

Is division by zero an issue here? YES

$$12x_1 + 10x_2 - 7x_3 = 15$$
$$6x_1 + 5x_2 + 3x_3 = 14$$
$$24x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 28$$

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

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

Pitfall#2. Large Round-off Errors

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

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

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

Avoiding Pitfalls

Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting

- Avoids division by zero
- Reduces round off error

THE END

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Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

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Pitfalls of Naïve Gauss Elimination

- Possible division by zero
- Large round-off errors

Avoiding Pitfalls

Increase the number of significant digits

- Decreases 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^{th} step of forward elimination, find the maximum of

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

If the maximum of the values is $|a_{pk}|$

in the p^{th} row, $k \le p \le n,$ then switch rows p and k.

Matrix Form at Beginning of 2nd 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 (2nd 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 (2nd 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]

Two steps

1. Forward Elimination
2. Back Substitution

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 2nd 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

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} & \cdots & a'_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & a''_{33} & \cdots & a''_{3n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{nn}^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b''_3 \\ \vdots \\ b_n^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Back Substitution Starting Eqns

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

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

$$a''_{33}x_3 + \ldots + a''_{n}x_n = b''_3$$

$$\vdots \qquad \vdots$$

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

Back Substitution

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

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

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Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting Example

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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

Forward Elimination

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, $\frac{64}{144} = 0.4444$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 & \vdots & 279.2 \end{bmatrix} \times 0.4444 = \begin{bmatrix} 63.99 & 5.333 & 0.4444 & \vdots & 124.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from Equation 2

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

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.)

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

Divide Equation 1 by 144 and multiply it by 25, $\frac{25}{144} = 0.1736$.

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

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.)

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

Divide Equation 2 by 2.917 and 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

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

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

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

Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting
Another Example

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Partial Pivoting: Example

Consider the system of equations

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

$$-3x_1 + 2.099x_2 + 6x_3 = 3.901$$

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

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ -3 & 2.099 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3.901 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve using Gaussian Elimination with Partial Pivoting using five significant digits with chopping

Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 1

Examining the values of the first column

|10|, |-3|, and |5| or 10, 3, and 5

The largest absolute value is 10, which means, to follow the rules of Partial Pivoting, we switch row1 with row1.

Performing Forward Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ -3 & 2.099 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 3.901 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 2

Examining the values of the first column

|-0.001| and |2.5| or 0.0001 and 2.5

The largest absolute value is 2.5, so row 2 is switched with row 3

Performing the row swap

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6.001 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & -0.001 & 6 \end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}=\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.001 \end{bmatrix}$$

Partial Pivoting: Example

Forward Elimination: Step 2

Performing the Forward Elimination results in:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.002 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

Partial Pivoting: Example

Back Substitution

Solving the equations through back substitution

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 6.002 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 2.5 \\ 6.002 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = \frac{6.002}{6.002} = 1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2.5 - 5x_3}{2.5} = -1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{7 + 7x_2 - 0x_3}{10} = 0$$

Partial Pivoting: Example

Compare the calculated and exact solution

The fact that they are equal is coincidence, but it does illustrate the advantage of Partial Pivoting

$$[X]_{calculated} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [X]_{exact} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

THE END

Determinant of a Square Matrix
Using Naïve Gauss Elimination
Example

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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

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

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

Forward Elimination of a Square Matrix

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

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

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

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

Forward Elimination: Step 1

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

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and multiply it by 64, $\frac{64}{25} = 2.56$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times 2.56 = \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 12.8 & 2.56 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from Equation 2

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 64 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ -\begin{bmatrix} 64 & 12.8 & 2.56 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for Equation 2

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

Forward Elimination: Step 1 (cont.)

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

Divide Equation 1 by 25 and multiply it by 144, $\frac{144}{25} = 5.76$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 25 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times 5.76 = \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 28.8 & 5.76 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 144 & 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ -\begin{bmatrix} 144 & 28.8 & 5.76 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for Equation 3

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

Forward Elimination: Step 2

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

Divide Equation 2 by −4.8

and multiply it by −16.8,

$$\frac{-16.8}{-4.8} = 3.5 .$$

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4.8 & -1.56 \end{bmatrix}\right) \times 3.5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16.8 & -5.46 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract the result from Equation 3

$$\begin{array}{r} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16.8 & -4.76 \end{bmatrix} \\ -\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -16.8 & -5.46 \end{bmatrix} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Substitute new equation for Equation 3

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

Finding the Determinant

After forward elimination

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

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

Summary

-Forward Elimination

-Back Substitution

-Pitfalls

-Improvements

-Partial Pivoting

-Determinant of a Matrix

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

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