

$n \times n$ Linear system of equations $AX = b$:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

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$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Augmented matrix: } [A|b] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} & b_n \end{array} \right]$$

Methods of solving $n \times n$ linear system:

- (1) **Gaussian Elimination:** Transform $[A|b]$ to $[U|C]$ (upper triangular system), then solve (for X) by back substitution.
- (2) **LU Factorization:** Write $A = LU$ ($\implies LUX = b$), then solve $LY = b$ (for Y) by forward substitution, then solve $UX = Y$ (for X) by back substitution.
- (3) **Gauss-Jordan Reduction:** Transform $[A|b]$ to $[I|X]$.
- (4) **Inverse method:** Find A^{-1} by transforming $[A|I]$ to $[I|A^{-1}]$, then $X = A^{-1}b$
- (5) **Cramer's Rule:** $x_i = \frac{|A_i|}{|A|}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Gaussian Elimination

Ex: Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 &= 22 \\x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 &= 13 \\4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 20 \\-3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 6\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

First: Transform $[A|b]$ to $[U|C]$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 22 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 13 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 20 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 1: $m_{21} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$, $m_{31} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$, $m_{41} = \frac{-3}{2} = -1.5$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - 0.5R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 + 1.5R_1 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 22 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 & 2 \\ 0 & -10 & -6 & -5 & -24 \\ 0 & 10 & 9 & 6.5 & 39 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 2: $m_{32} = \frac{-10}{-1} = 10$, $m_{42} = \frac{10}{-1} = -10$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_3 - 10R_2 \\ R_4 + 10R_2 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 22 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 & -44 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 31.5 & 59 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 3: $m_{43} = \frac{-1}{4} = -0.25$

$$R_4 + 0.25R_3 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 22 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 & -44 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 & 48 \end{array} \right]$$

Second: Use Back Substitution:

$$x_4 = 2, x_3 = 4, x_2 = -1, x_1 = 3$$

$$\boxed{\text{Total cost} = 46 + 16 = 62}$$

LU Factorization

Ex: Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + 6x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 &= 22 \\x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 &= 13 \\4x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 &= 20 \\-3x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &= 6\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

First: Write $A = LU$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & -10 & -6 & -5 \\ 0 & 10 & 9 & 6.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 31.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{21} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & 1 & 0 \\ m_{41} & m_{42} & m_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 1 & 0 \\ -1.5 & -10 & -0.25 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Second: Solve $LY = b$ using forward substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 10 & 1 & 0 \\ -1.5 & -10 & -0.25 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 13 \\ 20 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_1 = 22, y_2 = 2, y_3 = -44, y_4 = 48$$

Third: Solve $UX = Y$ using backward substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 2.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -30 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 2 \\ -44 \\ 48 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_4 = 2, x_3 = 4, x_2 = -1, x_1 = 3$$

$$\boxed{\text{Total cost} = 34 + 12 + 16 = 62}$$

Gauss-Jordan Reduction

Ex: Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 &= 6 \\x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\4x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Solution: Transform $[A|b]$ to $[I|X]$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & -4 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 1:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & -3 & 10 & -10 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 2:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & -3 & 10 & -10 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 5.5 & -5.5 \end{array} \right]$$

Step 3:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -0.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1.5 & 1.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\implies x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, x_3 = -1$$

Total cost = 30

Inverse Method

Ex: Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 7 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

First: Find A^{-1} by transforming $[A|I]$ to $[I|A^{-1}]$:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \longrightarrow \longrightarrow \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1.75 & -1.5 & -1.25 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1.25 & -0.5 & -0.75 \end{array} \right]$$

Second: $X = A^{-1}b$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1.75 & -1.5 & -1.25 \\ 1.25 & -0.5 & -0.75 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3$$

$$\boxed{\text{Total cost} = 60 + 15 = 75}$$

Cramer's Rule

Ex: Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 7 \\ -x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 &= 1 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 &= 7\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 7 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$x_1 = \frac{|A_1|}{|A|} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

$$x_2 = \frac{|A_2|}{|A|} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

$$x_3 = \frac{|A_3|}{|A|} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$$\text{Total cost} = 4(14) + 3 = 59$$