

**Sec 2.1, 2.2:**

1. Elimination: three equations, three unknowns. Consider the following system of equations

$$x + 2y - z = 1 \quad (1a)$$

$$2x - y + z = 3 \quad (1b)$$

$$3x + y - 2z = 4 \quad (1c)$$

(a) Eliminate  $x$ .

- i. Find the pivot in Eq. (1a) and multipliers from Eqs. (1b) and (1c) that will eliminate the  $x$  terms in Eqs. (1b) and (1c).

Pivot: 1

Multiplier from Eq. (1b): -2

Multiplier from Eq. (1c): -3

- ii. Perform the elimination of  $x$  from the last two equations.

$$\begin{array}{r} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x - y + z = 3 \\ -2x - 4y + 2z = -2 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (1b) \\ -2 \cdot (1a) \end{array} \\ \hline -5y + 3z = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 3x + y - 2z = 4 \\ -3x - 6y + 3z = -3 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (1c) \\ -3 \cdot (1a) \end{array} \\ \hline -5y + z = 1 \end{array}$$

- iii. Write the resulting 2D system of equations (with just  $y$  and  $z$ ) in which  $x$  is eliminated. *Hint:* Leave Eq. (1a) out.

$$\begin{cases} -5y + 3z = 1 \\ -5y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$

- (b) Eliminate  $y$ . From answer to (a)iii, find the pivot and multiplier to eliminate  $y$ . Perform the elimination and write the final equation that just contains  $z$ .

$$\begin{array}{r} \{-5y + 3z = 1 \\ + \{5y - 2z = -1 \\ \hline 2z = 0 \end{array}$$

- (c) Back substitution. Now, write the original Eq. (1a), the  $x$ -eliminated Eq. (1b) (that just contains  $y$  and  $z$ ) and the  $x,y$ -eliminated Eq. (1c) (just containing  $z$ ). You should see a triangular system. Use back substitution to solve the system for  $z$ , then  $y$ , then  $x$ .

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y - 2z = 1 \\ -5y + 3z = 1 \\ 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$2z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$-5y + 3(0) = 1 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$x + 2\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) - 0 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{5}$$

2. Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to solve the following system:

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \quad (2a)$$

$$4x_1 + 9x_2 - 3x_3 = 8 \quad (2b)$$

$$-2x_1 - 3x_2 + 7x_3 = 4 \quad (2c)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ 4x_1 + 9x_2 - 3x_3 = 8 \quad (2b) \\ + \{ -4x_1 - 8x_2 + 4x_3 = -4 \quad -2 \cdot (2a) \\ \hline x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (2d) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ -2x_1 - 3x_2 + 7x_3 = 4 \quad (2c) \\ + \{ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \quad (2a) \\ \hline x_2 + 5x_3 = 6 \quad (2e) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (2d) \\ + \{ -x_2 - 5x_3 = -6 \quad -(2e) \\ \hline -4x_3 = -2 \quad (2f) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ 2x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 2 \quad (2a) \\ \{ x_2 + x_3 = 4 \quad (2d) \\ \{ -4x_3 = -2 \quad (2f) \end{array}$$

$$-4x_3 = -2 \Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_2 + \frac{1}{2} = 4 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$2x_1 + 4\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{11}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{11}{2} \\ \frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Are the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  linearly independent?

*Hint:* Solve  $c_1\mathbf{u} + c_2\mathbf{v} + c_3\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 & (a) \\ 3c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 = 0 & (b) \\ c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 & (c) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3c_1 + 3c_2 - c_3 = 0 & (b) \\ + \underline{-3c_1 - 3c_2 - 3c_3 = 0} & -3(a) \\ \hline -4c_3 = 0 & (d) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 & (c) \\ + \underline{-c_1 - c_2 - c_3 = 0} & -(a) \\ \hline -2c_2 = 0 & (e) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 & (a) \\ -4c_3 = 0 & (d) \\ -2c_2 = 0 & (e) \end{cases}$$

$$-4c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_3 = 0$$

$$-2c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 + 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0, \text{ so } \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\} \text{ is LI.}$$

4. Use elimination to solve

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6 \quad (3a)$$

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

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 = 3 \quad (3c)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \{x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 11 \quad (b) \\ + \{-x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = -6 \quad -(a)\} \\ \hline x_2 + x_3 = 5 \quad (d) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \{2x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 = 3 \quad (c) \\ + \{-2x_1 - 2x_2 - 2x_3 = -12 \quad -2(a)\} \\ \hline x_2 - 6x_3 = -9 \quad (e) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \{x_2 + x_3 = 5 \quad (d) \\ + \{-x_2 + 6x_3 = 9 \quad -(e)\} \\ \hline 7x_3 = 14 \quad (f) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6 & (a) \\ x_2 + x_3 = 5 & (d) \\ 7x_3 = 14 & (f) \end{cases}$$

$$7x_3 = 14 \Rightarrow x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 + 2 = 5 \Rightarrow x_2 = 3$$

$$x_1 + 3 + 2 = 6 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Sec 2.3, 2.4:**

1. Write down the  $3 \times 3$  matrices that produce these steps:

(a) Subtracts 5 times row 1 from row 2.

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Adds 7 times row 2 to row 3.

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Exchanges rows 1 and 2, then rows 2 and 3.

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

(d) Subtracts row 1 from row 2, and then exchanges rows 2 and 3.

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(e) Exchanges rows 2 and 3, and then subtracts row 1 from row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Elimination matrices: Consider the following system of equations:

$$x + 2y - z = 1$$

$$2x - y + z = 3$$

$$3x + y - 2z = 4$$

We are going to go through the process of solving a linear system using elimination matrices.

(a) Write the system of equations as a matrix vector system:  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Identify the pivot in the first column (circle it in your matrix  $A$ ). Write the two elimination matrices  $E_{21}$  and  $E_{31}$  that, when applied to  $A$ , will give zeros in the necessary positions.

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Perform the multiplication  $E_{31}E_{21}A$ . Do you see zeros below the pivot?

$$E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d) Now move on to the second column. Identify the new pivot and circle it in your new matrix from Part (c) [it might be useful to re-write that matrix here]. *Hint:* recall that we are looking to write the system as an upper-triangular system. Therefore, we are looking to get a zero under all of the diagonal entries of  $A$ .

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

- (e) Write the elimination matrix  $E_{32}$  that, when applied to the matrix from Part (c), will give a zero in the necessary position. Multiply this elimination matrix with your matrix from Part (c). Do you see an upper-triangular matrix?

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (f) Multiply out the three elimination matrices from Parts (c) and (e):  $E = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



- (g) Now that you have one matrix,  $E$ , that describes all elimination operations performed on  $A$ , we can solve the system by applying this matrix to both sides of the equation:  $E\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = E\mathbf{b}$ . Write out this new matrix-vector system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (h) Find the solution  $\mathbf{x}$  by performing back substitution on the system from Part (g).  
*Hint:* Convert back to a system of equations.

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1 \\ -5x_2 + 3x_3 = 1 \\ -2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2x_3 = 0 &\Rightarrow x_3 = 0 \\ -5x_2 + 3 \cdot 0 = 1 &\Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{1}{5} \\ x_1 + 2\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) - 0 = 1 &\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{7}{5} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) Check your answer by substituting the answer back into the original system in Part (a).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{5} \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$$

3. Which three elimination matrices put  $A$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \textcircled{4} & 6 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ \textcircled{-2} & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Which elimination matrices put  $A$  into triangular form  $U$ ?

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

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \ominus 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{32}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \ominus 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{43} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{43}E_{32}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} \end{bmatrix} = U$$