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# Systems of Linear Equations

## Cramer's Rule

### Linear System of Equations

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

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

$$\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot = \cdot$$

$$\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot = \cdot$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

### Cramer's Rule, n=2

$$D = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}$$

$$D_1 = b_1a_{22} - b_2a_{12}$$

$$D_2 = b_2a_{11} - b_1a_{21}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{D_1}{D} = \frac{b_1a_{22} - b_2a_{12}}{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{D_2}{D} = \frac{b_2a_{11} - b_1a_{21}}{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{21}a_{12}}$$

### Example, n=2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & -1.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1.0 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)}{0.01 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)} = 1.0099$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1.0 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot 1.0}{0.01 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)} = -0.9899$$

Cramer's rule inconvenient for n>3



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## Gaussian Elimination

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$$\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot = \cdot$$

$$\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot = \cdot$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

### Reduction Step 0

$$a_{ij}^{(1)} = a_{ij}, \quad b_i^{(1)} = b_i$$

$$a_{11}^{(1)}x_1 \quad a_{12}^{(1)}x_2 \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad a_{1n}^{(1)}x_n = b_1^{(1)}$$

$$a_{21}^{(1)}x_1 \quad a_{22}^{(1)}x_2 \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad a_{2n}^{(1)}x_n = b_2^{(1)}$$

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## Gaussian Elimination

Reduction  
Step 1

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m_{i1} &= \frac{a_{i1}^{(1)}}{a_{11}^{(1)}} \\ a_{ij}^{(2)} &= a_{ij}^{(1)} - m_{i1}a_{1j}^{(1)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n \\ b_i^{(2)} &= b_i^{(1)} - m_{i1}b_1^{(1)} \end{aligned} \right\} i = 2, \dots, n$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & & \xrightarrow{j} & & & \\ a_{11}^{(1)} x_1 & a_{12}^{(1)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n}^{(1)} x_n & = b_1^{(1)} \\ \downarrow i & 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n}^{(2)} x_n = b_2^{(2)} \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & = \cdot \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & = \cdot \\ & 0 & a_{n2}^{(2)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{nn}^{(2)} x_n = b_n^{(2)} \end{array}$$



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## Gaussian Elimination

Reduction  
Step k

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m_{ik} &= \frac{a_{ik}^{(k)}}{a_{kk}^{(k)}} \\ a_{ij}^{(k+1)} &= a_{ij}^{(k)} - m_{ik} a_{kj}^{(k)}, \quad j = k, \dots, n \\ b_i^{(k+1)} &= b_i^{(k)} - m_{ik} b_k^{(k)} \end{aligned} \right\} i = 2, \dots, n$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_{11}^{(1)} x_1 & a_{12}^{(1)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n}^{(1)} x_n & = & b_1^{(1)} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n}^{(2)} x_n & = & b_2^{(2)} \\ 0 & \cdot & a_{kk}^{(k)} x_k & \cdot & \cdot & = & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & = & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & 0 & \cdot & a_{nn}^{(k+1)} x_n & = & b_n^{(k+1)} \end{array}$$

Reduction  
Step n-1

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} a_{11}^{(1)} x_1 & a_{12}^{(1)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{1n}^{(1)} x_n & = & b_1^{(1)} \\ 0 & a_{22}^{(2)} x_2 & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n}^{(2)} x_n & = & b_2^{(2)} \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & = & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & 0 & a_{n-1,n-1}^{(n-1)} x_{n-1} & a_{n-1,n}^{(n-1)} x_n & = & b_{n-1}^{(n-1)} \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 & a_{nn}^{(n)} x_n & = & b_n^{(n)} \end{array}$$

Back-Substitution

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= b_n^{(n)} / a_{nn}^{(n)} \\ x_{n-1} &= (b_{n-1}^{(n-1)} - a_{n-1,n}^{(n-1)} x_n) / a_{n-1,n-1}^{(n-1)} \\ &\cdot \\ &\cdot \\ x_k &= (b_k^{(k)} - \sum_{j=k+1}^n a_{kj}^{(k)} x_j) / a_{kk}^{(k)} \\ &\cdot \\ &\cdot \\ x_1 &= (b_1^{(1)} - \sum_{j=2}^n a_{1j}^{(1)} x_j) / a_{11}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$





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## Gaussian Elimination

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New Row k

New Row i

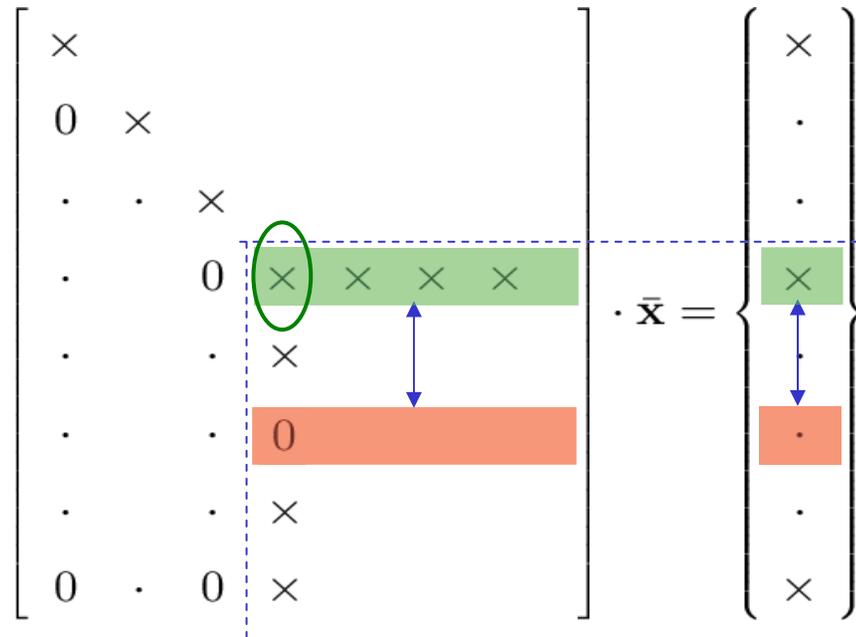
Pivotal Elements

$$a_{11}^{(1)}, a_{22}^{(2)}, \dots, a_{nn}^{(n)}$$

$$a_{kk}^{(k)} \neq 0$$

Required at each step!

### Partial Pivoting by Columns





# Systems of Linear Equations

## Gaussian Elimination

Example, n=2

Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & -1.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

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Cramer's Rule - Exact

2-digit Arithmetic

$$x_1 = \frac{1.0 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)}{0.01 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)} = 1.0099$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1.0 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot 1.0}{0.01 \cdot 0.01 - 1.0 \cdot (-1.0)} = -0.9899$$

$$m_{21} = 100$$

$$a_{21}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$a_{22}^{(2)} = 0.01 + 100 \simeq 100$$

$$b_2^{(2)} = 1 - 100 \simeq -100$$

$$x_2 \simeq -1$$

$$x_1 = (1.0 - 1.0)/0.01 = 0$$

100% error

1% error

```
n=3
a = [ [0.01 1.0]' [-1.0 0.01]']
b = [1 1]'
r=a^(-1) * b
x=[0 0];
m21=a(2,1)/a(1,1);
a(2,1)=0;
a(2,2) = radd(a(2,2), -m21*a(1,2), n);
b(2) = radd(b(2), -m21*b(1), n);
x(2) = b(2)/a(2,2);
x(1) = (radd(b(1), -a(1,2)*x(2), n))/a(1,1);
x'
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tbt.m

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Partial Pivoting by Columns  
Interchange Rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 0.01 \\ 0.01 & -1.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

2-digit Arithmetic

$$m_{21} = 0.01$$

$$a_{22}^{(2)} = -1 - 0.0001 \simeq -1.0$$

$$b_2^{(2)} = 1 - 0.01 \simeq 1.0$$

$$x_2 \simeq -1$$

$$x_1 = 1 + 0.01 \simeq 1.0$$

1% error

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Multiply Equation 1 by 200

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.0 & -200 \\ 1.0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 200.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 1.01 \\ x_2 = -0.99 \end{cases}$$

2-digit Arithmetic

$$m_{21} = 0.5$$

$$a_{21}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$a_{22}^{(2)} = 0.01 + 100 \simeq 100$$

$$b_2^{(2)} = 1 - 0.5 \cdot 200 \simeq -100$$

$$x_2 \simeq -1$$

$$x_1 = (200 - 200)/2 = 0$$

100% error

1% error

Equations must be normalized for partial pivoting to ensure stability

This **Equilibration** is made by normalizing the matrix to unit norm

Infinity-Norm Normalization

$$\|a_{ij}\|_{\infty} = \max_j |a_{ij}| \simeq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Two-Norm Normalization

$$\|a_{ij}\|_2 = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}^2 \simeq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$



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Interchange Unknowns

$$x_1 = \tilde{x}_2$$

$$x_2 = \tilde{x}_1$$

Pivoting by Rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} -200 & 2.0 \\ 0.01 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 200.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_1 = -0.99 \\ \tilde{x}_2 = 1.01 \end{cases}$$

2-digit Arithmetic

$$m_{21} = -0.00005$$

$$a_{21}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$a_{22}^{(2)} = 0.01 + 1.0 \simeq 1.0$$

$$b_2^{(2)} = 1 + 0.01 \simeq 1$$

$$\tilde{x}_2 \simeq 1$$

$$\tilde{x}_1 = (200 - 2)/(-200) \simeq -1$$

1% error

Full Pivoting

Find largest numerical value in same row and column and interchange  
Affects ordering of unknowns



# Systems of Linear Equations

## Gaussian Elimination

### Numerical Stability

- Partial Pivoting
  - Equilibrate system of equations
  - Pivoting by Columns
  - Simple book-keeping
    - Solution vector in original order
- Full Pivoting
  - Does not require equilibration
  - Pivoting by both row and columns
  - More complex book-keeping
    - Solution vector re-ordered

Partial Pivoting is simplest and most common

Neither method guarantees stability



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Variable Transformation

$$x_1 = \tilde{x}_1$$

$$x_2 = 0.01 \cdot \tilde{x}_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & -1.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.0001 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 100.0 \\ 1.0 \end{Bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_1 = 1.01 \\ \tilde{x}_2 = -99 \end{cases}$$

2-digit Arithmetic

$$m_{21} = 1.0$$

$$a_{21}^{(2)} = 0$$

$$a_{22}^{(2)} = 0.0001 + 1.0 \simeq 1.0$$

$$b_2^{(2)} = 1 - 100 \simeq -100$$

$$\tilde{x}_2 = -100$$

$$\tilde{x}_1 = 100 - 100 = 0$$

1% error

100% error



# Systems of Linear Equations

## Gaussian Elimination

### How to Ensure Numerical Stability

- System of equations must be well conditioned
  - Investigate condition number
    - Tricky, because it requires matrix inversion (next class)
  - Consistent with physics
    - E.g. don't couple domains that are physically uncoupled
  - Consistent units
    - E.g. don't mix meter and  $\mu\text{m}$  in unknowns
  - Dimensionless unknowns
    - Normalize all unknowns consistently
- Equilibration and Partial Pivoting, or Full Pivoting