

# Applied Numerical Methods for Civil Engineering

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## Week 8: Introduction to Applied Linear Algebra: Part I

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- Solution:

$$x_2 = \frac{a_{11}b_2 - a_{21}b_1}{a_{22}a_{11} - a_{12}a_{21}} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{b_1a_{22} - a_{12}b_2}{a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}}$$

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- **Upper triangular** form:

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Now we can solve by **back substitution**.

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- Subtract this from the second equation:

$$\underbrace{\left(a_{22} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{12}\right)}_{= a'_{22}}x_2 + \cdots + \underbrace{\left(a_{2n} - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}a_{1n}\right)}_{= a'_{2n}}x_n = \underbrace{b_2 - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}b_1}_{= b'_2}$$

- Denote new coefficients as  $a'_{22}, \dots, a'_{2n}$  and  $b'_2$

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Continue elimination:

- Repeat until the system is **upper triangular**:

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

- Back substitution:**

$$x_n = \frac{b_n^{(n-1)}}{a_{nn}^{(n-1)}}, \quad x_{n-1} = \frac{b_{n-1}^{(n-2)} - a_{n-1,n}^{(n-2)} x_n}{a_{n-1,n-1}^{(n-2)}}$$

- In general:

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

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- Solution:

$$x_1 = 14, \quad x_2 = -32, \quad x_3 = -5$$

## Quick Summary

### Wednesday's Class:

- **Small systems** can be solved graphically, by Cramer's rule, or by elimination
- **Determinants** indicate singularity (zero) or ill-conditioning (near zero)
- **Gauss elimination** extends elimination to  $n$  equations
- **Two phases:** forward elimination  $\rightarrow$  upper triangular, then back substitution

## Quizzes Now!

- **Today's participation** (ungraded survey): Please check out  
    "Class Participation Quiz 18"  
    Time slot: **2:30PM – 3:00PM**  
on Canvas.

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No intersection  $\rightarrow$  No solution!

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- Geometric result: The three vectors lie on the same two-dimensional plane. The volume they span is zero.

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- Between identity matrix and any vector:

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- **Requirement:** The inverse  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists **if and only if** the matrix is non-singular, meaning  $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ .
- If  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$ , the matrix is singular and has **no inverse**.

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- Verify  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ ?

## Inverse of Matrix

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 A = np.array([[3, 2], [-1, 2]])
4 A_inverse = np.linalg.inv(A)
5 print(A_inverse)
```



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- The solution to  $x$ :

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

- Applications:

- **Structural Engineering:** Calculating displacements  $u$  in the stiffness equation  $Ku = F$  where  $u = K^{-1}F$ .
- **Control Theory:** Solving complex matrix equations, e.g., Lyapunov or Sylvester equations.









