

Linear Matrix Equations – Part 2

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Numerical Solution of Linear Matrix Equations

Mathematical Viewpoint

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Solutions to linear equations is given by [theoretical results](#) from [linear algebra](#), namely:

- A unique solution $\{X\} = [A^{-1}] \cdot \{B\}$ exists when $[A^{-1}]$ exists (i.e., $\det [A] \neq 0$).
- The equations are inconsistent when $[A]$ is singular and $\text{rank } [A|B] \neq \text{rank } [A]$.
- If $\text{rank } [A|B]$ equals $\text{rank } [A]$, then there are an infinite number of solutions.

We can use these [results](#) to [guide the design](#) of [numerical algorithms](#) for computing solutions to linear equations.

Engineering Viewpoint

Direct Methods:

- Transform the original equations into equivalent equations that can be solved more easily.
- Exact answer results if there are no round-off errors. Finite work. Use on dense matrices containing few zeros.
- Gauss Elimination, LU Decomposition.

Iterative Methods:

- Start with a guess of the the solution and repeatedly refine the solution until convergence criteria are achieved.
- Needs infinite work to get an exact answer. No round-off errors. Use on sparse, large order systems.
- Gauss-Seidel Iteration, Jacobi's Iteration Method.

Engineering Viewpoint

Evaluation Criteria:

- Robustness (i.e., Do the solvers work? When will they work?)
- Accuracy and Efficiency (i.e., How does computational effort vary as a function of problem size?).
- Ease of Implementation (i.e., implementation speed and cost).

Common Problems:

- Is A singular (or not)?
- Matrix A might be nearly singular. This is important for finite-precision arithmetic.

The pathway from mathematical analysis to a software implementation requires consideration of **ill-conditioned equations** and **finite precision arithmetic**.

III-Conditioned Equations

Definition. A system of equations is said to be **ill-conditioned** if **small changes** to one or more **coefficients** of $[A][X] = [B]$ causes **large deviations** in the **solution**.

Example: The following pairs of **almost parallel** equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.00 & 2.00 \\ 0.48 & 0.99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.00 \\ 1.47 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Let's increment coefficient a_{21} by 2%:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.00 & 2.00 \\ 0.49 & 0.99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.00 \\ 1.47 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

Finite-Precision Arithmetic

Example 1. Compute a numerical solution to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \times 10^{-3} & 1.0 \\ & 1.0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 2.0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

with a computer having 2 digits of precision (mantissa + floating point + rounded).

Method 1: Transform the matrix equations into echelon form.

Step 1: Compute row multiplier m_{21} :

$$m_{21} = \left[\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \right] = \frac{1}{1.0 \times 10^{-3}} = 1.0 \times 10^3. \quad (4)$$

Finite-Precision Arithmetic

Step 2: Compute row operation: $r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - m_{21}r_1$.

$$(1 - 1000 \times 1.0)x_2 = (2.0 - 1.0 \times 1000)$$

$$-999x_2 = -998$$

$$-1.0 \times 10^3 x_2 = -1.0 \times 10^3$$

$$x_2 = 1.0$$

$$x_1 = 0.0$$

This is completely the **wrong answer!** The source of the problem is the large multiplier m_{12} .

Finite-Precision Arithmetic

Method 2: Idea: Swap rows 1 and 2. Then transform the matrix equations into echelon form.

Step 1: Compute row multiplier m_{21} :

$$m_{21} = \left[\frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \right] = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-3}}{1.0} = 10^{-3}. \quad (5)$$

Step 2: Compute row operation: $r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - m_{21}r_1$.

$$(1 - 0.001 \times 1.0)x_2 = (1.0 - 0.0001 \times 2.0)$$

$$0.999x_2 = 0.998$$

$$1.0x_2 = 1.0$$

$$x_2 = 1.0$$

Finite-Precision Arithmetic

Step 3: Backsubstitution:

$$x_1 = 1.0 \quad (6)$$

To two decimal places of accuracy $[x_1, x_2] = [1.0, 1.0]$ is correct.

The absolutely correct answer is $[x_1, x_2] = [1.001, 0.999]$.

Recommended Strategy

- **Rearrange rows** so that the largest coefficient in absolute value in the column is in the pivotal position.
- This process is called **partial pivoting**.
- Can also **row equilibrate** – scale individual rows so maximum element value is 1.

Gauss Elimination

(No Pivoting)

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Elementary Row Operations

- Interchange any two rows.
- Multiply any row by a non-zero number.
- Add to one equation a non-zero multiple of another equation.

Step-by-Step Procedure

- Write $[A][x] = [B]$ in augmented matrix form.
- Apply a sequence of row operations to transform the augmented matrix into echelon form.
- Use back substitution to compute the solution vector.
- Validate answer.

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Example 1. Consider the family of matrix equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Step 1. Augmented Matrix Form

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -6 & 7 & 3 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 & -4 \end{array} \right] \quad (8)$$

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Step 2. Apply Row Operations

Step 2.1: Divide Row 1 by 3 ($r_1 \rightarrow r_1/3$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & -6 & 7 & 3 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 7/3 & 1 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 & -4 \end{array} \right] \quad (9)$$

Step 2.2: Subtract 9 times row 1 from row 2 ($r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - 9r_1$)

Step 2.3: Subtract 5 times row 1 from row 3 ($r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 5r_1$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 7/3 & 1 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 & -4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 7/3 & 1 \\ 0 & 18 & -26 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & -5.667 & -9 \end{array} \right] \quad (10)$$

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Step 2.4: Divide row 2 by 18 ($r_2 \rightarrow r_2/18$)

Step 2.5: Subtract 2 times row 2 from row 3 ($r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 2r_2$)

Step 2.6: Divide row 3 by 2.777 ($r_3 \rightarrow r_3/2.777$)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 7/3 & 1 \\ 0 & 18 & -26 & -6 \\ 0 & 2 & -5.667 & -9 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 7/3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -26/18 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \quad (11)$$

Equation 11 is now in echelon form.

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Step 3. Compute Solution via Back Substitution

Step 3.1: Row 3: $x_3 = 3.0 \rightarrow x_3 = 3.0$.

Step 3.2: Row 2: $x_2 - 26/18x_3 = -1/3 \rightarrow x_2 = 4.0$.

Step 3.3: Row 1: $x_1 - 2x_2 + 7/3x_3 = 1.0 \rightarrow x_1 = 2.0$.

Step 4. Validate the Answer, $X = [2, 4, 3]$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Python Source Code: Step-by-Step Row Reduction

```
1 import math
2 import numpy as np
3 import LinearMatrixEquations as lme
4
5 def main():
6     print("--- Step 1: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ... ");
7
8     A = np.array([ [ 3, -6,  7],
9                   [ 9,  0, -5],
10                  [ 5, -8,  6] ]);
11     B = np.array([ [ 3],
12                   [ 3],
13                   [-4] ]);
14
15     lme.printmatrix("A", A);
16     lme.printmatrix("B", B);
17
18     print("--- Step 2: Create (3x4) augmented matrix [ A | B ] (join on vertical axis) .
19
20     AB = np.concatenate((A, B), axis=1)
21     lme.printmatrix("Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...", AB );
22
23     print("--- Step 3.1: Scale row 1 by 1/3 ... ");
24
25     gauss01 = lme.rowscale(AB, 0, 1.0/3.0)
26     lme.printmatrix("Matrix gauss01 ...", gauss01 );
```

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Python Source Code: Step-by-Step Row Reduction

```
28     print("--- Step 3.2: Subtract 9 times row 1 from row 2 ... ");
29
30     gauss02 = lme.rowadd( gauss01, 0, 1, -9.0)
31     lme.printmatrix("Matrix gauss02 ...", gauss02 );
32
33     print("--- Step 3.3: Subtract 5 times row 1 from row 3 ... ");
34
35     gauss03 = lme.rowadd( gauss02, 0, 2, -5.0)
36     lme.printmatrix("Matrix gauss03 ...", gauss03 );
37
38     print("--- Step 3.4: Scale row 2 by 1/18 ... ");
39
40     gauss04 = lme.rowscale(gauss03, 1, 1.0/18.0)
41     lme.printmatrix("Matrix gauss04 ...", gauss04 );
42
43     print("--- Step 3.5: Subtract 2 times row 2 from row 3 ... ");
44
45     gauss05 = lme.rowadd( gauss04, 1, 2, -2.0)
46     lme.printmatrix("Matrix gauss05 ...", gauss05 );
47
48     print("--- Step 3.6: Scale row 3 by -1/2.77777778 ... ");
49
50     echelon01 = lme.rowscale(gauss05, 2, -1.0/2.77777778 )
51
52     print("--- Step 4.0: Print matrix [A|B] in Echelon Form ... ");
53
54     lme.printmatrix("Matrix [A|B] in Echelon Form ...", echelon01 );
```

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: See TestLinearMatrixEquations01.py

--- Step 1: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ...

Matrix: A

3.0000000e+00	-6.0000000e+00	7.0000000e+00
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00

Matrix: B

3.0000000e+00
3.0000000e+00
-4.0000000e+00

--- Step 2: Create (3x4) augmented matrix [A | B] (join on vertical axis) ...

Matrix: Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...

3.0000000e+00	-6.0000000e+00	7.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	-4.0000000e+00

Gauss Elimination (No Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: Continued ...

--- Step 3.1: Scale row 1 by $1/3$...

Matrix: Matrix gauss01 ...

1.0000000e+00	-2.0000000e+00	2.3333333e+00	1.0000000e+00
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	-4.0000000e+00

--- Step 3.2: Subtract 9 times row 1 from row 2 ...

--- Step 3.3: Subtract 5 times row 1 from row 3 ...

--- Step 3.4: Scale row 2 by $1/18$...

--- Step 3.5: Subtract 2 times row 2 from row 3 ...

--- Step 3.6: Scale row 3 by $-1/2.77777778$...

--- Step 4.0: Print matrix $[A|B]$ in Echelon Form ...

Matrix: Matrix $[A|B]$ in Echelon Form ...

1.0000000e+00	-2.0000000e+00	2.3333333e+00	1.0000000e+00
0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	-1.4444444e+00	-3.3333333e-01
-0.0000000e+00	-0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00

Gauss Elimination

(with Partial Pivoting)

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Step-by-Step Procedure:

- Find largest element in absolute value in 1st column.
Interchange rows so that it is the pivotal equation.
- Compute multipliers: $m_{i1} = [a_{i1}/a_{11}]$ for $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$.
- Compute new coefficients in rows 2, 3, $\dots, n$.

For example, $a'_{22} = a_{22} - m_{21}a_{12}$, $a'_{23} = a_{23} - m_{21}a_{13}$, $a'_{32} = a_{32} - m_{31}a_{12}$, etc.

The partially transform matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & a'_{23} \\ 0 & a'_{32} & a'_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (13)$$

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Step-by-Step Procedure:

- Repeat process for 2nd column.
- After $(n-1)$ column calculations the A matrix will be in upper-triangular (echelon) form.
- Solve for unknowns through backsubstitution.

Key Points:

- If the pivotal coefficient is small, then the row multiplier will be very large, and errors magnified due to finite arithmetic.
- Row reduction and back substitution require $O(n^3/3)$ and $O(n^2)$ operations, respectively.

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Example 2. Consider the following set of equations:

$$2x_1 + 6x_2 - x_3 = -12$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 29$$

$$-3x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 = 5$$

Steps 1 and 2: Augmented matrix form, then row equilibration.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 6 & -1 & -12 \\ 5 & -1 & 2 & 29 \\ -3 & -4 & 1 & 5 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2/6 & 1 & -1/6 & -2.0 \\ 1 & -1/5 & 2/5 & 29/5 \\ -3/4 & -1 & 1/4 & 5/4 \end{array} \right]. \quad (14)$$

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Step 3: Partial pivoting (swap rows 1 and 2):

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1/5 & 2/5 & 29/5 \\ 2/6 & 1 & -1/6 & -2.0 \\ -3/4 & -1 & 1/4 & 5/4 \end{array} \right] \quad (15)$$

Step 4: Compute row multipliers:

$$m_{21} = [a_{21}/a_{11}] = 2/6, \quad m_{31} = [a_{31}/a_{11}] = -3/4. \quad (16)$$

Step 5: Compute new coefficients for rows 2 and 3:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1/5 & 2/5 & 29/5 \\ 0 & 32/30 & -9/30 & -118/30 \\ 0 & -23/20 & 11/20 & 118/20 \end{array} \right] \quad (17)$$

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Step 6: Compute multiplier for row 3, column 2.

$$m_{32} = [a_{32}/a_{22}] = -64/69. \quad (18)$$

Step 7: Eliminate elements below diagonal in column 2.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1/5 & 2/5 & 29/5 \\ 0 & 32/30 & -9/30 & -118/30 \\ 0 & 0 & 145/690 & 870/690 \end{array} \right] \quad (19)$$

Step 8: Solve for x_1 through x_3 via back substitution.

$$x_3 = [870/690] / [145/690] = 6.0, \quad x_2 = -2.0, \quad x_1 = 3.0. \quad (20)$$

Step 9: Check solution by substitution.

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Python Source Code: Row Reduction + Back Substitution

```
1  # =====
2  # TestLinearMatrixEquations02.py: Gauss Elimination with row reduction, partial
3  # pivoting, and back substitution.
4  # =====
5
6  import math
7  import numpy as np
8  import LinearMatrixEquations as lme
9
10 def main():
11     n = 3 # <--- size of the matrix equations ...
12
13     print("--- Problem 1: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ... ");
14
15     A = np.array([ [ 3, -6,  7],
16                   [ 9,  0, -5],
17                   [ 5, -8,  6] ]);
18
19     B = np.array([ [ 3], [ 3], [-4] ]);
20
21     lme.printmatrix("A", A);
22     lme.printmatrix("B", B);
23
24     print("--- Step 2: Compute augmented matrix equations ... ");
25
26     AB = np.concatenate((A, B), axis=1)
27     lme.printmatrix("Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...", AB );
```

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Python Source Code: Continued ...

```

28
29     print("--- Step 3: Compute row reduction operations to echelon form ... ");
30
31     echelon01 = lme.rowreduction( AB );
32     lme.printmatrix("Matrix echelon01 ...", echelon01 );
33
34     print("--- Step 4: Split echelon01 back to (nxn) piece and (nx1) pieces ... ");
35
36     B_reduced = echelon01[:,n:n+1]
37     A_reduced = echelon01[:,0:n]
38
39     lme.printmatrix("Matrix A (reduced) ...", A_reduced );
40     lme.printmatrix("Matrix B (reduced) ...", B_reduced );
41
42     print("--- Step 5: Compute back substitution ... ");
43
44     soln01 = lme.backsubstitution( A_reduced, B_reduced)
45     lme.printmatrix("Matrix X (solution) ...", soln01 );
46
47     print("--- Problem 2: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ... ");
48
49     A = np.array([ [ 2, 6, -1],
50                   [ 5, -1, 2],
51                   [ -3, -4, 1] ]);
52
53     B = np.array([ [-12], [ 29], [ 5] ]);
54
55     lme.printmatrix("A", A);
56     lme.printmatrix("B", B);

```

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Python Source Code: Continued ...

```

58     print("--- Step 2: Compute augmented matrix equations ... ");
59
60     AB = np.concatenate((A, B), axis=1)
61     lme.printmatrix("Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...", AB );
62
63     print("--- Step 3: Compute row reduction operations to echelon form ... ");
64
65     echelon01 = lme.rowreduction( AB );
66     lme.printmatrix("Matrix echelon01 ...", echelon01 );
67
68     print("--- Step 4: Split echelon01 back to (nxn) piece and (nx1) pieces ... ");
69
70     B_reduced = echelon01[:,n:n+1]
71     A_reduced = echelon01[:,0:n]
72
73     lme.printmatrix("Matrix A (reduced) ...", A_reduced );
74     lme.printmatrix("Matrix B (reduced) ...", B_reduced );
75
76     print("--- Step 5: Compute back substitution ... ");
77
78     soln01 = lme.backsubstitution( A_reduced, B_reduced)
79     lme.printmatrix("Matrix X (solution) ...", soln01 );
80
81     # call the main method ...
82
83     main()

```

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: Problem 1 ...

Matrix: A

3.0000000e+00	-6.0000000e+00	7.0000000e+00
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00

Matrix: B

3.0000000e+00
3.0000000e+00
-4.0000000e+00

--- Step 2: Compute augmented matrix equations ...

Matrix: Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...

3.0000000e+00	-6.0000000e+00	7.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	-4.0000000e+00

--- Step 3: Compute row reduction operations to echelon form ...

Matrix: Matrix echelon01 ...

1.0000000e+00	-2.0000000e+00	2.3333333e+00	1.0000000e+00
0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	-1.4444444e+00	-3.3333333e-01
-0.0000000e+00	-0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: Problem 1 continued ...

--- Step 4: Split echelon01 back to (nxn) piece and (nx1) pieces ...

Matrix: Matrix A (reduced) ...

1.0000000e+00	-2.0000000e+00	2.3333333e+00
0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	-1.4444444e+00
-0.0000000e+00	-0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00

Matrix: Matrix B (reduced) ...

```
1.0000000e+00
-3.3333333e-01
3.0000000e+00
```

--- Step 5: Compute back substitution ...

Matrix: Matrix X (solution) ...

```
2.0000000e+00
4.0000000e+00
3.0000000e+00
```

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: Problem 2 ...

Matrix: A

2.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	-1.0000000e+00
5.0000000e+00	-1.0000000e+00	2.0000000e+00
-3.0000000e+00	-4.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00

Matrix: B

-1.2000000e+01
2.9000000e+01
5.0000000e+00

--- Step 2: Compute augmented matrix equations ...

Matrix: Augmented Matrix [A|B] ...

2.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	-1.0000000e+00	-1.2000000e+01
5.0000000e+00	-1.0000000e+00	2.0000000e+00	2.9000000e+01
-3.0000000e+00	-4.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	5.0000000e+00

--- Step 3: Compute row reduction operations to echelon form ...

Matrix: Matrix echelon01 ...

1.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e-01	-6.0000000e+00
-0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	-2.8125000e-01	-3.6875000e+00
0.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00

Gauss Elimination (with Partial Pivoting)

Abbreviated Output: Problem 2 continued ...

--- Step 4: Split echelon01 back to (nxn) piece and (nx1) pieces ...

Matrix: Matrix A (reduced) ...

1.0000000e+00	3.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e-01
-0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00	-2.8125000e-01
0.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	1.0000000e+00

Matrix: Matrix B (reduced) ...

```
-6.0000000e+00
-3.6875000e+00
 6.0000000e+00
```

--- Step 5: Compute back substitution ...

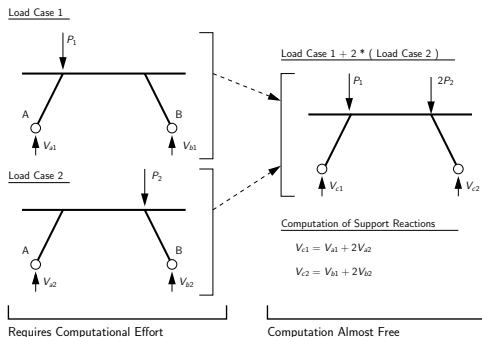
Matrix: Matrix X (solution) ...

```
 3.0000000e+00
-2.0000000e+00
 6.0000000e+00
```

LU Decomposition

LU Decomposition

Motivation. Suppose $AX = B$ needs to be solved for a multiplicity of B vectors (e.g., $A X_1 = B_1$, $A X_2 = B_2$, etc).



Solving $AX = B$ requires $O(n^3)$ computational work. Can we do better? ...

LU Decomposition

Objective. We want to solve $[A][X] = [B]$, where A , X , and B are $(n \times n)$, $(n \times 1)$ and $(n \times n)$ matrices, respectively.

Idea. Factor $[A]$ into the product:

$$[A] = [L][U] \rightarrow [L][U][X] = [B]. \quad (21)$$

and then solve in two steps.

Step 1: Forward Substitution to get $Z = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ L_{n1} & L_{n2} & \cdots & L_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (22)$$

LU Decomposition

Step 2: Back Substitution to get $X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & \cdots & U_{1n} \\ 0 & U_{22} & \cdots & U_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & U_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix}. \quad (23)$$

Observation: There are n^2 elements in matrix A , and $n(n+1)$ unknowns in equations 22 and 23.

We need to **impose n additional constraints** to make the **method work**.

LU Decomposition

Row Reduction Strategies:

- Assume upper diagonal elements are unity, i.e., $U_{ii} = 1$ (Crout Reduction).
- Assume $L_{ii} = 1$ (Doolittle's Method).
- Assume $U_{ii} = L_{ii}$ (Cholesky Decomposition).

Step-by-Step Solution Procedure:

- Compute $A = LU$ (this requires $O(n^3)$ work).
- Solve $LU X_1 = B_1$ (only requires $O(n^2)$ work).
- Solve $LU X_2 = B_2$ (only requires $O(n^2)$ work).
- Solve $LU X_3 = B_3$ (only requires $O(n^2)$ work), etc ...

LU Decomposition

General Equations. For a $(n \times n)$ set of equations $[L][U] = [A]$,

$$a_{ij} = \sum_{k=\min(i,j)}^n (L_{ik} U_{kj}). \quad (24)$$

Three cases:

$$i \leq j \quad U_{ij} = \left[A_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} L_{ik} U_{kj} \right] / U_{ii}$$

$$i = j \quad U_{jj} = \left[A_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} L_{ik} U_{kj} \right] / L_{jj}$$

$$i \geq j \quad L_{ij} = \left[A_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} L_{ik} U_{kj} \right] / U_{jj}$$

LU Decomposition

Example 1. Consider the matrix equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (25)$$

Assume $[L][U] = [A]$ with values of unity along the upper diagonal (Crout Reduction).

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & 0 \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & U_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (26)$$

LU Decomposition

Equating terms (1st row of L):

$$L_{11} \cdot 1 = 3 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{11} = 3.$$

$$L_{11} \cdot U_{12} = -6 \quad \rightarrow \quad U_{12} = -2.$$

$$L_{11} \cdot U_{13} = -7 \quad \rightarrow \quad U_{13} = 7/3.$$

Equating terms (2nd row of L):

$$L_{21} \cdot U_{11} = 9 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{21} = 9.$$

$$L_{21} \cdot U_{12} + L_{22} \cdot 1 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{22} = 18.$$

$$L_{21} \cdot U_{13} + L_{22} \cdot U_{23} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad U_{23} = -13/9.$$

LU Decomposition

Equating terms (3rd row of L):

$$L_{31} \cdot U_{11} = 5 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{31} = 5.$$

$$L_{31} \cdot U_{12} + L_{32} = -8 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{32} = 2.$$

$$L_{31} \cdot U_{13} + L_{32} \cdot U_{23} + L_{33} = 6 \quad \rightarrow \quad L_{33} = -25/9.$$

Hence:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 18 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -25/9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -13/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

LU Decomposition

Forward Substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 18 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -25/9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \\ -1/3 \\ 3.0 \end{bmatrix} . \quad (28)$$

Backward Substitution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -13/9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1/3 \\ 3.0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.0 \\ 4.0 \\ 3.0 \end{bmatrix} . \quad (29)$$

LU Decomposition

Example 2. Consider $[L][U] = [A]$ with values of unity along the lower diagonal (Doolittle's Method).

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ L_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ 0 & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & U_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (30)$$

Can show:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 5/3 & 1/9 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 0 & 18 & -26 \\ 0 & 0 & -25/9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 7 \\ 9 & 0 & -5 \\ 5 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

Working Examples

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Problem Statement: Let's try to use SymPy to compute algebraic representations for LU decomposition for matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = LU, \quad (32)$$

and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} = LU. \quad (33)$$

Then, we will check the results by assigning numerical values to the symbols to match equation 25. Note: $\det(A) = \det(L).\det(U) = -150$.

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Python Source Code: Compute $A = LU$.

```
1  # =====
2  # TestMatrixLUdecomposition01.py: Compute symbolic descriptions
3  # of matrix LU decomposition ....
4  # =====
5
6  import sympy as sp
7  from sympy import Integral, Matrix, pi, pprint
8
9  def main():
10     # Define symbolic representation of matrix ...
11
12     print("--- Part 1: Compute LU decomposition of 2x2 matrix equations ...");
13
14     a, b, c, d, e, f = sp.symbols('a,b,c,d,e,f')
15
16     A = sp.Matrix([[a,b],[c,d]])
17     B = sp.Matrix([e,f])
18
19     pprint(A)
20
21     L, U, P = A.LUdecomposition()
22
23     print("--- Lower triangular matrix ...\n");
24
25     pprint(L)
26
27     print("--- Upper triangular matrix ...\n");
```

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Python Source Code: Continued ...

```
28
29     pprint(U)
30
31     print("--- Check matrix product L*U ...\\n");
32
33     pprint(L*U)
34
35     print("--- Part 2: Symbolic LU decomposition of 3x3 matrix equations ...");
36
37     g, h, i = sp.symbols('g,h,i')
38     j, k, l = sp.symbols('j,k,l')
39
40     A = sp.Matrix([[a,b,c],[d,e,f], [g,h,i] ])
41     B = sp.Matrix([j,k,l])
42
43     pprint(A)
44
45     L, U, P = A.LUdecomposition()
46
47     print("--- Lower triangular matrix ...\\n");
48
49     pprint(L)
50
51     print("--- Upper triangular matrix ...\\n");
52
53     pprint(U)
```

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Python Source Code: Continued ...

```
55     print("--- Check matrix product L*U ...\n");
56
57     pprint(L*U)
58
59     print("--- Part 3: LU decomposition for sample 3x3 matrix equations ...");
60
61     print("--- Set values in L ...");
62     print("---      L = L.subs( {a:3, b:-6, c:7, d:9, e:0, f:-5, g:5, h:-8, i:6 } ) \n")
63
64     L = L.subs( {a:3, b:-6, c:7, d:9, e:0, f:-5, g:5, h:-8, i:6 } )
65
66     pprint(L)
67
68     print("--- L.det() = {:s} ...".format( str( sp.det(L) ) ))
69
70     print("--- Set values in U ...");
71     print("---      U = U.subs( {a:3, b:-6, c:7, d:9, e:0, f:-5, g:5, h:-8, i:6 } ) \n")
72
73     U = U.subs( {a:3, b:-6, c:7, d:9, e:0, f:-5, g:5, h:-8, i:6 } )
74
75     pprint(U)
76
77     print("--- U.det() = {:s} ...".format( str( sp.det(U) ) ))
78
79     # call the main method ...
80
81     main()
```

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Abbreviated Output: Part 1: decomposition of 2x2 matrices

```
| a  b |
|      |
| c  d |
```

--- Lower triangular matrix

```
| 1  0 |
|      |
| c      |
| -  1 |
| a      |
```

--- Upper triangular matrix

```
| a      b      |
|          |
|          b.c    |
| 0  d - ---    |
|          a      |
```

--- Check matrix product L*U ...

```
| a  b |
|      |
| c  d |
```

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Abbreviated Output: Part 2: decomposition of 3x3 matrices

```
| a  b  c |
|      |
| d  e  f |
|      |
| g  h  i |
```

--- Lower triangular matrix

```
| 1      0      0 |
|          |
| d      1      0 |
| a          |
|          |
|          b.g   |
| h - ---- |
| g      a   |
| - - - - - 1 |
| a      b.d   |
| e - ---- |
|          a   |
```

--- Upper triangular matrix ...

```
| a      b      c      |
|          |
|          b.d      c.d |
| 0  e - ----  f - ---- |
|          a          a |
|          |
|          ( c.d ) ( b.g ) |
|          ( f - ---- ) . ( h - ---- ) |
|          ( a ) ( a ) c.g |
| 0      0      i - ---- - ---- |
|          b.d      a   |
|          e - ---- |
|          a   |
```

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Abbreviated Output: Part 2: decomposition of 3x3 matrices

```
| a  b  c | # <--- Check matrix product L*U ...
|         |
| d  e  f |
|         |
| g  h  i |
```

--- Check results with sample (3x3) matrix (see equation 25) ...

--- Set values in L ...

```
--- L = L.subs( { a:3, b:-6, c:7,
                  d:9, e:0, f:-5,
                  g:5, h:-8, i:6 } )
```

```
| 1  0  0 |
|     |
| 3  1  0 |
|     |
| 5/3 1/9 1 |
```

--- L.det() = 1,

--- Set values in U ...

```
--- U = U.subs( { a:3, b:-6, c:7,
                  d:9, e:0, f:-5,
                  g:5, h:-8, i:6 } )
```

```
| 3  -6  7 |
|     |
| 0  18 -26 |
|     |
| 0  0 -25/9 |
```

--- U.det() = -150

Example 3: LU Decomposition with Symbolic Python

Points to note:

- Theoretical analysis indicates:

$$\det(A) = \det(L)\det(U) = 1 * -150 = -150. \quad (34)$$

The symbolic analysis works!

- The analysis only works when the parameter “a” is non-zero.
- To **avoid division-by-zero**, we need a way to **shuffle the matrix rows**.

Example 4: LU Decomposition with Row Permutations

Problem Statement: Compute LU decomposition with row permutation matrix P , i.e.,

$$A = PLU, \quad (35)$$

then solve matrix equations 25:

Note: Here, P is an orthogonal matrix (i.e., $P^T = P^{-1}$). Thus, solving $AX = B$ translates to $LUX = P^T B$.

Solution Procedure:

- Create matrices A and B .
- Use `scipy.linalg` to compute $A = PLU$.
- Solve $LY = P^T B$ (forward substitution).
- Solve $UX = Y$ (backward substitution).

Example 4: LU Decomposition with Row Permutations

Python Source Code:

```

1  # =====
2  # TestLUdecomposition01.py: Use scipy.linalg to compute LU decomposition with
3  # row permutation matrix P.
4  # =====
5
6  import math
7  import numpy as np
8  import scipy.linalg as la
9  import LinearMatrixEquations as lme
10
11 def main():
12     print("--- Problem 1: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ... ");
13
14     print("--- Step 1: Define A and B matrices ... ");
15
16     A = np.array([ [ 3, -6,  7], [ 9,  0, -5], [ 5, -8,  6] ]);
17     B = np.array([ [3], [3], [-4] ]);
18
19     lme.printmatrix("A", A);
20     lme.printmatrix("B", B);
21
22     print("--- Step 2: Compute A = PLU Decomposition ... ");
23
24     P, L, U = la.lu(A)
25
26     lme.printmatrix("P", P);
27     lme.printmatrix("L", L);

```

Example 4: LU Decomposition with Row Permutations

Python Source Code: Continued ...

```

28     lme.printmatrix("U", U);
29
30     print("--- Step 3: Check decomposition A = PLU ... ");
31
32     lme.printmatrix("np.dot(P,np.dot(L,U))", np.dot(P,np.dot(L,U)) );
33
34     print("--- Step 4: Compute Z = P^T.B (note: matrix P is orthogonal) ... ");
35
36     Z = np.dot(P.T,B);
37     lme.printmatrix("Z", Z);
38
39     print("--- Step 5: Compute forward substitution ... ");
40
41     Y = la.solve_triangular(L, Z, lower=True)
42
43     print("--- Step 6: Compute backward substitution ... ");
44
45     X = la.solve_triangular(U, Y, lower=False)
46
47     lme.printmatrix("Solution: X", X);
48
49     # call the main method ...
50
51     main()

```

Example 4: LU Decomposition with Row Permutations

Abbreviated Output: ...

--- Problem 1: Create (3x3) matrix A, (3x1) matrix B ...

--- Step 1: Define A and B matrices ...

Matrix: A

```
3.0e+00 -6.0e+00 7.0e+00
9.0e+00 0.0e+00 -5.0e+00
5.0e+00 -8.0e+00 6.0e+00
```

Matrix: B

```
3.0e+00
3.0e+00
-4.0e+00
```

--- Step 2: Compute A = PLU Decomposition ...

Matrix: P

```
0.0e+00 0.0e+00 1.0e+00
1.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
0.0e+00 1.0e+00 0.0e+00
```

Matrix: L

```
1.0e+00 0.0e+00 0.0e+00
5.5e-01 1.0e+00 0.0e+00
3.3e-01 7.5e-01 1.0e+00
```

Matrix: U

```
9.0e+00 0.0e+00 -5.0e+00
0.0e+00 -8.0e+00 8.7e+00
0.0e+00 0.0e+00 2.0e+00
```

Example 4: LU Decomposition with Row Permutations

Abbreviated Output: Continued ...

--- Step 3: Check decomposition $A = PLU$...

Matrix: $\text{np.dot}(P, \text{np.dot}(L, U))$

3.0000000e+00	-6.0000000e+00	7.0000000e+00	<--- It works !!!
9.0000000e+00	0.0000000e+00	-5.0000000e+00	
5.0000000e+00	-8.0000000e+00	6.0000000e+00	

--- Step 4: Compute $Z = P^T B$ (note: matrix P is orthogonal) ...

Matrix: Z

3.0000000e+00
-4.0000000e+00
3.0000000e+00

--- Steps 5-6: Compute forward/backward substitution ...

Matrix: Solution: X <--- It works !!!

2.0000000e+00
4.0000000e+00
3.0000000e+00

Python Code Listings

Code 1: Matrix Row Operations for Gauss Elimination

```

1  # =====
2  # LinearMatrixEquations.py: Functions to compute operations on linear matrix
3  #                               equations.
4  # =====
5
6  import math
7  import numpy as np
8
9  # =====
10 # LinearMatrixEquations.printmatrix(): Print two-dimensional matrices.
11 #
12 # Args: name: string description of matrix.
13 #       A (n*n) matrix.
14 #
15 # Returns: void.
16 # =====
17
18 def printmatrix(name, a):
19     print("");
20     print("Matrix: {:s} ".format(name) );
21     for row in a:
22         for col in row:
23             print("{:16.7e}".format(col), end=" ")
24         print("")
25
26 # =====
27 # LinearMatrixEquations.rowswap(): Create duplicate of matrix, then
28 #                               swap rows.

```

Code 1: Matrix Row Operations for Gauss Elimination

```
29 #
30 # Args: A (nxn) numpy array.
31 #       k: row to be swapped.
32 #       l: row to be swapped.
33 #
34 # Returns: B (nxn) copy of A with rows swapped.
35 # =====
36
37 def rowswap(A,k,l):
38     m = A.shape[0] # m is number of rows in A
39     n = A.shape[1] # n is number of columns in A
40
41     B = np.copy(A).astype('float64')
42
43     for j in range(n):
44         temp = B[k][j]
45         B[k][j] = B[l][j]
46         B[l][j] = temp
47
48     return B
49
50 # =====
51 # LinearMatrixEquations.rowscale(): Create duplicate of matrix, then
52 #                                   scale specified row.
53 #
54 # Args: A (nxn) numpy array.
55 #       : k (int): is matrix row number to be scaled.
56 #       : scale (double): scale factor.
```

Code 1: Matrix Row Operations for Gauss Elimination

```

57 #
58 # Returns: B (n×n) copy of A with row k multiplied by scale ...
59 # =====
60
61 def rowscale(A,k,scale):
62
63     m = A.shape[0] # m is number of rows in A
64     n = A.shape[1] # n is number of columns in A
65
66     B = np.copy(A).astype('float64')
67
68     for j in range(n):
69         B[k][j] *= scale
70
71     return B
72
73 # =====
74 # LinearMatrixEquations.rowadd(): Add multiple of a row to another row.
75 #
76 # Args: A (n×n) numpy array.
77 #       : k (int: is matrix row number to be added to.
78 #       : l (int: is matrix row number to be scaled.
79 #       : scale (double): scale factor.
80 #
81 # Returns: B (n×n) copy of A with row k multiplied by scale ...
82 # =====
83
84 def rowadd(A,k,l,scale):
85     m = A.shape[0] # m is number of rows in A
86     n = A.shape[1] # n is number of columns in A

```

Code 1: Matrix Row Operations for Gauss Elimination

```
88     B = np.copy(A).astype('float64')
89
90     for j in range(n):
91         B[l][j] += B[k][j]*scale
92
93     return B
```

Code 2: Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```
1  # =====
2  # LinearMatrixEquations.py: Functions to compute operations on linear matrix
3  # equations.
4  # =====
5
6  import math
7  import numpy as np
8
9  # =====
10 # LinearMatrixEquations.rowreduction(): Computes row reduction to echelon form.
11 #
12 # Args: A: an augmented matrix of dimension  $n \times (n+1)$  associated with a
13 #         linear system.
14 #
15 # Returns: B, a numpy array that represents the row echelon form of A.
16 #
17 # Note: RowReduction may not return correct results if the the matrix A does
18 # not have a pivot in each column (i.e., the matrix is rank deficient).
19 # =====
20
21 def rowreduction(A):
22
23     m = A.shape[0] # A has m rows
24     n = A.shape[1] # It is assumed that A has m+1 columns
25
26     B = np.copy(A).astype('float64')
27
28     # For each step of elimination, we find a suitable pivot, move it into
```

Code 2: Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```
29      # position and create zeros for all entries below.
30
31  for k in range(m):
32      # Set pivot as (k,k) entry
33      pivot = B[k][k]
34      pivot_row = k
35
36      # Find a suitable pivot if the (k,k) entry is zero
37
38      while(pivot == 0 and pivot_row < m-1):
39          pivot_row += 1
40          pivot = B[pivot_row][k]
41
42      # Swap row if needed
43
44      if (pivot_row != k):
45          B = rowswap(B,k,pivot_row)
46
47      # If pivot is nonzero, carry on with elimination in column k
48
49      if (pivot != 0):
50          B = rowscale(B,k,1./B[k][k])
51          for i in range(k+1,m):
52              B = rowadd(B,k,i,-B[i][k])
53      else:
54          print("Pivot could not be found in column",k,".")
55
56  return B
```

Code 2: Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```

57
58 # =====
59 # LinearMatrixEquations.backsubstitution(): Returns an (nx1) vector that is the
60 # solution to the matrix system  $UX = B$ .
61 #
62 # Args: U: A numpy array that represents an upper triangular square  $m \times m$  matrix.
63 #       B: A numpy array that represents an  $n \times 1$  vector
64 #
65 # Returns: X, A (nx1) numpy array representing the solution to  $UX = B$ .
66 # =====
67
68 def backsubstitution(U,B):
69
70     # m is number of rows and columns in U
71
72     m = U.shape[0]
73     X = np.zeros((m,1))
74
75     # Calculate entries of X backward from m-1 to 0
76
77     for i in range(m-1,-1,-1):
78         X[i] = B[i]
79         for j in range(i+1,m):
80             X[i] -= U[i][j]*X[j]
81         if (U[i][i] != 0):
82             X[i] /= U[i][i]
83         else:
84             print("Zero entry found in U pivot position",i, ".")
85     return X

```

Code 2: Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```

86
87 # =====
88 # LinearMatrixEquations.backsubstitution(): Returns an (nx1) vector that is the
89 # solution to the matrix system  $AX = B$ .
90 #
91 # Args: A: A numpy array that represents a matrix of dimension  $n \times n$ .
92 #       B: A numpy array that represents a matrix of dimension  $n \times 1$ .
93 #
94 # Returns: X, A (nx1) numpy array representing the solution to  $AX = B$ .
95 #
96 # Note: Computational procedure will fail if  $AX = B$  does not have a
97 #       unique solution.
98 # =====
99
100 def solvesystem(A,B):
101
102     # Step 1: Check shape of A
103
104     if (A.shape[0] != A.shape[1]):
105         print("--- ERROR: solvesystem accepts only square arrays ...")
106         return
107     n = A.shape[0] # n is number of rows and columns in A
108
109     # Step 2: Join A and B to make the augmented matrix
110
111     A_augmented = np.hstack((A,B))
112
113     # Step 3: Carry out elimination

```

Code 2: Gauss Elimination with Partial Pivoting

```
114
115     R = rowreduction(A_augmented)
116
117     # Step 4: Split R back to nxn piece and nx1 piece
118
119     B_reduced = R[:,n:n+1]
120     A_reduced = R[:,0:n]
121
122     # Step 5: Compute back substitution
123
124     X = backsubstitution( A_reduced, B_reduced)
125
126     return X
```