

3. Gauss-Jordan elimination

Example: Solve the following system

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

Solution :

In matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use Gauss-Jordan elimination method to solve the above matrix:

Step 1;

$$\begin{aligned} R_1/2 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}. \\ (-1)R_1 + R_2 &\rightarrow \\ (-2)R_1 + R_3 &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Step 2;

$$\begin{aligned} (-2)R_2 + R_1 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}. \\ R_2/(-2) &\rightarrow \\ (3)R_2 + R_3 &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Step 3;

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)R_3 + R_1 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}. \\ (1)R_3 + R_2 &\rightarrow \\ R_3/(-2) &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Inverse of a matrix

$$C.X = R \quad \Rightarrow \quad C^{-1}.C.X = C^{-1}.R.$$

$$\text{But, } C^{-1}.C = I \quad \Rightarrow \quad X = C^{-1}.R.$$

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Use matrix inverse method to solve the above matrix:

To find C^{-1} ;

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1/2 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \\ (-1)R_1 + R_2 &\rightarrow \\ (-2)R_1 + R_3 &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (-1)R_3 + R_1 &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 3/8 & 1/4 & -1/2 \\ 1/8 & 3/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}. \\ (1)R_3 + R_2 &\rightarrow \\ R_3/(-2) &\rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 3/8 & 1/4 & -1/2 \\ 1/8 & 3/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = C^{-1} \cdot R \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \\ y \\ z \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 3/8 & 1/4 & -1/2 \\ 1/8 & 3/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{8} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} \times 3 + \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = 1,$$

$$y = \frac{3}{8} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} \times 3 - \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = 1,$$

$$z = \frac{1}{8} \times 2 + \frac{3}{4} \times 3 - \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = 2.$$

Note; we can find C^{-1} by another procedure, as follows,

$$C^{-1} = \frac{\text{adjoint}C}{|C|}, \quad \text{where,} \quad \text{adjoint}C = [\text{cofactor}C]^T.$$

$$|C| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-1)(4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2[0(-1) - 1(1)] - 4[1(-1) - 1(2)] - 2[1(1) - 0(2)] = -2 + 12 - 2 = 8.$$

$$\text{cofactor}C = \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 4 & -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adjoint}C = [\text{cofactor}C]^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore C^{-1} = \frac{1}{8} \times \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/8 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 3/8 & 1/4 & -1/2 \\ 1/8 & 3/4 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$