

**Bitte setzt euch in den  
vordersten vier Reihen!**

# Lineare Algebra

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# Programm

- Theorie-Input & In-class Exercise
- Nachbesprechung Serie 4

# Hand-In Aufgabe Serie 5

- Sehr schwierig, hat 3 Sterne!
- Schaut euch die Hints an (auf [annikaguhl.com](http://annikaguhl.com))
- Falls ihr die Aufgabe nicht ganz lösen könnt, ist das nicht schlimm, ihr könnt einfach das abgeben, was ihr geschafft habt!

Theorie

# Lineare Gleichungssysteme

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 - 2x_2 &= 0 \\x_1 - x_3 &= 3 \\x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 17\end{aligned}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}}.$$

- Wir können lineare Gleichungssysteme als  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  schreiben

# Gauss-Elimination

- Transformiert  $Ax = b$  zu  $Ux = c$  mit denselben Lösungen, aber  $U$  ist eine obere Dreiecksmatrix, bei der die Diagonalelemente nicht 0 sind
- $Ux = c$  kann einfach gelöst werden mit Zurücksstitution:

**Back substitution:** if  $U$  is upper triangular

	equation	before substitution	after substitution	solution
$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} :$	1	$2x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 19$	$2x_1 + 11 = 19$	$x_1 = 4$
	2	$5x_2 + 6x_3 = 17$	$5x_2 + 12 = 17$	$x_2 = 1$
	3	$7x_3 = 14$		$x_3 = 2$

Case  $m \times m$ : Equation  $i = m, m - 1, \dots, 1$ :

$$\sum_{j=i}^m u_{ij}x_j = c_i, \text{ or (when solved for } x_i\text{): } x_i = \frac{c_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^m u_{ij}x_j}{u_{ii}}.$$

# Gauss-Elimination

- Reihen subtrahieren:

fat number: the **pivot**

subtract 2·(row 1) from (row 2):

$$E_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$$

subtract 1·(row 1) from (row 3):

$$E_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$$

subtract 1·(row 2) from (row 3):

$$E_{32} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$$

↑ elimination matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 11 & 14 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}}_U A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 55 \\ 50 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 50 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 31 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{E_{32}E_{31}E_{21}}_c \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 17 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

done!

# Gauss-Elimination

- Was wenn Pivot = 0?
- Reihen vertauschen:

elimination in column 1:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \\ 2 & 8 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \dots$$

↓

$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \dots$$

↓

pivot is **0**: exchange (row 2) and (row 3):

$$P_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{P_{23}E_{31}E_{21}A}_U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underbrace{P_{23}E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b}}_c = \dots$$

↓

↑ permutation matrix done!

# Gauss-Elimination

- Funktioniert nicht immer:

elimination in column 1:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 14 \\ 2 & 3 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$E_{31}E_{21}A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot is **0**, no row exchange helps: elimination fails.

$$\mathbf{b} = \dots$$

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$$E_{31}E_{21}\mathbf{b} = \dots$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
we can also fail in the last column!

# Gauss-Elimination Beispiel

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

**1. Interpolation (in-class) (★☆☆)** Assume that you have collected the following data points

x	y
0	1
2	2
4	5
6	6

and you want to find a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that interpolates them, i.e.  $f$  should satisfy  $f(x) = y$  for all pairs of  $x, y$  given by the table above. There is an abundance of functions that you can try and in particular, there are many different functions that do interpolate the four datapoints. In this exercise, we are interested in polynomials, i.e. we restrict  $f$  to be a polynomial of degree at most 3. In particular, this means that  $f$  has the form  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  for some  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Your task is to find values for  $a, b, c, d$  such that  $f$  interpolates all four points given in the table.

# Eigenschaften von Reihenoperationen

**Lemma 3.2** (Invariance of solutions): Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix,  $M$  an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix,  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . The two systems  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  and  $MA\mathbf{x} = M\mathbf{b}$  have the same solutions  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Lemma 3.3** (Invariance of the nullspace):  $A, M$  as before. Then  $A$  and  $MA$  have the same nullspace,  $\mathbf{N}(A) = \mathbf{N}(MA)$ .

**Lemma 3.4** (Invariance of linear independence):  $A, M$  as before.  $A$  has linearly independent columns if and only if  $MA$  has linearly independent columns.

# Eigenschaften von Reihenoperationen

**Lemma 3.5** (Invariance of the row space). *Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $M$  an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix. Then  $A$  and  $MA$  have the same row space,  $\mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{R}(MA)$ .*

**Lemma 3.6** (Invariance of independent column indices and rank):  $A, M$  as before. For all  $j \in [n]$ : column  $j$  of  $A$  is independent  $\Leftrightarrow$  column  $j$  of  $MA$  is independent. So  $A$  and  $MA$  have the same number of independent columns and therefore the same rank.

**Lemma 3.5** (Invariance of the row space). *Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $M$  an invertible  $m \times m$  matrix. Then  $A$  and  $MA$  have the same row space,  $\mathbf{R}(A) = \mathbf{R}(MA)$ .*

# Erfolg der Gauss-Elimination

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  be a system of  $m$  linear equations in  $m$  variables (so  $A$  is an  $m \times m$  matrix). The following two statements are equivalent.*

- (i) Gauss elimination as in Algorithm 2 succeeds.*
- (ii) The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.*

# Gauss-Elimination Beispiel 2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 17 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 23 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Gauss-Elimination für $m$ rechte Seiten

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**Algorithm 3** Gauss elimination with  $m$  right-hand sides:

Returns a triple  $(U, C, \text{result})$  such that for all  $j \in [m]$ , the two systems  $Ax = b_j$  and  $Ux = c_j$  have the same solutions, where  $b_j$  is the  $j$ -th column of  $B$ , and  $c_j$  the  $j$ -th column of  $C$ . If  $\text{result} = \text{"succeeded"}$ ,  $U$  is upper triangular with all diagonal elements nonzero.

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1: function GAUSS ELIMINATION( $A, B$ )                                ▷  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ 
2:    $U \leftarrow A, C \leftarrow B$ 
3:   for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  do                                    ▷ eliminate in column  $j$ 
4:     if  $u_{jj} = 0$  then                                         ▷ zero pivot
5:       if there is some  $k > j$  such that  $u_{kj} \neq 0$  then
6:         exchange (row  $j$ ) and (row  $k$ ) (in both  $U$  and  $C$ )      ▷ row operation
7:       else                                                       ▷ give up
8:         return ( $U, C, \text{"failed"}$ )
9:       end if
10:    end if                                                       ▷ now,  $u_{jj} \neq 0$ 
11:    for  $i = j + 1, j + 2, \dots, m$  do                             ▷ make  $u_{ij} = 0$ 
12:       $\lambda \leftarrow \frac{u_{ij}}{u_{jj}}$                                 ▷ we want  $u_{ij} - \lambda u_{jj} = 0$ 
13:      subtract  $\lambda \cdot$  (row  $j$ ) from (row  $i$ ) (in both  $U$  and  $C$ )  ▷ row operation
14:    end for
15:  end for                                                       ▷ now,  $U$  is upper triangular, with all diagonal elements nonzero
16:  return ( $U, C, \text{"succeeded"}$ )
17: end function
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# Gauss-Elimination für $m$ rechte Seiten

- Genau das gleiche wie Gauss-Elimination mit einer rechten Seite, nur dass man gleichzeitig mehrere rechte Seiten berechnet

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4:     if  $u_{jj} = 0$  then                                             ▷ zero pivot
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6:         exchange (row  $j$ ) and (row  $k$ ) (in both  $U$  and  $C$ )           ▷ row operation
7:       else                                                         ▷ give up
8:         return ( $U, C, \text{"failed"}$ )
9:       end if
10:    end if                                                         ▷ now,  $u_{jj} \neq 0$ 
11:    for  $i = j + 1, j + 2, \dots, m$  do                               ▷ make  $u_{ij} = 0$ 
12:       $\lambda \leftarrow \frac{u_{ij}}{u_{jj}}$                                        ▷ we want  $u_{ij} - \lambda u_{jj} = 0$ 
13:      subtract  $\lambda \cdot$  (row  $j$ ) from (row  $i$ ) (in both  $U$  and  $C$ )     ▷ row operation
14:    end for
15:  end for                                                         ▷ now,  $U$  is upper triangular, with all diagonal elements nonzero
16:  return ( $U, C, \text{"succeeded"}$ )
17: end function
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# Beispiel Gauss-Elimination mit m rechten Seiten: Inverse berechnen

Mache Gauss-Elimination mit  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

# Matrix-Inverse berechnen

- Gauss-Elimination für  $m$  rechte Seiten mit  $B = I$

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**Algorithm 4** Inverse matrix computation:

returns a pair  $(M, \text{result})$  such that  $\text{result} = \text{"succeeded"}$  if and only if  $A$  is invertible. If  $\text{result} = \text{"succeeded"}$ , then  $M = A^{-1}$ .

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1: function INVERSE( $A$ )
2:    $(U, C, \text{result}) \leftarrow \text{GAUSS ELIMINATION}(A, I)$   $\triangleright A, I \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ 
3:   if  $\text{result} = \text{"failed"}$  then
4:     return  $(A, \text{"singular"})$ 
5:   else
6:     for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  do  $\triangleright$  solve  $Ux = c_j$  which is equivalent to  $Ax = e_j$ 
7:        $c_j \leftarrow j\text{-th column of } C$ 
8:        $x_j \leftarrow \text{BACK SUBSTITUTION}(U, c_j)$ 
9:     end for
10:     $A^{-1} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | \\ x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_m \\ | & | & \cdots & | \end{bmatrix}$ 
11:    return  $(A^{-1}, \text{"succeeded"})$ 
12:  end if
13: end function
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Fragen?

Übungen

### 3. Matrix multiplication and invertibility (hand-in) (★★☆)

Let  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  such that  $BA = CA$ .

- a) Suppose that  $A$  is invertible. Show that  $B = C$ .
- b) Is it true that  $AB = AC$ ? Give either a proof or a counterexample.
- c) Suppose that  $B - C$  is invertible. Show that  $A = 0$ .

## 5. Inverses of matrix powers (★★☆)

- a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times m$  matrix with inverse  $A^{-1}$  and let  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  be an arbitrary integer. Does  $A^k$  have an inverse and if yes, what is it?
- b) Recall the definition of a nilpotent matrix: We say that a square matrix  $A$  is nilpotent if and only if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A^k = 0$ . Prove that a nilpotent matrix  $A$  cannot have an inverse.
- c) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times m$  matrix with  $A^3 = I$  and  $A^4 = I$ . Prove that  $A = I$ .
- d) Find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A \neq I$  such that  $A^k = I$  for all even  $k$  and  $A^k = A$  for all odd  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- e) Can you also find a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$  that, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , satisfies  $A^k = I$  if and only if  $k \equiv_4 0$  (i.e.  $A^k = I$  if and only if  $k$  is a multiple of 4)?

## 6. Inverse of triangular matrices (★★★)

- a) Find the inverse of the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- b) Prove that a square lower triangular matrix is invertible if and only if all its diagonal entries are non-zero.