

Solution of Linear Simultaneous Equations

Simultaneous linear equations occur in various physical problems. We know that a given system of linear equations can be solved by Cramer's rule or by matrix method. However, there exist other numerical methods of solution which are well-suited for computing machines.

* Direct methods of solution:-

In Gauss elimination method, the unknowns are eliminated successively and the system is reduced to an upper triangular system from which the unknowns are found by back substitution.

Working Rule for Gauss Elimination Method

Consider the Equations:-

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + \dots + a_{3n}x_n = b_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n \end{array} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Step 1 - To eliminate x_1 from second to n^{th} equations. Here, we take three Eqs of Eq(1)

Assuming $a_{11} \neq 0$, we eliminate x_1 from the

2nd Eq by subtracting (a_{21}/a_{11}) times

the 1st Eq from the 2nd Eq. Similarly

we eliminate x_1 from the 3rd Eq, by

subtracting (a_{31}/a_{11}) times the 1st Eq from

the 3rd Eq. We thus, get the new system

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1 \\ + a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 = b'_2 \\ + a'_{32}x_2 + a'_{33}x_3 = b'_3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{--- Q}$$

Here, $a'_{22} = a_{22} - a_{12} \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$

$a'_{23} = a_{23} - a_{13} \cdot \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}$ and 1st Eqn
is called pivot equation then a_{11} is 1st pivot.

Step-2:- To eliminate x_2 from 3rd Eqn
(2).

Assuming $a'_{22} \neq 0$, we eliminate x_2 from
the 3rd Eqn of (2) by subtracting
(a'_{32}/a'_{22}) times the 2nd Eqn from 3rd
Eqns of (2), we get.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 = b_1 \\ a'_{22}x_2 + a'_{23}x_3 = b'_2 \\ a''_{33}x_3 = b''_3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{--- B)$$

Here, the 3rd Eqn is the pivot Eqn and
 a'_{22} is the new pivot.

Step-3:- To evaluate the unknowns.

Thus, the value of x_1, x_2, x_3 are found
the reduced system (3) by back substitution.

Expt. Apply Gauss Elimination method to solve the equations

$$x + 4y - 2 = -5 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$2x + y - 6z = -12 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$3x - y - z = 4 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Solve: (i) To eliminate x from (ii) and (iii) by operate as (ii) - (i) and (iii) - 3(i) then

$$-3y - 5z = -7 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

$$-13y + 2z = +19 \quad \text{--- (v)}$$

(ii) To Eliminate y from (iv) by operate (v) - $\frac{13}{3}$ (iv)

$$\frac{71}{3}z = \frac{148}{3} \quad \text{--- (vi)}$$

$$\text{From (vi)} \quad z = \frac{148}{71}$$

$$\text{From (iv)} \quad -3y - 5 \times \frac{148}{71} = -7$$

$$y = \frac{7}{3} - \frac{5(148)}{71} = -\frac{81}{71}$$

$$\text{From (i)} = \quad x = -5 + 4\left(-\frac{81}{71}\right) + \frac{148}{71}$$

$$x = \frac{117}{71}$$

Hence the solution of the linear system
equations $x = 117/71$

$$y = -81/71$$

$$z = 148/71 \quad \underline{\text{Ans.}}$$