

An example of solving $Ax = b$, using Gaussian Elimination:

$A = [2 \ 0 \ -5; 1 \ 2.2 \ -7; 3 \ 9 \ 12]$

$A =$

2.0000	0	-5.0000
1.0000	2.2000	-7.0000
3.0000	9.0000	12.0000

$b = [1; 3; 2]$

$b =$

1
3
2

%solve for x, where x satisfies $Ax=b$

%will use Gaussian Jordan elimination

$C = [A, b]$

$C =$

2.0000	0	-5.0000	1.0000
1.0000	2.2000	-7.0000	3.0000
3.0000	9.0000	12.0000	2.0000

%eliminate $C(2,1)$ and $C(3,1)$ using the first row

$C(2,:) = C(2,:) - C(2,1)/C(1,1)*C(1,:)$

$C =$

2.0000	0	-5.0000	1.0000
0	2.2000	-4.5000	2.5000
3.0000	9.0000	12.0000	2.0000

$C(3,:) = C(3,:) - C(3,1)/C(1,1)*C(1,:)$

$C =$

2.0000	0	-5.0000	1.0000
0	2.2000	-4.5000	2.5000
0	9.0000	19.5000	0.5000

%Now eliminate $C(3,2)$ using the second row

$C(3,:) = C(3,:) - C(3,2)/C(2,2)*C(2,:)$

$C =$

2.0000	0	-5.0000	1.0000
0	2.2000	-4.5000	2.5000
0	0	37.9091	-9.7273

%Now eliminate $C(1,3)$ and $C(2,3)$ using the third row

$C(1,:) = C(1,:) - C(1,3)/C(3,3)*C(3,:)$

$C =$

2.0000	0	0	-0.2830
0	2.2000	-4.5000	2.5000
0	0	37.9091	-9.7273

$C(2,:) = C(2,:) - C(2,3)/C(3,3)*C(3,:)$

$C =$

2.0000	0	0	-0.2830
0	2.2000	0	1.3453
0	0	37.9091	-9.7273

%problem has been reduced to a diagonal system

$x = \text{zeros}(3,1);$

$x(1) = C(1,4)/C(1,1); \quad x(2) = C(2,4)/C(2,2); \quad x(3) = C(3,4)/C(3,3);$

x

$x =$

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-0.1415  
0.6115  
-0.2566
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A*x-b
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ans =
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1.0e-15 *
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0  
0  
-0.8882
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%Ax-b is numerically zero, so the problem is solved!!!!  
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