

## Gaussian Elimination

■ Gaussian Elimination Method

- Earlier we saw how the system of two equation was solved by the elimination of the unknowns:

$$
\begin{align*}
& a_{11} X_{1}+a_{12} X_{2}=C_{1}  \tag{1}\\
& a_{21} X_{1}+a_{22} X_{2}=C_{2} \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{1}=\frac{C_{1}-a_{12} X_{2}}{a_{11}} \quad \text { (3) } \quad a_{21} \frac{C_{1}-a_{12} X_{2}}{a_{11}}+a_{22} X_{2}=C_{2} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

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- Equation 4 is a single equation with one unknown, $X_{2}$.
- This equation can be solved for $X_{2}$ to give

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{2}=\frac{a_{11} C_{2}-a_{21} C_{1}}{a_{11} a_{22}-a_{21} a_{12}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

- Eq. 5 can be substituted back into Eq. 3 to give

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{1}=\frac{a_{22} C_{1}-a_{12} C_{2}}{a_{11} a_{22}-a_{21} a_{12}} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

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- In the previous example of two-equation systems, the procedure consists of two steps:
- The equation were manipulated to eliminate one of the unknowns from the equations. The result of this elimination step was that we had one equation with one unknown.
- Consequently, this equation could be solved directly and the result back-substituted into one of the original equations to solve for the rest.


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- This basic approach can be extended to large systems of simultaneous equations by developing a systematic scheme or algorithm to eliminate the unknowns, and to back-substitute.
- Gaussian elimination method is the most basic of these schemes.


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- Gaussian Elimination Procedure

The Gaussian elimination procedure can be separated into two parts:

1. Forward Pass
2. Back Substitution

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- Gaussian Elimination Procedure
- Forward Pass
- The process begins with the arrangement of the system of equations in such a manner that $a_{11}=1$, to give
$a_{11} X_{1}+a_{12} X_{2}+a_{13} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n} X_{n}=c_{1}$
$a_{21} X_{1}+a_{22} X_{2}+a_{23} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n} X_{n}=c_{2}$
$a_{31} X_{1}+a_{32} X_{2}+a_{33} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n} X_{n}=c_{3}$
$\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots$
$a_{n 1} X_{1}+a_{n 2} X_{2}+a_{n 3} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{n n} X_{n}=c_{n}$


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## - Forward Pass

- Dividing the first equation in (EQ. 7) by $a_{11}$ gives

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{1}+a_{12}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{13}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{1}^{\prime} \\
& a_{21} X_{1}+a_{22} X_{2}+a_{23} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n} X_{n}=C_{2}  \tag{8}\\
& a_{31} X_{1}+a_{32} X_{2}+a_{33} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n} X_{n}= C_{3} \\
& \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
& a_{n 1} X_{1}+a_{n 2} X_{2}+a_{n 3} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{n n} X_{n}=C_{n}
\end{align*}
$$

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## - Forward Pass

- Multiplying the first equation in (EQ. 8) by $-a_{i 1}$ for $i=2, \ldots, n$ then adding to the $i$ th equation eliminates $X_{1}$ from all but the first equation to give

$$
\begin{gather*}
X_{1}+a_{12}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{13}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{1}^{\prime} \\
a_{22}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{23}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{2}^{\prime} \\
a_{32}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{33}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{3}^{\prime}  \tag{9}\\
\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
a_{n 2}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{n 3}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{n n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{n}^{\prime}
\end{gather*}
$$

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## - Forward Pass

- The second equation in (EQ. 9) is now divided by $a_{22}^{\prime}$ to give

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{1}+a_{12}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{13}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n}^{\prime} X_{n} & =C_{1}^{\prime} \\
X_{2}+a_{23}^{\prime \prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n}^{\prime \prime} X_{n} & =C_{2}^{\prime \prime} \\
a_{32}^{\prime} X_{2}+a_{33}^{\prime} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n}^{\prime} X_{n} & =C_{3}^{\prime}  \tag{10}\\
\vdots & \vdots
\end{align*} \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad 1 . a_{n n}^{\prime} X_{n}=C_{n}^{\prime}
$$

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## - Forward Pass

- Multiplying the second equation in (EQ. 10) by $-a_{i 2}$ for $i=3, \ldots, n$ then adding to the $i$ th equation eliminates $x_{2}$ from all but the first and second equations.
- This process is continued until one equation in one unknown remains.
- Note that at each stage the remaining equations may require rearranging to avoid a zero divisor in $a_{i i}$ position.


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## - Forward Pass

- Once the process is completed, the system of equations as given by EQ. 7 should have the following triangular form:

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{1}+d_{12} X_{2}+d_{13} X_{3}+\cdots+d_{1 n} X_{n} & =e_{1} \\
X_{2}+d_{23} X_{3}+\cdots+d_{2 n} X_{n} & =e_{2}  \tag{11}\\
X_{3}+\cdots+d_{3 n} X_{n} & =e_{3} \\
\vdots & \vdots \\
X_{n} & =e_{n}
\end{align*}
$$

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Forward Pass:

- EQ. 11 can be written in a more compact form, in an augmented matrix as

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & d_{12} & d_{13} & \cdots & d_{1 n} & e_{1}  \tag{12}\\
0 & 1 & d_{23} & \cdots & d_{2 n} & e_{2} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & d_{3 n} & e_{3} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots: & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & e_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

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- Forward Pass
- Hence the original system of equations can be transformed to a triangular matrix form as follows:

$$
\begin{gathered}
a_{11} X_{1}+a_{12} X_{2}+a_{13} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n} X_{n}=b_{1} \\
a_{21} X_{1}+a_{22} X_{2}+a_{23} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n} X_{n}=b_{2} \\
a_{31} X_{1}+a_{32} X_{2}+a_{33} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n} X_{n}=b_{3} \\
\vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
a_{n 1} X_{1}+a_{n 2} X_{2}+a_{n 3} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{n n} X_{n}=b_{n}
\end{gathered} \Longrightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & d_{12} & d_{13} & \cdots & d_{1 n} & e_{1} \\
0 & 1 & d_{23} & \cdots & d_{2 n} & e_{2} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & d_{3 n} & e_{3} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & e_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

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- Example: Forward Pass

Perform a forward pass to transform the following set of equations to a triangular matrix form:

$$
\begin{gather*}
3 X_{1}-2 X_{2}+4 X_{3}=18 \\
X_{1}+X_{2}-2 X_{3}=6  \tag{13}\\
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}+X_{3}=10
\end{gather*}
$$

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- Example (cont'd): Forward Pass
- Dividing the first equation in (EQ. 13) by $a_{11}=3$, gives

$$
\begin{gather*}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3}=6 \\
X_{1}+X_{2}-2 X_{3}=6  \tag{14}\\
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}+X_{3}=10
\end{gather*}
$$

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■ Example (cont'd): Forward Pass

- Multiplying the first equation in (EQ. 14) by $-a_{21}=-1$ then adding to the $2^{\text {nd }}$ equation eliminates $X_{1}$ from the second equation:

$$
\begin{array}{|r}
-X_{1}+\frac{2}{3} X_{2}-\frac{4}{3} X_{3}=-6 \\
X_{1}+X_{2}-2 X_{3}=6  \tag{15}\\
\hline \frac{5}{3} X_{2}-\frac{10}{3} X_{3}=0
\end{array} \begin{array}{r}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3}=6 \\
\frac{5}{3} X_{2}-\frac{10}{3} X_{3}=0 \\
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}+X_{3}=10
\end{array}
$$

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- Example (cont'd): Forward Pass
- Multiplying the first equation in (EQ. 14) by $-a_{31}=-2$ then adding to the $3^{\text {nd }}$ equation eliminates $X_{1}$ from the third equation:

$$
\begin{array}{rr}
-2 X_{1}+\frac{4}{3} X_{2}-\frac{8}{3} X_{3}=-12 \\
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}+X_{3}=10 \\
\hline \frac{13}{3} X_{2}-\frac{5}{3} X_{3}=-2 & \frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3}=6  \tag{16}\\
\frac{5}{3} X_{2}-\frac{10}{3} X_{3}=0 \\
\frac{13}{3} X_{2}-\frac{5}{3} X_{3}=-2
\end{array}
$$

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- Example (cont'd): Forward Pass
- The second equation in (EQ. 16) is now divided by $a_{22}=5 / 3$ to give

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3} & =6 \\
X_{2}-2 X_{3} & =0  \tag{17}\\
\frac{13}{3} X_{2}-\frac{5}{3} X_{3} & =-2
\end{align*}
$$

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Example (cont'd): Forward Pass

- Multiplying the second equation in (EQ. 17) by $-a_{31}=-13 / 3$ then adding to the $3^{\text {nd }}$ equation eliminates $X_{2}$ from the third equation:

$$
\begin{align*}
-\frac{13}{3} X_{2}+\frac{26}{3} X_{3} & =0 \\
\frac{13}{3} X_{2}-\frac{5}{3} X_{3} & =-2  \tag{18}\\
& X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3}
\end{align*}=6
$$

$$
7 X_{3}=-2
$$

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■ Example (cont'd): Forward Pass

- The third equation in (EQ. 18) is now divided by $a_{33}=7$ to give

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3} & =6 \\
X_{2}-2 X_{3} & =0  \tag{19}\\
X_{3} & =-\frac{2}{7}
\end{align*}
$$

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■ Example (cont'd): Forward Pass

- Hence, the required triangular matrix form of the forward pass is

$$
\begin{aligned}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3} & =6 \\
X_{2}-2 X_{3} & =0 \\
X_{3} & =-\frac{2}{7}
\end{aligned} \longrightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -2 / 3 & 4 / 3 & 6 \\
0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -2 / 7
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## - Gaussian Elimination Procedure

- Back Substitution
- We saw that the original system of equations was transformed to a triangular matrix form by the forward pass:

$$
\begin{gather*}
a_{11} X_{1}+a_{12} X_{2}+a_{13} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{1 n} X_{n}=C_{1}  \tag{20}\\
a_{21} X_{1}+a_{22} X_{2}+a_{23} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{2 n} X_{n}=C_{2} \\
a_{31} X_{1}+a_{32} X_{2}+a_{33} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{3 n} X_{n}=C_{3} \\
\vdots \vdots \vdots \\
\vdots \\
a_{n 1} X_{1}+a_{n 2} X_{2}+a_{n 3} X_{3}+\cdots+a_{n n} X_{n}=C_{n}
\end{gather*} \Longrightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
1 & d_{12} & d_{13} & \cdots & d_{1 n} & e_{1} \\
0 & 1 & d_{23} & \cdots & d_{2 n} & e_{2} \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & d_{3 n} & e_{3} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & e_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

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- Gaussian Elimination Procedure
- Back Substitution
- After the forward pass is completed, the unknowns in the equations are found by back substitution procedure.
- The back substitution procedure can be better illustrated if the matrix of Eq. 20 is written in the equivalent form in terms of individual equations as shown in the next viewgraph.


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- Gaussian Elimination Procedure
- Back Substitution

$$
\begin{align*}
X_{1}+d_{12} X_{2}+d_{13} X_{3} \cdots+d_{1, n-2} X_{n-2}+d_{1, n-1} X_{n-1}+d_{1, n} X_{n} & =e_{1} \\
X_{2}+d_{23} X_{3} \cdots+d_{2, n-2} X_{n-2}+d_{2, n-1} X_{n-1}+d_{2, n} X_{n} & =e_{2} \\
X_{3} \cdots+d_{3, n-2} X_{n-2}+d_{3, n-1} X_{n-1}+d_{3, n} X_{n} & =e_{3}  \tag{21}\\
X_{n-2}+d_{n-2, n-1} X_{n-1}+d_{n-2, n} X_{n} & =e_{n-2} \\
X_{n-1}+d_{n-1, n} X_{n} & =e_{n-1} \\
X_{n} & =e_{n}
\end{align*}
$$

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- Gaussian Elimination Procedure
- Back Substitution
- From EQS. 21, which represent the system of equations after the forward pass, it is now easy to obtain the solution for $X_{i}$. The last equation in EQS. 21 involves only a single unknown; thus the value of is given by

$$
X_{n}=e_{n}
$$

## Gaussian Elimination

- Gaussian Elimination Procedure


## - Back Substitution

- Therefore, the unknowns are determined by back substitution as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{n}=e_{n} \\
& X_{n-1}=e_{n-1}-d_{n-1, n} X_{n} \\
& X_{n-2}=e_{n-2}-d_{n-2, n-1} X_{n-1}-d_{n-2, n} X_{n} \\
& \vdots \\
& X_{1}=e_{1}-d_{12} X_{2}-d_{13} X_{3}-\cdots-d_{1, n} X_{n}
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Back Substitution

The following set of equations can be used to find the solution by back substitution:

$$
\begin{align*}
& X_{n}=e_{n} \\
& X_{n-1}=e_{n-1}-d_{n-1, n} X_{n} \\
& X_{n-2}=e_{n-2}-d_{n-2, n-1} X_{n-1}-d_{n-2, n} X_{n}  \tag{22}\\
& \vdots \\
& X_{1}=e_{1}-d_{12} X_{2}-d_{13} X_{3}-\cdots-d_{1, n} X_{n}
\end{align*}
$$

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■ Example: Back Substitution
The forward pass was performed in the last example to transform the following set of equations to a triangular matrix form:

$$
\begin{gather*}
3 X_{1}-2 X_{2}+4 X_{3}=18 \\
X_{1}+X_{2}-2 X_{3}=6  \tag{2}\\
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}+X_{3}=10
\end{gather*}
$$

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■ Example (cont'd): Back Substitution

- The forward pass resulted in the following set of equations:

$$
\begin{aligned}
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3} & =6 \\
X_{2}-2 X_{3} & =0 \\
X_{3} & =-\frac{2}{7}
\end{aligned} \longrightarrow\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
1 & -2 / 3 & 4 / 3 & 6 \\
0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & -2 / 7
\end{array}\right]
$$

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- Example (cont'd): Back Substitution
- The back substitution will give the solution as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
X_{3} & =-\frac{2}{7} \\
X_{2}-2 X_{3} & =0 & X_{3} & =-\frac{2}{7} \\
X_{1}-\frac{2}{3} X_{2}+\frac{4}{3} X_{3} & =6 & & =2\left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)=-\frac{4}{7} \\
X_{1} & =6+\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{4}{7}\right)-\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\left(\frac{-2}{7}\right)=6
\end{array}
$$

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| Operation | Symbol |
| :---: | :---: |
| Step 1: <br> Construct the augmented matrix of the $\left[a_{i j}\right]$ matrix and $\left\{C_{i}\right\}$ vector | $\begin{aligned} & \left\lfloor a_{i j} \vdots C_{i}\right\rfloor i=1, \cdots, n \\ & j=1, \cdots, n \end{aligned}$ |
| Step 2: <br> Check $a_{11}$; if it is equal to zero then interchange rows so that $a_{11} \neq 0$ |  |
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## ■ Summary of Gaussian Method

| Operation | Symbol |
| :--- | :---: |
| Step 3: <br> Divide row one by $a_{11}$ to get new <br> coefficient $a^{\prime}{ }_{i j}$ where $a_{11}=1$ <br> Step 4: <br> Multiply row one by $-a_{i 1}$ and add <br> to the $i$ th row for $I=2, \ldots, n$ | $-a_{i 1}$ <br> $i=2$ |

## Gaussian Elimination

| Summary of Gaussian Method |
| :--- |
| Operation Symbol <br> Step 5: <br> Repeat steps 2, 3, and 4 for the <br> second through $(n-1)^{\text {th }}$ rows  <br> Step 6: <br> Solve for $X_{n}$ from the $n$th equation $X_{n}=e_{n}$ |

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| Operation | Symbol |
| :--- | :---: |
| Step 7: <br> Solve for $X_{n-1}, \ldots, X_{1}$ | $X_{j}=e_{j}-\sum_{r=j+1}^{n} d_{j r} X_{r}$ |

## Gaussian Elimination

- Example:

Solve the following set of simultaneous linear equations using the Gaussian method:

$$
\begin{aligned}
2 X_{1}+3 X_{2}-2 X_{3}-X_{4} & =-2 \\
2 X_{1}+5 X_{2}-3 X_{3}+X_{4} & =7 \\
-2 X_{1}+X_{2}+3 X_{3}-2 X_{4} & =1 \\
-5 X_{1}+2 X_{2}-X_{3}+3 X_{4} & =8
\end{aligned}
$$

## Gaussian Elimination

■ Example (cont'd):

## - Forward Pass

| Original Matrix |  |  |  |  |  | Operation | Resultant Matrix |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | -2 | -1 |  | $R_{1}^{\prime}=R_{1} / 2$ |  |  | 2/3 | -1 | -1/2 | $-17$ |
|  | 2 |  | -3 | 1 | 7 | $R_{2}^{\prime}=R_{2}-2 R_{1}^{\prime}$ |  |  | 2 | -1 | 2 | 9 |
|  | 2 |  | 3 | -2 | 1 | $R_{3}^{\prime}=R_{3}+2 R_{1}^{\prime}$ |  |  | 4 | 1 | 3 |  |
|  | 5 |  | -1 | 3 | 8 | $R_{4}^{\prime}=R_{4}+5 R_{1}^{\prime}$ |  |  | 19/2 | -6 | 1/2 | 3 |

In the above notation, the operation column describes the row operations Performed on each row $R_{i}$, where $R_{i}$ = row of vector values and $R_{i}^{\prime}$ is the Resulting value.

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- Example (cont'd):


## - Forward Pass

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
1 & 3 / 2 & -1 & -1 / 2 & -1 \\
0 & 1 & -1 / 2 & 1 & 9 / 2 \\
0 & 0 & 3 & -7 & -19 \\
0 & 0 & -5 / 4 & -9 & -159 / 4
\end{array}\right]
$$

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## Example (cont'd):

## - Forward Pass

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- Example (cont'd):


## - Forward Pass

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 $\square$ Example (cont'd):- Forward Pass

The resultant matrix of the last operation represents the following set:

$$
\begin{aligned}
X_{1}+\frac{3}{2} X_{2}-X_{3}-\frac{1}{2} X_{4} & =-1 \\
X_{2}-\frac{1}{2} X_{3}+\quad X_{4} & =\frac{9}{2} \\
X_{3}-\frac{7}{3} X_{4} & =-\frac{19}{3} \\
X_{4} & =\frac{572}{143}=4
\end{aligned}
$$

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■ Example (cont'd):

- Back Substitution

$$
\begin{gathered}
X_{4}=4 \\
X_{3}-\frac{7}{3} X_{4}=-\frac{19}{3} \\
X_{2}-\frac{1}{2} X_{3}+X_{4}=\frac{9}{2} \\
X_{1}+\frac{3}{2} X_{2}-X_{3}-\frac{1}{2} X_{4}=-1 \\
X_{3}=-\frac{19}{3}+\frac{7}{3}(4)=3 \\
X_{2}=\frac{9}{2}+\frac{1}{2}(3)-4=2 \\
X_{1}+\frac{3}{2} X_{2}-X_{3}-\frac{1}{2} X_{4}=-1-\frac{3}{2}(2)+3+\frac{1}{2}(4)=1 \\
\therefore X_{1}=1, X_{2}=2, X_{3}=3, \text { and } X_{4}=4
\end{gathered}
$$

