

Some simple equations can be solved

Some simple equations can be solved analytically:

$$x^{2} + 4x + 3 = 0$$
Analytic solution $roots = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^{2} - 4(1)(3)}}{2(1)}$

$$x = -1 \text{ and } x = -3$$

Many other equations have no analytical solution:

$$x^9 - 2x^2 + 5 = 0$$
 No analytic solution $x = e^{-x}$

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- o Bisection Method
- o Newton-Raphson Method
- o Secant Method





$$x_1 + x_2 = 3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 5$$

We can solve it as:

$$x_1 = 3 - x_2$$
, $3 - x_2 + 2x_2 = 5$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 2, x_1 = 3 - 2 = 1$$

What to do if we have

1000 equations in 1000 unknowns.

Cramer's Rule is Not Practical



Cramer's Rule can be used to solve the system:

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}} = 1, \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}} = 2$$

But Cramer's Rule is not practical for large problems.

To solve N equations with N unknowns, we need (N+1)(N-1)N! multiplications.

To solve a 30 by 30 system, 2.3×10^{35} multiplications are needed.

A super computer needs more than 10^{20} years to compute this.

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Lecture No44Topic: Methods for Solving Systems of Linear Equations

- o Naive Gaussian Elimination
- o Gaussian Elimination with Scaled Partial Pivoting
- o Algorithm for Tri-diagonal Equations