## **CHAPTER 9**

9.1  

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} 50 \\ 10 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [A]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
9.2 (a)  $[A] = 3 \times 2$   $[B] = 3 \times 3$   $[C] = 3 \times 1$   $[D] = 2 \times 4$   
 $[E] = 3 \times 3$   $[F] = 2 \times 3$   $[G] = 1 \times 3$   
(b) Square:  $[B]$  and  $[E]$   
Column:  $[C]$   
Row:  $[G]$   
(c)  $a_{12} = 7$   $b_{23} = 7$   $d_{32} = does not exist$   
 $e_{22} = 2$   $f_{12} = 0$   $g_{12} = 6$   
(d)  
(1)  $[E] + [B] = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 15 \\ 8 & 4 & 10 \\ 6 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$  (2)  $[A] + [F] = not possible$   
(3)  $[B] - [E] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & -1 \\ -6 & 0 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  (4)  $7[B] = \begin{bmatrix} 28 & 21 & 49 \\ 7 & 14 & 49 \\ 14 & 0 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$   
(5)  $[E] \times [B] = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 13 & 74 \\ 28 & 12 & 52 \end{bmatrix}$  (6)  $\{C\}^T = [3 & 6 & 1]$   
(7)  $[B] \times [A] = \begin{bmatrix} 54 & 76 \\ 41 & 53 \\ 28 & 38 \end{bmatrix}$  (8)  $\{D\}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 7 \\ -6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$   
(9)  $[A] \times [C] = not possible$  (10)  $[I] \times [B] = [B]$   
(11)  $[E]^T[E] = \begin{bmatrix} 66 & 19 & 53 \\ 19 & 29 & 46 \\ 53 & 46 & 109 \end{bmatrix}$  (12)  $[C]^T[C] = 46$ 

**9.3** (a) Possible multiplications:

$$[A][B] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 15\\ 8 & 29\\ 9 & 29 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [A][C] = \begin{bmatrix} -16 & 4\\ -24 & 4\\ 2 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \quad [B][C] = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 1\\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [C][B] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2\\ -2.5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: Some students might recognize that we can also compute [B][B] and [C][C]:

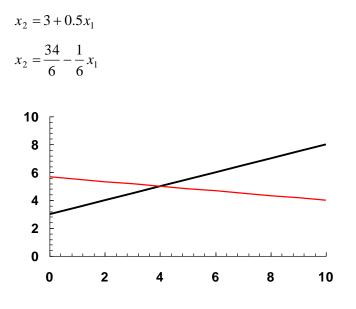
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$$[B][B] = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 9\\ 1.5 & 5.5 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [C][C] = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -6\\ -9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) [B][A] and [C][A] are impossible because the inner dimensions do not match:

$$(2 \times 2) * (3 \times 2)$$

- (c) According to (a),  $[B][C] \neq [C][B]$
- **9.4** The equations can be rearranged into a format for plotting  $x_2$  versus  $x_1$ :



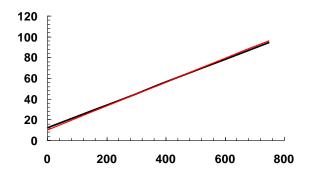
Therefore, the solution is  $x_1 = 4$ ,  $x_2 = 5$ . The results can be checked by substituting them back into the original equations:

$$4(4) - 8(5) = -24$$

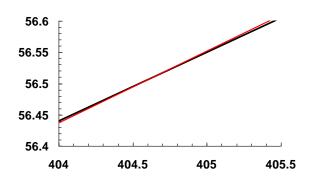
$$4+6(5)=34$$

**9.5** (a) The equations can be rearranged into a format for plotting  $x_2$  versus  $x_1$ :

$$x_2 = 12 + 0.11x_1$$
$$x_2 = 10 + \frac{2}{17.4}x_1$$



If you zoom in, it appears that there is a root at about (404.6, 56.5).



The results can be checked by substituting them back into the original equations:

 $-1.1(404.6) + 10(56.5) = 119.94 \cong 120$ 

$$-2(404.6) + 17.4(56.5) = 173.9 \cong 174$$

(b) The plot suggests that the system may be ill-conditioned because the slopes are so similar.

(c) The determinant can be computed as

D = -1.1(17.4) - 10(-2) = 0.86

which is relatively small. Note that if the system is normalized first by dividing each equation by the largest coefficient,

$$-0.11x_1 + x_2 = 12$$

 $-0.11494x_1 + x_2 = 10$ 

the determinant is even smaller

D = -0.11(1) - 1(-0.11494) = 0.00494

(d) Using Eqs. (9.10) and (9.11) yields

$$x_1 = \frac{17.4(120) - 10(174)}{0.86} = 404.6512$$
$$x_2 = \frac{-1.1(174) - (-2)(120)}{0.86} = 56.51163$$

**9.6** (a) The determinant can be computed as:

$$A_{1} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(0) - 1(1) = -1$$
$$A_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2(0) - 1(3) = -3$$
$$A_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(1) - 1(3) = -1$$
$$D = 0(-1) - 2(-3) + 5(-1) = 1$$

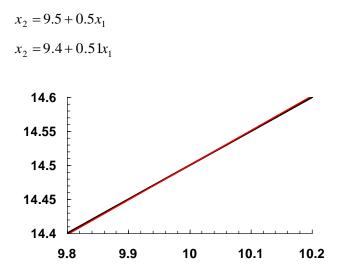
(**b**) Cramer's rule

$$x_{1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 2 & 5 \\ 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 10 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{6}{1} = 6$$
$$x_{2} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 9 & 5 \\ 2 & 9 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{-8}{1} = -8$$
$$x_{3} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 3 & 1 & 10 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{5}{1} = 5$$

(c) The results can be checked by substituting them back into the original equations:

$$2(-8) + 5(5) = 9$$
$$2(6) + (-8) + 5 = 9$$
$$3(6) + (-8) = 10$$

**9.7** (a) The equations can be rearranged into a format for plotting  $x_2$  versus  $x_1$ :



The solution is  $x_1 = 10$ ,  $x_2 = 14.5$ . Notice that the lines have very similar slopes.

(b) The determinant can be computed as

D = 0.5(-2) - (-1)1.02 = 0.02

(c) The plot and the low value of the determinant both suggest that the system is ill-conditioned.

(d) Using Eqs. (9.10) and (9.11) yields

$$x_1 = \frac{-9.5(-2) - (-1)(-18.8)}{0.02} = 10$$

$$x_2 = \frac{0.5(-18.8) - (-9.5)1.02}{0.02} = 14.5$$

(e) Using Eqs. (9.10) and (9.11) yields

$$x_1 = \frac{-9.5(-2) - (-1)(-18.8)}{-0.02} = -10$$

$$x_2 = \frac{0.52(-18.8) - (-9.5)1.02}{-0.02} = 4.3$$

The ill-conditioned nature of the system is illustrated by the fact that a small change in one of the coefficients results in a huge change in the results.

9.8 (a) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

[10	2	-1	27 ]
-3	-6	2	-61.5
1	1	5	-21.5

Forward elimination:

 $a_{21}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 1 by -3/10 and subtracting the result from row 2.  $a_{31}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 1 by 1/10 and subtracting the result from row 3.

10	2	-1	27 ]
0	-5.4	1.7	- 53.4
0	0.8	5.1	-53.4 -24.2

 $a_{32}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 2 by 0.8/(-5.4) and subtracting the result from row 3.

[10	2	-1	27 ]
0	-5.4	1.7	-53.4
0	0	5.351852	-32.1111

Back substitution:

$$x_{3} = \frac{-32.1111}{5.351852} = -6$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{-53.4 - 1.7(-6)}{-5.4} = 8$$

$$x_{1} = \frac{27 - (-1)(-6) - 2(8)}{10} = 0.5$$

(b) Check:

$$10(0.5) + 2(8) - (-6) = 27$$
  
- 3(0.5) - 6(8) + 2(-6) = -61.5  
$$0.5 + 8 + 5(-6) = -21.5$$

**9.9** (a) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

8	2	-2	-2]
10	2	4	4
12	2	2	6

Forward elimination: First, we pivot by switching rows 1 and 3:

 $\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 10 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 8 & 2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Multiply row 1 by 10/12 = 0.83333 and subtract from row 2 to eliminate  $a_{21}$ . Multiply row 1 by 8/12 = 0.66667 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{31}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0.33333 & 2.33333 & -1 \\ 0 & 0.66667 & -3.33333 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivot:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0.66667 & -3.33333 & -6 \\ 0 & 0.33333 & 2.33333 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 by 0.33333/0.66667 = 0.5 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{32}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0.66667 & -3.33333 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution:

$$x_{3} = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{-6 - (-3.3333)0.5}{0.66667} = -6.5$$

$$x_{1} = \frac{6 - 2(0.5) - 2(-6.5)}{12} = 1.5$$

Check:

$$8(1.5) + 2(-6.5) - 2(0.5) = -2$$
  
$$10(1.5) + 2(-6.5) + 4(0.5) = 4$$
  
$$12(1.5) + 2(-6.5) + 2(0.5) = 6$$

9.10 (a) The determinant can be computed as:

$$A_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2(0) - (-1)(-2) = -2$$

$$A_{2} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 1(0) - (-1)(5) = 5$$
$$A_{3} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 1(-2) - 2(5) = -12$$
$$D = 0(-2) - (-3)5 + 7(-12) = -69$$

(**b**) Cramer's rule

$$x_{1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{-68}{-69} = 0.985507$$
$$x_{2} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{-101}{-69} = 1.463768$$
$$x_{3} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}{D} = \frac{-63}{-69} = 0.913043$$

(c) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & -2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward elimination: First, we pivot by switching rows 1 and 3:

5	-2	0	2
1	2	-1	3
0	-3	7	2

Multiply row 1 by 1/5 = 0.2 and subtract from row 2 to eliminate  $a_{21}$ . Because  $a_{31}$  already equals zero, it does not have to be eliminated.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2.4 & -1 & 2.6 \\ 0 & -3 & 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivot:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 2.4 & -1 & 2.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 by 2.4/(-3) = -0.8 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{32}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & 7 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 4.6 & 4.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution:

$$x_{3} = \frac{4.2}{4.6} = 0.913043$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{2 - 7(0.913043)}{-3} = 1.463768$$

$$x_{1} = \frac{2 - 0(0.913043) - (-2)(1.463768)}{5} = 0.985507$$

(d) Check:

$$-3(1.46376\$) + 7(0.91304\$) = 2$$
$$(0.985507) + 2(1.46376\$) - (0.91304\$) = 3$$
$$5(0.985507) - 2(1.46376\$) = 2$$

9.11 (a) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

[2	-6	-1	-38]
-3	-1	7	
-8	1	-2	-20

Forward elimination: First, we pivot by switching rows 1 and 3:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & -2 & -20 \\ -3 & -1 & 7 & -34 \\ 2 & -6 & -1 & -38 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 1 by -3/(-8) = 0.375 and subtract from row 2 to eliminate  $a_{21}$ . Multiply row 1 by 2/(-8) = -0.25 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{31}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & -2 & -20 \\ 0 & -1.375 & 7.75 & -26.5 \\ 0 & -5.75 & -1.5 & -43 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & -2 & -20 \\ 0 & -5.75 & -1.5 & -43 \\ 0 & -1.375 & 7.75 & -26.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 by -1.375/-5.75 = 0.23913 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{32}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} -8 & 1 & -2 & -20 \\ 0 & -5.75 & -1.5 & -43 \\ 0 & 0 & 8.108696 & -16.2174 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution:

$$x_{3} = \frac{-16.2174}{8.108696} = -2$$
$$x_{2} = \frac{-43 - (-1.5)(-2)}{-5.75} = 8$$
$$x_{1} = \frac{-20 + 2(-2) - 1(8)}{-8} = 4$$

(b) Check:

$$2(4) - 6(8) - (-2) = -38$$
  
- 3(4) - (8) + 7(-2) = -34  
- 8(4) + (8) - 2(-2) = -20

9.12 The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalize the first row and then eliminate  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{31}$ ,

[1	0.5	-0.5	0.5
0	-0.5	4.5	-6.5
$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$	-0.5	2.5	3.5

Normalize the second row and eliminate  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{32}$ ,

1	0	4	-6]
0	1	-9	13
00	0	-2	$\begin{bmatrix} -6\\13\\10 \end{bmatrix}$

Normalize the third row and eliminate  $a_{13}$  and  $a_{23}$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -32 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the answers are  $x_1 = 14$ ,  $x_2 = -32$ , and  $x_3 = -5$ .

Check:

$$2(14) + (-32) - (-5) = 1$$
  

$$5(14) + 2(-32) + 2(-5) = -4$$
  

$$3(14) + (-32) + (-5) = 5$$

9.13 (a) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 6 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward elimination:

 $a_{21}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 1 by 6/1 = 6 and subtracting the result from row 2.  $a_{31}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 1 by -3/1 = -3 and subtracting the result from row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & 20 \\ 0 & 7 & -2 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $a_{32}$  is eliminated by multiplying row 2 by 7/(-4) = -1.75 and subtracting the result from row 3.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & 8 & 20 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 & 27 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back substitution:

$$x_3 = \frac{27}{12} = 2.25$$
$$x_2 = \frac{20 - 8(2.25)}{-4} = -0.5$$

$$x_1 = \frac{-3 - (-1)(2.25) - 1(-0.5)}{1} = -0.25$$

(b) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 6 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward elimination: First, we pivot by switching rows 1 and 2:

6	2	2	2 ]
1	1	-1	-3
L-3	4	1	1

Multiply row 1 by 1/6 = 0.16667 and subtract from row 2 to eliminate  $a_{21}$ . Multiply row 1 by -3/6 = -0.5 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{31}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0.666667 & -1.33333 & -3.33333 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Pivot:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0.66667 & -1.33333 & -3.33333 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiply row 2 by 0.66667/5 = 0.133333 and subtract from row 3 to eliminate  $a_{32}$ .

6 0 0	2	2	2
0	5	2	2
0	0	-1.6	-3.6

Back substitution:

$$x_{3} = \frac{-3.6}{1.6} = 2.25$$

$$x_{2} = \frac{2 - 2(2.25)}{5} = -0.5$$

$$x_{1} = \frac{2 - 2(2.25) - 2(-0.5)}{6} = -0.25$$

(c) The system is first expressed as an augmented matrix:

[ 1	1	-1	-3]
6	2	2	2
L-3	4	1	1

Normalize the first row, and then eliminate  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{31}$ ,

[1	1	-1	
0	-4	8	20
$\begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\0 \end{bmatrix}$	7	-2	-8

Normalize the second row and eliminate  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{32}$ ,

[1	0	1	2 ]
0	1	-2	-5
0	0	12	27

Normalize the third row and eliminate  $a_{13}$  and  $a_{23}$ ,

1	0	0	-0.25
0	1	0	-0.5
0	0	1	$\begin{bmatrix} -0.5\\ 2.25 \end{bmatrix}$

**9.14** In a fashion similar to Example 9.11, vertical force balances can be written to give the following system of equations,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} m_1g - T_{12} & -c_1v & = m_1a \\ m_2g + T_{12} - c_2v - T_{23} & = m_2a \\ m_3g & -c_3v + T_{23} - T_{34} & = m_3a \\ m_4g & -c_4v & + T_{34} - T_{45} = m_4a \\ m_5g & -c_5v & + T_{45} = m_5a \end{array}$$

After substituting the known values, the equations can be expressed in matrix form (g = 9.8),

$ \begin{bmatrix} 55 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 75 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 60 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 75 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 90 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ T_{12} \\ T_{23} \\ T_{34} \\ T_{45} \end{bmatrix} $	$ = \begin{cases} 449\\627\\453\\591\\792 \end{bmatrix} $
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The system can be solved for

<i>a</i> = 8.202817	$T_{12} = -2.15493$	$T_{23} = 9.633803$
$T_{34} = -29.5352$	$T_{12} = -53.7465$	

9.15 Using the format of Eq. 9.27,

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad [B] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\{U\} = \begin{cases} 2 \\ 3 \end{cases} \qquad \{V\} = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

The set of equations to be solved are

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 - 2y_1 = 2x_2 + y_1 = 32x_1 + 3y_1 + 4y_2 = 1-x_1 + y_2 = 0$$

These can be solved for  $x_1 = -0.53333$ ,  $x_2 = 1.6$ ,  $y_1 = 1.4$ , and  $y_2 = -0.53333$ . Therefore, the solution is  $z_1 = -0.53333 + 1.4i$  and  $z_2 = 1.6 - 0.53333i$ .

**9.16** Here is a VBA program to implement matrix multiplication and solve Prob. 9.3 for the case of  $[A] \times [B]$ .

```
Option Explicit
Sub Mult()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
Dim 1 As Integer, m As Integer, n As Integer
Dim a(10, 10) As Double, b(10, 10) As Double
Dim c(10, 10) As Double
1 = 2
m = 2
n = 3
a(1, 1) = 1: a(1, 2) = 6
a(2, 1) = 3: a(2, 2) = 10
a(3, 1) = 7: a(3, 2) = 4
b(1, 1) = 1: b(1, 2) = 3
b(2, 1) = 0.5: b(2, 2) = 2
Call Mmult(a, b, c, m, n, l)
For i = 1 To n
  For j = 1 To 1
    MsgBox c(i, j)
  Next j
Next i
End Sub
Sub Mmult(a, b, c, m, n, l)
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer, k As Integer
Dim sum As Double
For i = 1 To n
  For j = 1 To 1
    sum = 0
    For k = 1 To m
     sum = sum + a(i, k) * b(k, j)
    Next k
    c(i, j) = sum
 Next j
Next i
End Sub
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**9.17** Here is a VBA program to implement the matrix transpose and solve Prob. 9.3 for the case of  $[A]^{T}$ .

```
Option Explicit
Sub TransTest()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
Dim m As Integer, n As Integer
Dim a(10, 10) As Double, aT(10, 10) As Double
n = 3
m = 2
a(1, 1) = 1: a(1, 2) = 6
a(2, 1) = 3: a(2, 2) = 10
a(3, 1) = 7: a(3, 2) = 4
Call Transpose(a, aT, n, m)
For i = 1 To m
  For j = 1 To n
    MsgBox aT(i, j)
  Next j
Next i
End Sub
Sub Transpose(a, b, n, m)
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
For i = 1 To m
  For j = 1 To n
   b(i, j) = a(j, i)
  Next j
Next i
End Sub
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**9.18** Here is a VBA program to implement the Gauss elimination algorithm and solve the test case in Prob. 9.16.

```
Option Explicit
Sub GaussElim()
Dim n As Integer, er As Integer, i As Integer
Dim a(10, 10) As Double, b(10) As Double, x(10) As Double
n = 3
a(1, 1) = 1: a(1, 2) = 2: a(1, 3) = -1
a(2, 1) = 5: a(2, 2) = 2: a(2, 3) = 2
a(3, 1) = -3: a(3, 2) = 5: a(3, 3) = -1
b(1) = 2: b(2) = 9: b(3) = 1
Call Gauss(a, b, n, x, er)
If er = 0 Then
  For i = 1 To n
    MsgBox "x(" & i & ") = " & x(i)
 Next i
Else
 MsgBox "ill-conditioned system"
End If
End Sub
Sub Gauss(a, b, n, x, er)
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
Dim s(10) As Double
Const tol As Double = 0.000001
er = 0
For i = 1 To n
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s(i) = Abs(a(i, 1))
  For j = 2 To n
    If Abs(a(i, j)) > s(i) Then s(i) = Abs(a(i, j))
  Next j
Next i
Call Eliminate(a, s, n, b, tol, er)
If er <> -1 Then
 Call Substitute(a, n, b, x)
End If
End Sub
Sub Pivot(a, b, s, n, k)
Dim p As Integer, ii As Integer, jj As Integer
Dim factor As Double, big As Double, dummy As Double
p = k
big = Abs(a(k, k) / s(k))
For ii = k + 1 To n
  dummy = Abs(a(ii, k) / s(ii))
  If dummy > big Then
    big = dummy
    p = ii
  End If
Next ii
If p <> k Then
  For jj = k To n
    dummy = a(p, jj)
    a(p, jj) = a(k, jj)
    a(k, jj) = dummy
  Next jj
  dummy = b(p)
  b(p) = b(k)
  b(k) = dummy
  dummy = s(p)
  s(p) = s(k)
  s(k) = dummy
End If
End Sub
Sub Substitute(a, n, b, x)
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
Dim sum As Double
x(n) = b(n) / a(n, n)
For i = n - 1 To 1 Step -1
  sum = 0
  For j = i + 1 To n
   sum = sum + a(i, j) * x(j)
  Next j
  x(i) = (b(i) - sum) / a(i, i)
Next i
End Sub
Sub Eliminate(a, s, n, b, tol, er)
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer, k As Integer
Dim factor As Double
For k = 1 To n - 1
  Call Pivot(a, b, s, n, k)
  If Abs(a(k, k) / s(k)) < tol Then
    er = -1
    Exit For
  End If
  For i = k + 1 To n
    factor = a(i, k) / a(k, k)
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Its application yields a solution of (1, 1, 1).