

System of linear equations

Numerical methods used to solve such problem allow to introduce and experiment on [Time_complexity](#), considering cubic time behavior of standard algorithms and i.e. quadratic time solutions using LU decomposition.

Theory

- [System_of_linear_equations](#)
- [Gaussian_elimination](#), Gauss and Gauss-Jordan eliminations (diagonalization, triangularization)
- [Pivot_element](#), pivoting
- [LU_decomposition](#)
 - [Triangular_matrix#Forward_and_back_substitution](#)
- Time complexity analysis
 - Hint : in Python, use the timeit module

Applications

1D problems with neighbours

- Thermal diffusion and chemical diffusion (transient or stationary) on a regular 1D space with equidistant steps. ODE equations can be written such a given evolution equation for node # i only implies nodes i+1 and i-1
- Using Thomas algorithm allows to save computational time thanks to n complexity

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