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Method	Best for	Watch out for
Substitution	2×2 with a coefficient of 1	Fractions appear quickly
Elimination	Most 2×2 and 3×3 systems	Sign errors when subtracting
Matrices / Gauss–Jordan	Any size; calculators and computers	Keep track of row operations
Cramer’s rule	Small square systems	Determinant = 0 means no unique solution
Graphing	Understanding and estimating	Imprecise for fractional answers