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• for  $f \leftarrow 1$  to n-1 do

Replace each of the subsequent rows (i.e., rows i + 1, ..., n) by a difference between that row and an appropriate multiple of the  $i^{th}$  row to make the new coefficient in the  $i^{th}$  column of that row 0.

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      2
      -4

      3
      -1

      1
      1

      1
      1

      1
      1

      1
      1

      1
      1

      2
      -4

      1
      1

      2
      -4

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      -4

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 $0 \quad 5 \quad -\frac{1}{2} \quad 2$ 

 $0 \quad 3 \quad -\frac{3}{2} \quad -6$ 

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3 -1 1 11 row 2 - \frac{3}{2} \times row 1

1 1 -1 -3 row 3 - \frac{1}{2} \times row 1

2 -4 1 6

0 5 -\frac{1}{2} 2

0 3 -\frac{3}{2} -6 row 3 -\frac{3}{5} \times row 2

2 -4 1 6

0 5 -\frac{1}{2} 2
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 $0 \quad 0 \quad -\frac{6}{5} \quad -\frac{36}{5}$ 

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 $1 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad -3$ 

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