

Q) Find the basic solution of the following equations identifying the basic vectors and basic variables in each case:

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 + n_2 + n_3 &= 4 \\ 2n_1 + 5n_2 + 2n_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Find also basic feasible solutions.

~~→ here $n = 3$, $m = 2$~~

→ here $n = \text{no. of variables} = 3$
 $m = \text{no. of equations} = 2$

So to make find basic solution, we have to keep m (2) variables non-zero and $n-m = 1$ variable $= 0$

→ No. of ways to do this $= {}^3C_2 = 3$

I) keep $n_1 = 0$

∴ the ~~equation~~ system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} n_2 + n_3 &= 4 \\ 5n_2 + 2n_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

which gives, $n_2 = \frac{11}{7}$, $n_3 = \frac{17}{7}$

→ hence the solution $(0, \frac{11}{7}, \frac{17}{7})$ is also ~~basic feasible~~ feasible.

II) keep $n_2 = 0$

∴ The system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 + n_3 &= 4 \\ 2n_1 + 2n_3 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

which gives, $n_1 = 2.75$, $n_3 = 1.25$

→ hence the solution $(2.75, 0, 1.25)$ is also feasible

III) keep $x_3 = 0$

\therefore The system becomes

$$x_1 + x_2 = 4$$

$$2x_1 + 5x_2 = 3$$

which gives, $x_1 = \frac{17}{3}$, $x_2 = -\frac{5}{3}$

\rightarrow which can't be feasible as $x_2 < 0$

\therefore For the system,

Basic Feasible Solutions: $(0, \frac{11}{7}, \frac{17}{7})$, $(2.75, 0, 1.25)$

Basic Non-Feasible Solution: $(\frac{17}{3}, -\frac{5}{3}, 0)$