

[MAT 3004] Applied Linear Algebra  
Worksheet - I

1. Solve the following system of equations using Gauss Elimination.

a) 
$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 4 \\ 5x + 6y + 7z &= 8 \\ 9x + 10y + 11z &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x, y, z) = \{(t-2, -2t+3, t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = [A|b]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right] \text{--- Augmented Matrix.}$$

applying row operations

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 5R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 9R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 & -24 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / -4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 8R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back Substitution

$$x + 2y + 3z = 4 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$y + 2z = 3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from (2);  $y = -2z + 3$

substituting  $y$  in (1)

$$x + 2(-2z + 3) + 3z = 4$$

$$x - 4z + 6 + 3z = 4$$

$$x = z - 2$$

we get,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x & y & z \\ z-2 & -2z+3 & z \\ \parallel & \downarrow & \downarrow \end{array}$$

Let  $z = t$

$$t-2 \quad -2t+3 \quad t \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (t-2, -2t+3, t) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

6).

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right] \text{ — augmented matrix}$$

$$R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

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

Back substitution method,

$$x + y + z = 3 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$y - z = -5 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from eqn (2) we get  $y = z - 5$   
let  $z = t, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore z = t$$

$$y = t - 5$$

substituting values of  $y, z$  in (1) we get

$$x + t - 5 + t = 3$$

$$x = 8 - 2t$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x & y & z \\ 8-2t & -5+t & t \end{matrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$(x, y, z) = (8-2t, -5+t, t)$$

c)

$$10x_1 - 7x_2 = 7$$

$$-3x_1 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 = 4$$

$$5x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 6$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 10 & -7 & 0 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 10 & -7 & 0 & 7 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right) = \text{Augmented matrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 / 10$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ -3 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ 0 & -1/10 & 6 & 61/10 \\ 5 & -1 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5R_1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ 0 & -1/10 & 6 & 61/10 \\ 0 & 5/2 & 5 & 5/2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -10R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ 0 & 1 & -60 & -61 \\ 0 & 5/2 & 5 & 5/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 5/2 R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ 0 & 1 & -60 & -61 \\ 0 & 0 & 155 & 155 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 / 155$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7/10 & 0 & 7/10 \\ 0 & 1 & -60 & -61 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Back Substitution :-

$$x_1 - 7/10 x_2 = 7/10 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_2 - 60x_3 = -61 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$x_3 = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from eqn 3 in eqn 2  $\Rightarrow$

$$\text{from eqn (4) in eqn 1} \Rightarrow x_1 + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, -1, 1) ;$$

d)

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 = 1$$

$$7x_1 + 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 7$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \text{augmented matrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 & -7 \\ 7 & 3 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 7R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 & -5 & -7 \\ 0 & 10 & -10 & -21 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cancel{R_3} \rightarrow \cancel{R_3} - 2R_2$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / 5$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -7/5 \\ 0 & 10 & -10 & -21 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 10R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -7/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 / -7$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -7/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Back substitution;

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 4$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = -7/5$$

$$0 \neq 1$$

$\therefore$  No soln. for the given system of equations.



2) Solve the following system of equations using Gauss Jordan Method:-

a)  $6x + 8y + 6z + 3w = -3$

$$6x - 8y + 6z - 3w = 3$$

$$8y - 6w = 6$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 & 6 & 3 \\ 6 & -8 & 6 & -3 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 6 & 8 & 6 & 3 & -3 \\ 6 & -8 & 6 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \text{augmented matrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 / 6$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 6 & -8 & 6 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 6R_1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & -16 & 0 & -6 & -6 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -6 & 6 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / -16$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/8 & -3/8 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 8R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/8 & -3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -9 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 / -9$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3/8 & -3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{3R_3}{8}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 1/2 R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4/3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 4/3 R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + 0 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_4 = -1$$

$$x_1 = -x_3$$

$$\text{Let } x_3 = t$$

$$x_1 = -t$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (-t, 0, t, -1) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

c).

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 &\rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 &\rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / -1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 3R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & -3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3/9$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

solving eqns, we get

$$x_1 + \frac{4x_4}{3} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$x_3 - \frac{x_4}{3} = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{let } x_4 = t.$$

$$x_1 = -4t/3 \quad \text{--- from eqn (1)}$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = t/3 \quad \text{--- from eqn (3)}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ \rightarrow & -\frac{4t}{3} & 0 & t/3 & t \\ \rightarrow & -4t & 0 & t & 3t \end{array}$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = t(-4, 0, 1, 3) \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

d).

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = -1$$

$$-x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 = -2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \text{augmented matrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

solving eqns.

$$x_1 = 2.$$

$$x_2 = -2.$$

$$x_3 = 1.$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2, -2, 1).$$

b).

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

$$x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{augmented matrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 / -2.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

solving above eqns.

$$x_1 + 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

from eqn 2,

$$x_2 = -x_3$$

$$\text{let } x_3 = t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x_2 = -t$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, -t, t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

③

Consider a linear system whose augmented matrix is of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & a & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

For what values of  $a$  will the system have a unique solution.

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -2 & a & 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -6 & a-2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & a+2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rank}(A) = \begin{cases} 2, & a+2=0 \\ 3, & a+2 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-2\}$

for a system to have unique solution,  $R(A) = R(A|B) = \text{no. of variables}$   
 so,  $\text{Rank}(A)$  must be 3.

for  $\text{Rank}(A)$  to be equal to 3 then accepted values of 'a' are  $a+2 \neq 0$ , i.e.,  $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-2\}$

④ Consider a linear system whose augmented matrix is of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \beta & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- Is it possible for the system to be inconsistent? Explain
- For what values of  $\beta$  will the system have infinitely many solutions?

Sol:-

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & \beta & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & \beta+1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & \beta+1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta-2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

a) The given system is a homogeneous system. A homogeneous system is always consistent, if number of equations < number of unknowns then it has infinitely many solutions else it has a unique solution.

Even if  $\text{Rank}(A) \neq \text{Rank}(A/B)$  the system has no solutions.

b) from eqn (1)

$$\text{if } \beta - 2 = 0$$

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 0$$

$x_1$  &  $x_2$  are basic variables &  $x_3$  becomes free variable.

$x_1$  &  $x_2$  can be represented in terms of  $x_3 = \alpha$ . say.

Hence system has infinitely many solutions. for  $\beta - 2 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = 2$