

**Unit 1**  
**Tutorial Problems**

**Rank of a matrix & System of linear equations**

1. Reduce the following matrices to Row Echelon form and find its rank.

a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$       c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$       d)  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -8 & 5 & 2 \\ 5 & -12 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

e)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$       f)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 & -6 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$       g)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

h)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$       i)  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 10 & 3 & 9 & 7 \\ 16 & 4 & 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$       [Ans: 3,3,2,2,2,3,4,3,2]

2. For what values of  $p$  the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & p & p \\ p & 3 & p \\ p & p & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , has (i) rank 1, (ii) rank 2, or (iii)

rank 3.

[Ans: Rank is 1 if  $p = 3$ , Rank is 2 if  $p = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  
Rank is 3 for  $p \neq 3$  or  $\frac{3}{2}$ ]

3. For what values of  $k$ , the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k+4 & 4k+2 \\ 0 & k-2 & -k+2 \\ 1 & 2k-4 & -k+2 \end{bmatrix}$  has rank 1, rank 2 or

rank 3.

[Ans: Rank is 2 if  $k = 2$  or  $-2$ ,  
Rank is 3 for all the other values  $k$ .]

4. Solve  $2x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 3x_4 = 9, x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 6, 2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 3, x_1 - x_2 + x_4 = 2$

[Ans. No solution]

5. Solve  $5x + 3y + 7z = 4, 3x + 26y + 2z = 9, 7x + 2y + 10z = 5$ .

[Ans.  $x = \frac{7-16k}{11}, y = \frac{3+k}{11}, z = k$ ]

6. Solve  $x + y + 2z = 8, -x - 2y + 3z = 1, 3x - 7y + 4z = 10$ .

$$[\text{Ans. } x = 3, y = 1, z = 2]$$

7. Solve  $x + 2y + 3z = 0, 3x + 4y + 4z = 0, 7x + 10y + 12z = 0$ .

$$[\text{Ans. } x = y = z = 0]$$

8. Solve  $x + y - 3z + 2w = 0, 2x - y + 2z - 3w = 0, 3x - 2y + z - 4w = 0, -4x + y - 3z + w = 0$

[Ans:

$$x = y = z = w = 0]$$

9. Solve  $x + 3y + 2z = 0, 2x - y + 3z = 0, 3x - 5y + 4z = 0, x + 17y + 4z = 0$ .

$$[\text{Ans. } x = 11k, y = k, z = -7k]$$

10. Determine the value of constant  $b$  such that the system of homogeneous equations  $2x + y + 2z = 0, x + y + 3z = 0, 4x + 3y + bz = 0$  has i) trivial solution, ii) non-trivial solution. Find the non-trivial solution.

$$[\text{Ans. i) } b \neq 8, \text{ ii) } b = 8; x = k, y = -4k, z = k]$$

11. Determine the values of  $b$  for which the system of equations has non-trivial solutions. Find them.

$$(b - 1)x + (4b - 2)y + (b + 3)z = 0, (b - 1)x + (3b + 1)y + 2bz = 0, 2x + (3b + 1)y + 3(b - 1)z = 0$$

$$[\text{Ans. i) } b = 0; x = y = z, \text{ ii) } b = 3; x = -5k_1 - 3k_2, y = k_1, z = k_2]$$

12. Investigate for what values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  the equations  $x + 2y + z = 8, 2x + 2y + 2z = 13, 3x + 4y + \lambda z = \mu$  have i) no solution, ii) unique solution and iii) many solutions.

$$[\text{Ans. i) } \lambda = 3 \text{ \& } \mu \neq 21, \text{ ii) } \lambda \neq 3 \text{ \& } \mu \text{ has any value, iii) } \lambda = 3 \text{ \& } \mu = 21]$$

13. Determine the values of  $\lambda$  for which the following equations are consistent.

Also solve the system for these values of  $\lambda$ .  $x + 2y + z = 3, x + y + z = \lambda, 3x + y + 3z = \lambda^2$ .

$$[\text{Ans. For } \lambda = 3; x = 3 - t, y = 0, z = -2t. \text{ For } \lambda = 2; x = 1 - t, y = 1, z = t]$$

### Based on Vector Space, Linear independence of vectors, basis, dimension

1) Determine whether  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a vector space with indicated operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication  $(x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x', 0)$  and  $a(x, y) = (ax, ay)$  Ans: Yes

2) Determine whether  $V$  is vector space where  $V =$  set of all  $n \times n$  symmetric matrices with real entries over  $\mathbb{R}$ , with usual addition of matrices and multiplication by a scalar.

3) Let  $C$  be set of all complex numbers,  $C$  is vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  under the operations defined as

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + i y_1) + (x_2 + i y_2) = (x_1 + x_2) + i (y_1 + y_2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{for any } \alpha, \alpha z_1 = \alpha x_1 + i \alpha y_1. \text{ Show that } C \text{ is a vector space under these operations.}$$

4) Show that the set of all skew symmetric matrices of order  $m \times n$  is a vector subspace of  $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

5) If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of vector space  $V$  then prove that  $W_1 + W_2 = \{u + v \mid u \in W_1, v \in W_2\}$

is subspace of  $V$ .

6) Find the set of all solutions of  $x + 2y + z = 0$  and show that it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

7) Express the vector  $(5, 9, 5)$  as linear combinations of  $(2, 1, 4)$ ,  $(3, 2, 5)$  &  $(1, -1, 3)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\text{Ans: } (5, 9, 5) = 3(2, 1, 4) + 1(3, 2, 5) + (-4)(1, -1, 3)$$

8) Determine whether  $(2, -1, -8)$  is in the linear span of  $S = \{(1, 2, 1), (1, 1, -1), (4, 5, -2)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$

**Ans:** No

9) Determine whether  $(0, 0, 0)$  is in the linear span of  $S = \{(1, 2, 1), (1, 1, -1), (4, 5, -2)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$

**Ans:** Yes

10) Determine whether the set  $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (4, 4, 0), (3, 0, 0)\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$  **Ans:** Yes

11) Examine the following sets of vectors for linear dependence/independence

i)  $\{x^3 - 4x^2 + 2x + 3, x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x - 1, 2x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 5\}$  in  $P_3$  **Ans:** L.I.

ii)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  **Ans:** L.D.

12) Show that the set  $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is a basis of vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

13) Determine whether  $\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3, 2), (2, 5, 6, 4), (2, 6, 8, 5)\}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . If not find the dimension of the subspace they span.

14) Determine a basis and dimension of the solution space of following homogeneous systems

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{i)} & \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 0 \\ 3x + 2y - 2z = 0 \\ 4x + 3y - z = 0 \\ 6x + 5y + z = 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans:} \\ B = \{(4, -5, 1)\} \\ \dim = 1 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{ii)} & \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + 4x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 + 7x_3 - 2x_4 = 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \text{Ans:} \\ B = \{(1, 0, 0, -1)\} \\ \text{Dim} = 1 \end{array} \end{array}$$

15) Examine whether the following sets of vectors form a basis for the indicated vector space

i)  $\{x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x + 1, x^2 + 6x - 5, 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 9x - 1, 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 7x + 5\}$  in  $P_3$  **Ans:** No

ii)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

16) Obtain a basis and dimension of the subspace generated by

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ in } M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$$

