

### Assignment

1. Test for consistency and solve  $2x+3y+7z=5$ ,  $3x+y-3z=12$ ,  $2x+19y-47z=32$ .

2. Investigate for what values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  the simultaneous equations  $2x+3y+5z=9$ ,  $7x+3y-2z=8$ ,  $2x+3y+\lambda z=\mu$  have

(i) no solution (ii) a unique solution (iii) an infinite number of solutions.

### Homogeneous linear equations :-

Consider a system of  $m$  homogeneous equations in  $n$  unknowns  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  as given below

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

In matrix notation, the equation (1) can be written as

$$AX = 0$$

where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$   $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is clear that  $x_1=0, x_2=0, \dots, x_n=0$  is a solution of eq. (1). This is called trivial solution of  $AX=0$ . The trivial solution is also called zero solution.

Working rule for finding the solution of the equation  $Ax=0$

1. If  $r = n$  (number of variables)  $\Rightarrow$  the system of equations have only trivial solution (i.e., zero solution)
2. If  $r < n \Rightarrow$  the system of equations have an infinite number of non-trivial solutions, we shall have  $n-r$  linearly independent solutions.

To obtain infinite solutions, set  $(n-r)$  variables any arbitrary value and solve for the remaining unknowns.

Problems:-

1. Solve completely the system of equations  
 $x+y+3z=0$ ;  $3x+4y+4z=0$ ,  $7x+10y+12z=0$ .

Sol: The system of equations in matrix notation can be written as  $Ax=0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 7 & 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduce the coefficient matrix  $A$  to the Echelon form, we get

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \\ 7 & 10 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 7R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & -4 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank of  $A = 3$  and Number of variables = 3

$\therefore$  The system of equations has a trivial solution.

$x=0, y=0, z=0$  is the only solution.

2. Solve the system of equations  $x+3y-2z=0$ ;  $2x-y+4z=0$ ;  
 $x-11y+14z=0$ .

Sol:- The given system can be written as  $Ax=0$

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -11 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reduce the coefficient matrix  $A$  to the Echelon form

$$\text{We get: } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -11 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & -14 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the Echelon form. Number of non-zero rows is

2  $\therefore$  The rank of matrix is 2.

$\therefore$  Number of variables is 3, this will have  $3-2=1$  non-zero solution.

The given equations are now can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x+3y-2z=0$$

$$-7y+8z=0$$

$$\text{Let } z=k, \quad -7y=-8k$$

$$\text{Where } k \text{ is a constant } y = \frac{8}{7}k$$

$$x+3\frac{8}{7}k-2k=0$$

$$x = -\frac{10}{7}k$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{10}{7}k, y = \frac{8}{7}k$$

$z=k$  which is the general solution.

3. Solve the system of equations  $x+3y+2z=0$ ,  $2x-y+3z=0$ ,  $3x-5y+4z=0$ ,  $x+17y+4z=0$ .

Sol:

Given system of equations can be written as  $AX=0$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & 17 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reducing the coefficient matrix  $A$  to the echelon form,

We get  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & 17 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$   $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$   
 $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$   
 $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & -14 & -2 \\ 0 & 14 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 2R_2$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank of  $A = 2$

Number of unknowns = 3.

Assigning the arbitrary values to  $n-r = 3-2 = 1$  variable

The given equations are now can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x+3y+2z=0$$

$$-7y-z=0$$

$$x - 3\frac{k}{7} + 2k = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-11k}{7}$$

let  $z = k$ ,  $y = -k/7$ ,

$$\therefore x = \frac{-11k}{7}, y = \frac{-k}{7}, z = k$$

Giving different value to  $k$ , an infinite number of values can be obtained.

4 Solve completely the system of equations

$$x+y-2z+3w=0; \quad x-2y+z-w=0; \quad 4x+y-5z+8w=0;$$

$$5x-7y+2z-w=0$$

Sol The given system of equation in matrix form is

$$AX = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & -5 & 8 \\ 5 & -7 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reducing the coefficient matrix  $A$  to the Echelon form,

we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & -5 & 8 \\ 5 & -7 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 4R_1 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 5R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -12 & 12 & -16 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 4R_2 \end{array}$$

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



This is in the Echelon form. We have

Rank of  $A = 2$  (number of non-zero rows)

Since rank of  $A (=2)$  is less than the number of unknowns.

$\therefore$  The given system has infinite number of non-trivial solutions.

$\therefore$  Number of Independent solutions  $= 4 - 2 = 2$

$\therefore$  The given system of equations is equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x + y - 2z + 3w = 0$$

$$-3y + 3z - 4w = 0$$

Taking  $w = k_1, z = k_2$

$$-3y + 3k_2 - 4k_1 = 0$$

$$-3y = 4k_1 - 3k_2$$

$$y = \frac{3k_2 - 4k_1}{3}$$

$$\therefore x + \frac{3k_2 - 4k_1}{3} - 2k_2 + 3k_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 3k_2 - 4k_1 - 6k_2 + 9k_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 3k_2 + 5k_1 = 0$$

$$3x = 3k_2 - 5k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3k_2 - 5k_1}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = k_2 - \frac{5}{3}k_1, y = k_2 - \frac{4}{3}k_1, z = k_2, w = k_1$$

which is the required solution.

5. S.T the only real number  $\lambda$  for which the system  
 $\lambda x + 2y + 3z = \lambda x$ ,  $3x + y + 2z = \lambda y$ ;  $2x + 3y + z = \lambda z$   
 has non-zero solution is 6 and solve them, when  $\lambda=6$ .

Sol:- Given system can be expressed as  $AX=0$  where

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here the number of variables  $n=3$

The given system of equations possess a non-zero (non-trivial) solution, if

Rank of  $A <$  number of unknowns i.e., Rank of  $A < 3$ .

For this we must  $\det A = 0$ .

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda) [(1-\lambda)^2 - 6] - 2 [3(1-\lambda) - 4] + 3 [9 - 2(1-\lambda)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda) [1 + \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 6] - 2 [3 - 3\lambda - 4] + 3 [9 - 2 + 2\lambda] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-\lambda) [\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 5] - 2 [-3\lambda - 1] + 3 [2\lambda + 7] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 5 - \lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6\lambda + 2 + 6\lambda + 21 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 + 15\lambda + 18 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^3 - 3\lambda^2 - 15\lambda - 18 = 0$$

$\lambda = 6$  is a root of the equation  $(216 - 108 - 90 - 18 = 0)$

$$\therefore (\lambda - 6)(\lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 3) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 6$  is the only real value  
and other values are complex

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 6 & 1 & -3 & -15 & -18 \\ & 0 & 6 & 18 & 18 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$$

When  $\lambda = 6$ , the given system becomes  $AX = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 5R_2 + 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow \end{array}$$

Reducing the coefficient matrix  $A$  to the Echelon form,

We get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 5R_2 + 3R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow 5R_3 + 2R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -19 & 19 \\ 0 & 19 & -19 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -19 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  Rank of  $A = 2$ , Number of unknowns = 3.

$\therefore$  Rank of  $A <$  number of unknowns

$\therefore$  The system of equations has infinite number of non-trivial solutions.

The given equations are now can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -19 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$-5x + 2y + 3z = 0$$

$$-19y + 19z = 0$$

Assigning the arbitrary values to  $n-r = 3-2 = 1$  variable

we get  $z = k, \quad -19y = -19z$

$$y = k$$

$$\therefore -5x + 2k + 3k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = k$$

$$\therefore x = k, y = k, z = k$$

Giving different value to  $k$ , an infinite number of values can be obtained.

Assignment:-

6. Solve the system  $2x - y + 3z = 0$ ,  $3x + 2y + z = 0$  and  $x - 4y + 5z = 0$  Ans:-  $x = -k, y = k, z = k$

7. Solve the system of equations  $x + y + w = 0$ ,  $y + z = 0$ ,  $x + y + z + w = 0$ ,  $x + y + 2z = 0$  Ans:-  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, w = 0$

8. Determine whether the following equations will have a non-trivial solution if so solve them.

$4x + 2y + z + 3w = 0$ ,  $6x + 3y + 4z + 7w = 0$ ,  $2x + y + w = 0$

Ans:-  $x = k_1, y = -2k_1 - k_2, z = -k_2, w = k_2$