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(i)  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{7} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (ii)  $\frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (iii)  $\frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (iv)  $\frac{1}{25} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(i) In the matrix equation  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  the values of  $x$  and  $y$  are

(i)  $x = 3, y = -1$  (ii)  $x = 2, y = 5$  (iii)  $x = 1, y = -1$  (iv)  $x = -1, y = 1$

(k) The rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is equal to

(i) 4 (ii) 3 (iii) 5 (iv) 1

21. An  $n \times n$  homogeneous system of equations  $AX = 0$  is given. The rank of  $A$  is  $r < n$ . The
- (a)  $n - r$  independent solutions  
(b)  $r$  independent solutions  
(c) no solution  
(d)  $n - 2r$  independent solutions.

#### 4.41 LINEAR DEPENDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE OF VECTORS

Vectors (matrices)  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are said to be dependent if

- (1) all the vectors (row or column matrices) are of the same order.  
(2)  $n$  scalars  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  (not all zero) exist such that

$$\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_3 X_3 + \dots + \lambda_n X_n = 0$$

Otherwise they are linearly independent.

**Example 53.** Examine the following vectors for linear dependence and if it exists.

$$X_1 = (1, 2, 4), X_2 = (2, -1, 3), X_3 = (0, 1, 2), X_4 = (-3, 7, 2)$$

**Solution.** Consider the matrix equation

$$\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_3 X_3 + \lambda_4 X_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 (1, 2, 4) + \lambda_2 (2, -1, 3) + \lambda_3 (0, 1, 2) + \lambda_4 (-3, 7, 2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + 0\lambda_3 - 3\lambda_4 &= 0 \\ 2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + 7\lambda_4 &= 0 \\ 4\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 + 2\lambda_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is the homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 7 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A\lambda = 0$$

$$R_3 - 2R_1, R_3 - 4R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & -5 & 2 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 - R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 & 13 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - 3\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$-5\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + 13\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_3 = -\lambda_4$$

$$-5\lambda_2 - \lambda_4 + 13\lambda_4 = 0, \lambda_2 = \frac{12\lambda_4}{5}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \frac{24\lambda_4}{5} - 3\lambda_4 = 0 \text{ or } \lambda_1 = \frac{-9\lambda_4}{5}$$

Hence the given vectors are linearly dependent.

Substituting the values of  $\lambda$  in (1), we get

$$-\frac{9\lambda_1}{5} + \frac{12\lambda_2}{5} - \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{9\lambda_1}{5} + \frac{12\lambda_2}{5} - \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0$$

$$9\lambda_1 - 12\lambda_2 + 5\lambda_3 - 5\lambda_4 = 0 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Example 54.** Define linear dependence and independence of vectors.

Examine for linear dependence  $[1, 0, 2, 1], [3, 1, 2, 1], [4, 6, 2, -4], [-6, 0, -3, -4]$

and the relation between them, if possible.

**Solution.** Consider the matrix equation

$$\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_3 X_3 + \lambda_4 X_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 (1, 0, 2, 1) + \lambda_2 (3, 1, 2, 1) + \lambda_3 (4, 6, 2, -4) + \lambda_4 (-6, 0, -3, -4) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 + 4\lambda_3 - 6\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$0\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 6\lambda_3 + 0\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 - 3\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 4\lambda_3 - 4\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 - 2R_1, R_4 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -6 & 9 \\ 0 & -2 & -8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 + 4R_2, R_4 + 2R_2$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_4 - \frac{2}{9} R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -6 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 18 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \\ \lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 + 4\lambda_3 - 6\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 + 6\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$18\lambda_3 + 9\lambda_4 = 0$$

Let  $\lambda_4 = t$ ,  $18\lambda_3 + 9t = 0$  or  $\lambda_3 = -\frac{t}{2}$

$$\lambda_2 - 3t = 0 \text{ or } \lambda_2 = 3t$$

$$\lambda_1 + 9t - 2t - 6t = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = -t$$

Substituting the values of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  in (1), we get

$$-tX_1 + 3tX_2 - \frac{t}{2}X_3 + tX_4 = 0 \text{ or } 2X_1 - 6X_2 + X_3 - 2X_4 = 0$$

Example 55. Is the system of vectors

$$X_1 = (2, 2, 1)^T, X_2 = (1, 3, 1)^T, X_3 = (1, 2, 2)^T$$

linearly dependent.

Solution. Here  $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (T stands for transposition)

Consider the matrix equation

$$\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2 + \lambda_3 X_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$2\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = 0$$

which is the homogeneous equation.

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$R_3 + R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 - 2\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$-5\lambda_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = 0 \text{ and } \lambda_1 = 0$$

non-zero values of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  do not exist which can satisfy (1). Hence by definition, the system of vectors is not linearly dependent. Ans.

#### Exercise 4.18

The following system of vectors for linear dependence. If dependent, find the relation between them.

$$(1, -1, 1), X_2 = (2, 1, 1), X_3 = (3, 0, 2)$$

$$(2, 2), X_2 = (2, -2, 6)$$

$$(1, -4), X_2 = (2, 2, -3), X_3 = (0, -4, 1)$$

$$(1, -1, 0), X_2 = (0, 1, -1), X_3 = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$(1, -1, 3), X_2 = (1, 2, 3, 4), X_3 = (2, 3, 4, 7)$$

$$(1, -1, 1), X_2 = (1, -1, 2, -1), X_3 = (3, 1, 0, 1)$$

$$(1, -1, 2, 0), X_2 = (2, 1, -1, 1), X_3 = (3, -1, 2, -1), X_4 = (3, 0, 3, 1)$$

$$(1, 1, 0, 1), X_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), X_3 = (4, 4, 1, 1)$$

$$(1, 1, 0, 1), X_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), X_3 = (4, 4, 1, 1)$$

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