

minors and cofactors

Ex. 38. Determine the rank of a matrix.

$$\text{Given, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 22 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$- \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} R_2 - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix} R_3 + 5R_2$$

Ans.

Rank = Number of non-zero rows = 3

Ex. 39. Find the rank of the matrix

$$\text{Given, } \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -8 & 5 & 2 \\ 5 & -12 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 14 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & 14 & -4 \end{bmatrix} R_3 + 2R_1$$

$$R_3 + 3R_1$$

$$R_4 + 5R_1$$

$$R_4 - 2R_2$$

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

In the 4th order and 3rd order minors are zero. But a minor of second order

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -6 + 14 = 8 \neq 0$$

rank = Number of non-zero rows = 2. Ans.

Ex. 40. Find the rank of the matrix

$$\text{Given, } \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 5 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 9 & -3 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$R_3 - 3R_1, R_3 - 5R_1, R_4 - 9R_1, \quad R_3 - \frac{37}{25}R_2, R_4 - \frac{66}{25}R_2, \quad R_4 - \frac{4}{3}R_3$$

$$\begin{aligned}x - y + 2z &= 3 \\3y + z &= 2 \\-\frac{32}{3}z &= \frac{-64}{3} \text{ or } z = 2\end{aligned}$$

Putting the value of z in (2) we get

$$3y + 2 = 2 \text{ or } y = 0$$

Putting the value of y, z in (1) we get

$$x - 0 + 4 = 3 \text{ or } x = -1$$

Example 42. Find all the solutions of the system of equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 1, \quad 3x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 2, \quad 7x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5$$

Ans.

$$\begin{array}{l}\text{Solution.} \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & x_1 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 & x_2 \\ 7 & -2 & 3 & x_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_2 - 3R_1, R_3 - 7R_1]{\sim} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & x_1 \\ 0 & -8 & 5 & x_2 \\ 0 & -16 & 10 & x_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[R_3 - 2R_2]{\sim} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{8} & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Ans.}} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & -1 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{8} & x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 \end{array} \right]\end{array}$$

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

$$-8x_2 + 5x_3 = -1$$

Let

$$x_3 = k$$

Putting $x_3 = k$ in (2) we get

$$-8x_2 + 5k = -1 \text{ or } x_2 = \frac{1}{8}(5k + 1)$$

Substituting the values of x_3, x_2 in (1) we get

$$x_1 + \frac{1}{4}(5k + 1) - k = 1$$

$$x_1 = 1 + k - \frac{5k}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{k}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{k}{4} + \frac{3}{4}, \quad x_2 = \frac{5k}{8} + \frac{1}{8}, \quad x_3 = k$$

The equations have infinite solutions

Q. 1. Solve the following system of equations.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 3, \quad 3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 1, \quad 2x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2, \quad x_1 - x_2 +$$

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Solution. Try your self.

Example 43. Express the following system of equations in matrix form by the elimination method (Gauss Jordan method).

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 6, \quad 6x_1 - 6x_2 + 6x_3 + 12x_4 = 36$$

$$4x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 - 3x_4 = -1, \quad 2x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 10$$

Solution. The equations are expressed in matrix form as

$$\begin{array}{l} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 2 & x_1 \\ 6 & -6 & 6 & x_2 \\ 4 & 3 & -3 & x_3 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & x_4 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 0 \\ -9 \\ 10 \end{array} \right] \text{ or } \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & x_1 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 & 0 & x_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -5 & x_3 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & x_4 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 18 \\ -13 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{array} \right] R_2 - 3R_1 \\ R_3 - 2R_1 \\ R_4 - R_1 \end{array}$$

Determination.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{7}{5} & x \\ 0 & \frac{121}{5} & -\frac{11}{5} & y \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{33}{5} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{5}y + \frac{7}{5}z = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{121}{5}y - \frac{11}{5}z = \frac{33}{5}$$

Let $z = k$ then

$$11y - k = 3 \text{ or } y = \frac{3}{11} + \frac{k}{11}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{5}\left[\frac{3}{11} + \frac{k}{11}\right] + \frac{7}{5}k = \frac{4}{5} \text{ or } x = -\frac{16}{11}k + \frac{7}{11}$$

Example 47. Discuss the consistency of the following system

$$2x + 3y + 4z = 11, \quad x + 5y + 7z = 15, \quad 3x + 11y + 13z = 25.$$

If found consistent, solve it.

Solution. The augmented matrix $C = [A, B]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 11 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 & 15 \\ 3 & 11 & 13 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 15 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 11 \\ 3 & 11 & 13 & 25 \end{bmatrix} R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

$$R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - 3R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 15 \\ 0 & -7 & -10 & -19 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -20 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 15 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{10}{7} & \frac{19}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 & 15 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{10}{7} & \frac{19}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{7} & \frac{16}{7} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rank of $C = 3 = \text{Rank of A}$.

Hence the system of equations is consistent with unique solution.

$$x + 5y + 7z = 15 \quad \dots (1) \quad y + \frac{10}{7}z = \frac{19}{7} \quad \dots (2) \quad \frac{4z}{7} = \frac{16}{7} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad y + \frac{10 \times 4}{7} = \frac{19}{7} \Rightarrow y = -3$$

$$\text{From (1)} \quad x + 5(-3) + 7(4) = 15 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$x + 5y + 7z = 2, \quad y = -3, \quad z = 4$$

Example 48 Determine for what values of λ and μ the following equation

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

$$x + y + z = 6, \quad x + 2y + 3z = 10, \quad x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu \quad (\text{A.M.I.E.T.E., Summ})$$

$$(1) \quad x = k_1 \quad \text{and} \quad z = k_2$$

$$y = 4k_2 + k_1 = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad y = \bar{1} + 4k_2 - k_1$$

$$(2) \quad x = k_1 \quad \text{and} \quad z = k_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & x \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & y \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AX = B$$

$$C = (A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & \lambda & \mu \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda - 1 & \mu - 6 \end{bmatrix} R_2 - R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 3 & \mu - 10 \end{bmatrix} R_3 - R_2$$

There is no solution if $R(A) \neq R(C)$

i.e. $\lambda - 3 = 0$ or $\lambda = 3$ and $\mu - 10 \neq 0$ or $\mu \neq 10$

There is a unique solution if $R(A) = R(C) = 3$

i.e. $\lambda - 3 \neq 0$ or $\lambda \neq 3$. μ may have any value. $\rightarrow ?$

There are infinite solutions if $R(A) = R(C) = 2$

i.e. $\lambda - 3 = 0$ or $\lambda = 3$ and $\mu - 10 = 0$ or $\mu = 10$ Ans.

Ans. Find for what values of k the set of equations

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for. The augmented matrix $C = [A, B]$

$$R_3 - 2R_1$$

Ans. The augmented matrix $C = [A, B]$

$$R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 8 & -9 & k \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & k-6 & k-7 \end{bmatrix}$$

There is no solution if $\rho(A) \neq \rho(C)$

i.e. $k-7 \neq 0$ or $k \neq 7$, $\rho(A) = 2$ and $\rho(C) = 3$

There are infinite solutions if $\rho(A) = \rho(C) = 2$

$$k-7 = 0, k = 7 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}$$

... (1)

... (2)

... (3)

From (1), $2x - 3 - 12k_2 + 3k_1 + 6k_2 - 5k_1 = 3$
 Or
 $2x = 6 + 6k_2 + 2k_1$
 Or
 $x = 3 + 3k_2 + k_1$

$y = 1 + 4k_2 - k_1$
 $z = k_2, t = k_1$

1.4.40 HOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS

Let $A_{n \times n}$ be the coefficient matrix

Homogeneous Equations
 $AX = 0$

$|A| = 0$

Consistent with infinitely many solutions

$|A| \neq 0$

Consistent with unique trivial solution, $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$

Example 50. Determine the value of λ , so that the equations
 $2x + y + 2z = 0, x + y + 3z = 0, 4x + 3y + \lambda z = 0$ have a non-trivial solution.

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & \lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & \lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda - 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda - 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For infinite solutions $R(C) = R(A) = 2 < \text{Number of unknowns}$
 $\therefore \lambda - 8 = 0, \lambda = 8$

Example 51. Find the values of k such that the system of equations
 $x + ky + 3z = 0, 4x + 3y + kz = 0, 2x + y + 2z = 0$ has non-trivial solution.

Solution. The set of equations is written in the form of matrices

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

$$AX = B, C = (A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & k & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

On interchanging first and third rows we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - \frac{1}{2}R_1 & \quad R_3 - \left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)R_1 \\ \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & k & 0 \\ 1 & k & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k - 4 & 0 \\ 0 & k - \frac{1}{2} & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & k - 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 - \left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)k & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$