

# ASSIGNMENT 4

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**Question:**

Assume  $X, Y, Z, W$  and  $P$  are matrices of orders  $(2 \times n)$ ,  $(3 \times k)$ ,  $(2 \times p)$ ,  $(n \times 3)$  and  $(p \times k)$  respectively.

The restriction on  $n, k$  and  $p$  so that  $PY + WY$  will be defined are:

- a.  $k=3$  and  $p=n$ .
- b.  $k$  is arbitrary and  $p=2$ .
- c.  $p$  is arbitrary and  $k=3$ .
- d.  $k=2$  and  $p=3$ .

**Sol:**

We know that

order of  $P = (p \times k)$

order of  $Y = (3 \times k)$

order of  $W = (n \times 3)$

Therefore for  $PY$  to exist,

**The number of columns in matrix  $P$  should be equal to number of rows in matrix  $Y$ .**

Therefore,

$$k = 3$$

Also number of columns in matrix  $W =$  number of rows in matrix  $Y$

Therefore  $WY$  will exist

Also,

Order of  $PY = (p \times k)$

Order of  $WY = (n \times k)$

Now in order for  $PY + WY$  to exist,

**The Order of  $PY$  must be equal to order of  $WY$**

Therefore

$$(p \times k) = (n \times k)$$

which implies that  $p = n$

Hence for  $PY + WY$  to exist,

$$\mathbf{p=n \text{ and } k=3}$$