

1(a). Let A be a 3×2 matrix and B be a 2×3 matrix. Show that $C = A \cdot B$ is a singular matrix.

$$\rightarrow A_{3 \times 2} \cdot B_{2 \times 3} = (AB)_{3 \times 3}.$$

Let ranks of A, B and AB be r_1, r_2 and r respectively.

Then, since A is a 3×2 matrix, $r_1 \leq 2$,
 since B is a 2×3 matrix, $r_2 \leq 2$.
 Since AB is a 3×3 matrix, $r \leq 3$.

Now, Since rank of $A \rightarrow r_1 \leq 2$, \exists a non-singular matrix P such that

$$PA = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } q \text{ is a } r_1 \times 2 \text{ matrix and } 0 \text{ is a } (3-r_1) \times 2 \text{ matrix.}$$

Post multiplying B on both sides

$$PAB = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} B. \text{ --- (1)}$$

Now Rank of $PAB = \text{Rank of } AB$

$$\therefore \rho(PAB) = r.$$

[Since multiplication with a non-singular matrix does not change the rank of a matrix]

But, the number of non-zero rows in $\begin{bmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot B$ cannot exceed r_1 since, there are only ' r_1 ' non-zero rows in $\begin{bmatrix} q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\therefore \rho(PAB) \leq r_1. \Rightarrow r \leq r_1. \text{ --- (2)}$$

Similarly: Now

$$\rho(AB) = \rho((AB)^T) = \rho(B^T A^T) \leq \rho(B^T) = \rho(B) \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Since } \rho(AB) \leq \rho(B) \\ \text{from (1).} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \rho(AB) \leq \rho(A) \text{ and } \rho(AB) \leq \rho(B)$$

$$\therefore \rho(AB) \leq 2.$$

Since AB is a 3×3 matrix and rank of AB is less than 3, therefore AB is a singular matrix.

1(b) Express basis vectors $e_1 = (1,0)$ and $e_2 = (0,1)$ as linear combⁿs of $\alpha_1 = (2,-1)$ and $\alpha_2 = (1,3)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } e_1 = (1,0) = a\alpha_1 + b\alpha_2 = a(2,-1) + b(1,3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1,0) = (2a, -a) + (b, 3b) = (2a+b, -a+3b)$$

$$\text{Comparing both sides, we have } \begin{aligned} 2a+b &= 1 \\ -a+3b &= 0 \Rightarrow 3b = a. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2a+b=1 \Rightarrow 2(3b)+b=1$$

$$\Rightarrow 7b=1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$3b=a \Rightarrow \frac{3}{7}=a$$

$$\therefore \boxed{e_1 = \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)\alpha_1 + \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)\alpha_2}$$

$$\text{Let } e_2 = c\alpha_1 + d\alpha_2 \Rightarrow (0,1) = c(2,-1) + d(1,3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (0,1) = (2c+d, -c+3d)$$

$$\text{Comparing both sides, } \begin{aligned} 2c+d &= 0 \text{ and } -c+3d=1 \\ d &= -2c \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} -c+3d &= 1 \\ \downarrow \\ -c+3(-2c) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{we have } d = -2c \text{ \& } c = -\frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow -c+3(-2c)=1$$

$$\rightarrow -7c=1$$

$$\rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{7}$$

$$\therefore (0,1) = -\frac{1}{7}(2,-1) + \frac{2}{7}(1,3) \Rightarrow \boxed{e_2 = -\frac{1}{7}\alpha_1 + \frac{2}{7}\alpha_2}$$

2(a): Show that if A and B are similar $n \times n$ matrices, then they have the same eigen values.

\rightarrow If A & B are similar, then \exists a non-singular matrix P such that $B = P^{-1}AP$.

Now, the characteristic equation of B is given by

$$|B - \lambda I| = 0 \Rightarrow |B - \lambda I| = |P^{-1}AP - \lambda I| \quad [\text{since } B = P^{-1}AP]$$

$$\Rightarrow |B - \lambda I| = |P^{-1}AP - \lambda P^{-1}P| = |P^{-1}AP - P^{-1}\lambda I P|$$

$$= |P^{-1}(A - \lambda I)P| = |P^{-1}| |A - \lambda I| |P|$$

$$= \frac{1}{|P|} |A - \lambda I| |P| \quad \left[\text{since } |P^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|P|} \right]$$

$$= |A - \lambda I|$$

\therefore Characteristic equation of A and B are the same.

Therefore, the eigen values of A and B are same.

3(a). For the system of linear equations
determine which of the following
statements are true & which are false.

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y - 2z &= -1 \\ 5y + 3z &= -8 \\ x - 2y - 5z &= 7\end{aligned}$$

- (i) The system has no solution.
- (ii) The system has a unique solution.
- (iii) The system has infinitely many solutions.

→ Given system of equations can be expressed as $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$, $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ & $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Let Augmented matrix $[A|B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -8 \\ 1 & -2 & -5 & 7 \end{array} \right]$

Conditions for the three cases:

- (i) System has no solution if $\rho(A) \neq \rho([A|B])$
- (ii) system has a unique solution if $\rho(A) = \rho([A|B])$ and it is equal to the number of unknowns.
- (iii) System has infinitely many solutions if $\rho(A) = \rho([A|B])$ and is less than the number of unknowns.

Now $[A|B] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -8 \\ 1 & -2 & -5 & 7 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & 8 \end{array} \right] \begin{matrix} \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1 \end{matrix}$

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \text{echelon form}$

∴ Echelon form of $[A|B]$ has 2 non-zero rows.

Also, A has 2 non-zero rows.

∴ $\rho([A|B]) = \rho(A) = 2 < 3 = \text{No. of unknowns}$.

∴ The given system has infinitely many solutions.
The statement (iii) is true and others are false.