

Class Assignment - 2a

① Prove that if ' $A$ ' is a matrix of size  $m \times n$  and  $m < n$ , then the homogeneous system of linear equations  $AX=0$  has a non-trivial solution.

Answer:

Given, a matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  s.t  $m < n$

and there is homogeneous system of linear equations  $AX=0$

RTP:  $AX=0$  has a non-trivial solution.

Let ' $R$ ' be a row-reduced Echelon matrix

formed by Elementary Row Operations on  $A$ .

i.e., ' $A$ ' is row-equivalent  $\xrightarrow{to} R$

w.k.t

If ' $B$ ' is row-equivalent to ' $A$ ' then  
the system of linear equations  $AX=0$  and

$BX=0$  have exactly the same solutions.

Hence,  $AX=0$  and  $RX=0$  have exactly the same solution

Now let  $r = \text{Number of non-zero rows}$   
in ' $R$ '

$$\Rightarrow r \leq m$$

$m =$  No. of rows in R  
 $n =$  No. of cols in R

and  $m < n$  ( $\because$  given)

$$\Rightarrow r \leq m < n$$

$$\Rightarrow r < n$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-r) > 0$$

$\therefore$  for  $n$  variables in  $m$  equations

$(n-r)$  variables ( $x_i$ ) are independent and can have any arbitrary value other than zero.

Thus  $A_{m \times n} \nexists m < n$  has ( $Ax=0$ ) has a non-trivial solution

Hence, proved.

② prove that if  $A$  is a square matrix of size  $m \times n$  then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $I_{n \times n}$  (iff) the system of linear equation  $AX=0$  only has the trivial solution.

Answer:

Given,  
 $A_{n \times n}$  - square matrix

$I_{n \times n} = I_{n \times n}$  - Identity matrix

$$AX=0$$

RTP:  $A$  is row equivalent  $I_{n \times n}$  (iff)

$AX=0$  has the trivial solution only.

i.e., ① If  $A$  is row equivalent  $I_{n \times n}$ ,

then  $AX=0$  has trivial solution only.

② If  $AX=0$  has trivial solution only,

the  $A$  is row-equivalent to  $I_{n \times n}$

①  $\Rightarrow A \neq 0$  and  $IX=0$  have same solution

as ' $A$  is row equivalent to 'I'

as  $I$  has trivial solution only

$\Rightarrow A$  also has trivial solution only,

$\Rightarrow Ax=0$  has trivial solution only.

②  $Ax=0$  has trivial solution only

then let  $R$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix row-reduced

echelon matrix which is row equivalent to  $A$

and

let

$r$  be no. of non zero rows in  $R$

as  $\Rightarrow RX=0$  has <sup>no</sup> non-trivial solution

$$r \geq n - \textcircled{a}$$

but as Total no. of rows in  $\tilde{R} = n$

$$r \leq n - \textcircled{b}$$

from  $\textcircled{a} \& \textcircled{b}$

$$r = n$$

Thus there is only one possibility for

$\tilde{R}$  that is

$\tilde{R}$  has a leading non-entry in each of its  $n$ -rows and one in each column and as it is row-reduced echelon form

$\tilde{R}$  MUST be an Identity Matrix ( $1 \times n$ )

Thus  $Ax=0$  has Trivial solution only

$\Rightarrow A$  is row equivalent to  $1 \times n = I$

From  $\textcircled{1} \& \textcircled{2}$

The condition is proved

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 $x_n = I$

③ If  $A, B, C$  are matrices over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  such that the products  $BC$  and  $A(BC)$  are well defined, and so are the products  $AB$  and  $(AB)C$ , then prove

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

Answer

Given,  $A, B, C$  are matrices over a field  $\mathbb{F}$   
 s.t -  $BC$  and  $A(BC)$  are well defined  
 -  $AB$  and  $(AB)C$  are well defined

RTP:  $A(BC) = (AB)C$

Let

$B$  be an  $n \times p$  matrix

$\Rightarrow BC$  has  $n$ -rows ( $\because (BC)$  is defined)

$\Rightarrow A(BC)$  is defined  $\Rightarrow A$  has  $n$  columns

$\Rightarrow A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix

$\Rightarrow AB$  is defined  $\Rightarrow AB$  is  $m \times p$  matrix

$\Rightarrow (AB)C$  exists

Now we have to prove that if

$$[A(BC)]_{ij} = [(AB)C]_{ij}$$

w.r.t Matrix multiplication of matrices

$A_{m \times n}, B_{n \times p} \Rightarrow C_{m \times p}$

$$C_{m \times p} = A_{m \times n} B_{n \times p}$$

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{ir} B_{rj}$$

$$\Rightarrow [A(BC)]_{ij} = \sum_r A_{ir} (BC)_{rj}$$

Now applying same on  $(BC)_{rj}$  we get

$$[(BC)_{rj}] = \sum_s B_{rs} C_{sj}$$

$$= \sum_r A_{ir} \sum_s B_{rs} C_{sj}$$

$$= \sum_r \sum_s A_{ir} B_{rs} C_{sj}$$

$$= \sum_s \left( \sum_r A_{ir} B_{rs} \right) C_{sj}$$

$$= \sum_s (AB)_{is} C_{sj} \quad \left[ \because \sum_r A_{ir} B_{rs} = (AB)_{is} \right]$$

again

$$= [(AB).C]_{ij}$$

$$\therefore [A(BC)]_{ij} = [(AB).C]_{ij}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore A(BC) = (AB).C}$$

Hence, proved.

(ii) Let  $e$  be an elementary row operation and let  $E$  be elementary matrix of size  $m \times m$  such that  $E = e(I_{m \times m})$  then prove that

$$e(A) = EA$$

holds for matrices  $A$  of size  $m \times m$ .

Answer's

Given that,

$e$  = elementary row operation

$E$  = elementary matrix ( $m \times m$ )

S/t  $E = e(I_{m \times m})$

$s = (AB)_{is}$

To prove  $e(A) = EA$ .  $\forall A_{m \times m}$

we can prove this by proving that

$(EA)_{ij}$  is obtained by  $i$ th row of  $E$  and  $j$ th row of  $A$  only.

$\Rightarrow$  we have to prove this for all 3 conditions  
(or) elementary row operations is

① ~~if~~  $\gamma$  = row on which operation is made.

$e$  = operation of multiplying a row by a scalar

$c$

then

$$E_{ik} = \begin{cases} \delta_{ik}, & i \neq \gamma \\ c\delta_{ik}, & i = \gamma \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore (EA)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m E_{ik} A_{kj} = \begin{cases} A_{ik}, & i \neq \gamma \\ cA_{ik}, & i = \gamma \end{cases}$$

That is  $EA = e(A)$

Thus

②  $r \neq s$   $r, s$  = rows of  $E/A$

$e$  = operation of swapping 2 rows  $r, s$

then

$$E_{ik} = \begin{cases} \delta_{ik} & i \neq r \\ \delta_{sk} & i = r \\ \delta_{sj} & i = s \end{cases} > \text{swap}$$

$$\therefore (EA)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m E_{ik} A_{kj} = \begin{cases} A_{ik} & i \neq r \\ A_{sj} & i = r \\ A_{sj} & i = s \end{cases}$$

That is  $EA = e(A)$

③  $r \neq s$   $r, s$  = rows of  $A_{m \times m}$

$e$  = operation of 'replacement of row  $r$  by  
row  $r$  plus c times rows'

then

$$E_{ik} = \begin{cases} \delta_{ik}, & i \neq r \\ \delta_{rk} + c\delta_{sk}, & i = r \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore (EA)_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m E_{ik} A_{kj} = \begin{cases} A_{ik}, & i \neq r \\ A_{oj} + cA_{sj}, & i = r \end{cases}$$

That is again  $EA = e(A)$

of elementary  
Hence it is  
Hence proved

thus the condition  $EA = e(A)$  holds  $\forall$  3 types

of elementary row operations

Hence it holds for all Matrices  $A_{m \times m}$

$$[CCA] = EA$$

Hence, proved