



Rank of a Matrix:

Definition: A matrix is said to be of rank r , when

- (i) it has at least one non-zero **minor** of order r , and
- (ii) every minor of order higher than r vanishes.

Briefly, the rank of a matrix is the largest order of any non-vanishing minor of the matrix.

Another definition:

A number r is said to be the rank of a matrix A if it possesses the following two properties:

1. There is **atleast** one square sub-matrix of A of order r , whose determinant is not equal to zero,
2. If the matrix A contains any square sub-matrix of order $(r + 1)$, then the determinant of **every** square sub-matrix of A of order $(r + 1)$ should be zero.

Remarks: If a matrix has a non-zero minor of order r , its rank is $\geq r$.

If all minors of a matrix of order $(r + 1)$ are zero, its rank is $\leq r$.

Minor: In linear algebra, a **minor** of a matrix A is the determinant of some smaller square matrix, cut down from A by removing one or more of its rows or columns. Minors obtained by removing just one row and one column from square matrices (**first minors**)

are required for calculating matrix cofactors, which in turn are useful for computing both the determinant and inverse of square matrices.

Elementary transformations of a matrix:

The following operations, three of which refer to rows and three to columns are known as elementary transformations:

- I. The interchange of any two rows (columns).
- II. The multiplication of any row (column) by a non-zero number.
- III. The addition of a constant multiple of the elements of any row (column) to the corresponding elements of any other row (column).

Notation:

The elementary row transformation will be denoted by the following symbols:

- (i) $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$ for the interchange of the i^{th} and j^{th} rows.
- (ii) $R_i \rightarrow kR_i$ for multiplication of the i^{th} row by k .
- (iii) $R_i \rightarrow R_i + pR_j$ for addition to the i^{th} row, p times the j^{th} row.

The corresponding column transformation will be denoted by writing C in place of R .

Elementary transformations do not change either the order or a rank of a matrix. While the value of the minors may get changed by the transformation (i) and (ii), their zero or non-zero character remains unaffected.

Equivalent matrix:

Definition: Two matrices A and B are said to be equivalent if one can be obtained from the other by a sequence of elementary transformations. Two equivalent matrices have the same order and the same rank. The symbol \sim is used for equivalence.

Example: Determine the rank of the following matrices:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$, we get $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$, we get $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Obviously, the 3rd order minor of A vanishes.

Also its 2nd order minors formed by its 2nd and 3rd rows are all zero. But another 2nd order

minor is $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$.

$\therefore \rho(A) = 2$.

Now since the rank of a matrix is the largest order of any non-vanishing minor of the matrix

Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

Elementary matrices:

Definition: An elementary matrix is that, which is obtained from a unit matrix, by subjecting it to any of the elementary transformations.

Examples of elementary matrices obtained from $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

are $R_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = C_{23}$; $kR_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$; $R_1 + pR_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Theorem:

Statement: Every elementary row (column) transformations of a matrix A can be obtained by pre-multiplying (post-multiplying) A by the corresponding elementary matrix.

Remarks: Consider the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Then } R_{23} \times A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So a pre-multiplication by R_{23} has interchanged the 2nd and 3rd rows of A . Similarly pre-multiplication by kR_2 will multiply the 2nd row of A by k and pre-multiplication by $R_1 + pR_2$ will result in the addition of p times the 2nd row of A to its 1st row.

Thus the pre-multiplication of A by elementary matrices results in the corresponding elementary row transformation of A .

Similarly, it can also be seen that post-multiplication will perform the elementary column transformations.

Normal form of a matrix:

Every non-zero matrix A of rank r , can be reduced by a sequence of elementary transformations, to the form $\begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ called the normal form of A . (i)

Remarks:

- (i) The rank of the matrix A is r if and only if it can be reduced to the normal form (i).
- (ii) Since each elementary transformation can be affected by pre-multiplication or post-multiplication with a suitable elementary matrix and each elementary matrix is non-singular, therefore, we have the following result:

Corresponding to every matrix A of rank r , there exist non-singular matrices P and Q such that $PAQ = \begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

If A be a $m \times n$ matrix, then P and Q are square matrices of orders m and n , respectively.

Example: For the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, find non-singular matrices P and Q such

that PAQ is in the normal form.

Sol.: We write $A = I A I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

We shall affect every elementary row (column) transformation of the product by subjecting the pre-factor (past factor) of A to the same.

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - 2C_1$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_2, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is the required normal form $\begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Hence } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \rho(A) = 2. \text{ Ans.}$$

Gauss-Jordan method of finding the inverse:

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It is named after Carl Friedrich Gauss and Wilhelm Jordan, because it is a **modification** of Gaussian elimination as described by Jordan in 1887. However, the method also appears in an article by Clasen published in the same year. Jordan and Clasen probably discovered Gauss–Jordan elimination independently.

Statement: Those elementary row transformations, which reduce a given square matrix A to the unit matrix, when applied to unit matrix I , give the inverse of A .

Proof: Let the successive row transformations, which reduce A to I , result from pre-multiplication by the elementary matrices R_1, R_2, \dots, R_i so that

$$R_i R_{i-1} \dots R_2 R_1 A = I$$

$$\therefore R_i R_{i-1} \dots R_2 R_1 A A^{-1} = I A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_i R_{i-1} \dots R_2 R_1 I = A^{-1}.$$

$$\left[\because A A^{-1} = I \right]$$

Hence the result.

For practical evaluation of A^{-1} , the two matrices A and I are written side by side and the same row transformations are performed on both. As soon as A is reduced to I , the other matrix represents A^{-1} .

Example: Using the Gauss-Jordan method, find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 \\ -2 & -4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sol.: Writing the same matrix side by side with the unit matrix of order 3, we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -4 & -4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_1$, we get $\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -6 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$

Operate $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2$ and $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_3$, we get $\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$, we get $\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} & & & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 6 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right].$

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Operate $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 3R_3$, $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{3}{2}R_3$ and $R_3 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)R_3$, we get

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} & & & 3 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & : & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & -\frac{5}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

Hence, the inverse of the given matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ -\frac{5}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} & -\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$. Ans.

Problems for finding rank of a matrix:

Q.No.1.: Prove that the row equivalent matrices have the same rank.

Sol.: Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix. Let B be a matrix row equivalent to A.

Since B is obtainable from A by a finite chain of E-row operations and every E-row operation is equivalent to pre-multiplication by the corresponding E-matrix, there exist E-matrices E_1, E_2, \dots, E_k each of the type $m \times m$ such that

$$B = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1 A \Rightarrow B = PA,$$

where $P = E_k E_{k-1} \dots E_2 E_1$ is a non-singular matrix of the type $m \times m$.

$$\text{Let us write } B = PA = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots & p_{1m} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & \dots & p_{2m} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ p_{m1} & p_{m2} & \dots & p_{mm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \dots \\ R_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad (i)$$

where the matrix A has been expressed as a matrix of its row sub-matrices R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m .

From the product of the matrices on R. H. S. of (i) we observe that the rows of the matrix B are

$$p_{11}R_1 + p_{12}R_2 + \dots + p_{1m}R_m,$$

$$p_{21}R_1 + p_{22}R_2 + \dots + p_{2m}R_m,$$

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$$p_{m1}R_1 + p_{m2}R_2 + \dots + p_{mm}R_m.$$

Thus, we see that the rows of B are all linear combinations of the rows R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m of A.

Therefore, every member of the row space of B is also a member of the row space of A.

Similarly, by writing $A = P^{-1}B$ and giving the same reasoning we can prove that every member of the row space of A is also a member of the row space of B.

Therefore the row space of A and B are identical.

Thus we see that elementary row operations do not alter the row space of a matrix remains invariant under E-rows transformations.

Note: From the above theorem we also conclude that pre-multiplication by a non-singular matrix does not alter the row rank of a matrix.

Q.No.2.: Determine the rank of the following matrices:

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

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1, C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - C_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 3C_2, C_4 \rightarrow C_4 + C_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Obviously, the 4th order minor of A is zero. Also every third order minor of A is zero.

But, of all the 2nd order minors, only $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \neq 0$. $\therefore \rho(A) = 2$.

Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

Q.No.3: Determine the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2, R_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{2}R_2\right)$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 + 2R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$\therefore \rho(A) = 2$

Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

Q.No.4: Determine the rank of the matrix (i) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 & 12 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: (i) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Now since all 3×3 matrices are singular $\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ and $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

Now $\therefore \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$. Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

(ii). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 & 12 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow 3R_3 - R_2$, $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Hence, the rank of the given matrix is 2.

Q.No.5: Determine the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 8 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 6 & 8 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 6R_1$, we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 3 \\ 0 & -4 & -11 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

As 4×4 matrix is singular. But 3×3 matrix like $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 2 \\ -4 & -8 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ is non-singular.

So the rank of given matrix is 3.

Q.No.6: Determine the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 3R_1$, $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & -6 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$,

Operating $R_2 = 2R_2 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & -6 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 + C_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -3 & -10 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 19 \\ 0 & 6 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 6C_4$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 3C_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -11 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 22 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 2R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -11 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -11 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

As 4×4 matrix is singular. But 3×3 matrix is non-singular.

So the rank of the matrix is 3. Ans.

Q.No.7: Determine the rank of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 6 & 6 & 8 & 9 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_4, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_4, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 10R_2, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 6R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Hence the rank of the given matrix is 2. Ans.

Q.No.8.: Find the rank of matrix

(i). $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ (ii). $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 5 & 12 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (iii). $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: (i). Here $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 2×4 matrix.

$\therefore \rho(A) \leq 2$, the smaller of 2 and 4.

The second order minor $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 4 \neq 0 \quad \therefore \rho(A) = 2.$

(ii). Here $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & -1 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -4 & 5 & 12 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 3×4 matrix.

$\therefore \rho(A) \leq 3.$

Operating C_{14} , we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & 5 & 12 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

Operating $R_2 - R_1$, $R_3 - R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

Operating $R_1 + 3R_2$, $R_3 + 2R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -8 & 11 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -0 \end{bmatrix}.$

All the first order minors are zero but the second order minor

$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0. \quad \therefore \rho(A) = 2.$

(iii). Here $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ is a 4×4 matrix. $\therefore \rho(A) \leq 4$

Operating R_{12} , we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}.$

Operating $C_2 + C_1$, $C_3 + 2C_1$, $C_4 + 4C_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 6 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 - 2R_1$, $R_3 - 3R_1$, $R_4 - 6R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 - R_3$, $R_4 - 2R_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_3 + 6C_2$, $C_4 + 3C_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 - 4R_2$, $R_4 - R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $\frac{1}{33}C_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_4 - 22C_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & 0 \\ & & & : & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & : & O_{3 \times 2} \\ O_{1 \times 3} & : & O_{1 \times 1} \end{bmatrix}$.

$\therefore \rho(A) = 3$.

Problems for inverse of a matrix by Gauss-Jordan method:

Q.No.1.: Use Gauss-Jordan method to find inverse of the following matrices:

$$(i) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, (ii) \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, (iii) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, (iv) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Sol.: (i). Given matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$

Writing the same matrix side by side with the unit matrix of order 3., we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - 5R_1$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -5 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -10 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$, $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 11 & -1 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -10 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -10 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow 2R_1 - R_2$, $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2$, $R_3 \rightarrow (-1)R_3$, we get

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & 0 & 0 & 32 & -4 & -12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 10 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right].$$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}R_1$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 10 & -1 & -4 \end{array} \right].$

Hence, the inverse of the given matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -1 & -3 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 10 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$. Ans.

(ii). Given $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Writing the same matrix side by side with the unit matrix of order 3., we have

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2$, $R_2 \rightarrow 4R_2 - R_1$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & -1 & 5 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$, $R_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)R_2$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 3R_3$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 4 & 0 & 4 & -12 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 4R_2$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 8 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} & -\frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right].$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{8}R_1$, we get $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right].$

Hence the inverse of given matrix is
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Ans.}$$

(iii). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$

According to Gauss-Jordan method, we have $A = IA$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$, $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$, $R_3 \rightarrow 2R_3 - R_2$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{5}R_3$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3$, $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 3R_3$, we get,
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{6}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} & -\frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} A.$$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{R_2}{2}$, we get,
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix} A \Rightarrow I = A^{-1}A.$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{bmatrix}.$$
 Ans.

(iv). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

According to Gauss-Jordan method, we have $A = IA \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$, we get
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A.$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 - R_3$, we get
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} A.$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow -R_3 + R_2$, we get
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A.$$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow -R_2$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow \frac{R_3}{-4}$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$, we get, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$, we get, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} A.$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$, we get, $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} A.$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Ans.}$$

Q.No.2.: Find the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ by elementary row operations.

Sol.: Writing the given matrix side by side with unit matrix I_3 , we get

$$[A : I_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & : & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Operating } R_{12}, \text{ we get } = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & : & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Operating } R_3 - 3R_1, \text{ we get } = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & : & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & -8 & : & 0 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Operating } R_1 - 2R_2, R_3 + 5R_2, \text{ we get } = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & : & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & : & 5 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Operating } \frac{1}{2}R_3, \text{ we get } = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & : & -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & : & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Operating } R_1 + R_2, R_2 - 2R_3, \text{ we get } = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & -4 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = [I_3 \quad : \quad A^{-1}]$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -4 & 3 & -1 \\ \frac{5}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Problems on normal form:

Q.No.1.: If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ find A^{-1} . Also find two non-singular matrices P and Q

such that $PAQ = I$, where I is the unit matrix and verify that $A^{-1} = QP$.

Sol.: Here $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Part I: To find A^{-1} , $A_{11} = 1$, $A_{12} = -2$, $A_{13} = -2$,

$$A_{21} = -1, A_{22} = 3, A_{23} = 3,$$

$$A_{31} = 0, A_{32} = -4, A_{33} = -3.$$

$$\therefore \text{Adj. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Now } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-3+4) - 2(-3+4) = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj. } A}{|A|} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Ans.}$$

Part II: Since $A = PAQ$, where P and Q are two non-singular unit matrices of order 3 each.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - 4C_2, \text{ we get } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow I = PAQ, \text{ where } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Part III: Verification: $A^{-1} = Q P$.

$$\text{Now RHS} = QP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Now LHS} = A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$

Hence $A^{-1} = QP$.

Q.No.2.: Reduce the following matrices to the normal form and hence find their ranks.

$$\text{(i)} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -8 & -1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ (ii)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Sol.: (i). Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -8 & -1 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - \frac{1}{8}C_1$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - \frac{3}{8}C_1$, $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - \frac{6}{8}C_1$, we get

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ -8 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{8}R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1, \text{ we get } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Operating } R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{10}R_3, \text{ we get } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - \frac{2}{3}C_2$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - \frac{2}{3}C_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_3 \leftrightarrow C_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

which is the required normal form $[I_3 \quad O]$.

Hence, rank of the matrix A is 3. Ans.

(ii). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_4 \rightarrow C_3 - 2C_1$, $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - C_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 12 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$, $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 2R_1$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 12 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 2C_2$, $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - C_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 16 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$, $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_2$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 + \frac{4}{16}C_3$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + \frac{1}{16}R_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_3 \leftrightarrow R_4$, we get $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$,

which is the required normal form $\begin{bmatrix} I_3 & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix}$.

Hence, the rank of the matrix A is 3. Ans.

Q.No.3.: Find non-singular matrices P and Q such that PAQ is in the normal form for the matrices:

(i) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, (ii) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Sol.: (i) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Since we know that $A = I.A.I \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{2}$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Operating $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

$\therefore PAQ = \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, where $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Ans.

Also rank of the matrix A is 2.

(ii). Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Since we know that $A = I_3 A I_4$, where I_3 and I_4 are the unit matrix of order 3 and 4 respectively.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - 3C_1$, $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 + 2C_1$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & -5 & 7 \\ 1 & -6 & -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$, we get $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -6 & -5 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Operating $C_2 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)C_2$, $C_3 \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)C_3$, $C_4 \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)C_4$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{2}{7} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - C_2$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{15} & -\frac{1}{21} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Operating $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_3$, $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{15} & -\frac{1}{21} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} I_2 & O \\ O & O \end{bmatrix} = PAQ, \text{ where } P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{15} & -\frac{1}{21} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{7} \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Ans.}$$

Also rank of the matrix A is 2.

Home Assignments:

Q.No.1.: Find the rank of matrix

$$(i). \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii). \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \quad (iii). \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ans.: (i). 2 (ii). 2 (iii). 3.

Q.No.2.: Find the rank of matrix

$$(i). \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (ii). \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ans.: (i). 2 (ii). 4.

Q.No.3.: Use Gauss-Jordan method to find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\text{Ans.} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 15 & 6 & -5 \\ 5 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Q.No.4.: Reduce the matrices to normal form and hence find its rank

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 & -6 \\ 3 & -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ans.: 3.

Q.No.5.: Determine the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 & -1 \\ 10 & 3 & 9 & 7 \\ 16 & 4 & 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$ by reducing it to the normal form.

Ans.: 2.

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