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MATRICES

MATRIX

An arrangement of certain numbers in an array of m rows and n columns is called as $m \times n$ matrix (read as m by n). Such as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & a_{m3} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

In the above arrangement, all horizontal lines correspond to rows and vertical lines correspond to columns.

m denotes total number of rows in A , n denotes total number of columns in A . thus order of A is written as $A_{m \times n}$. in short, matrix A can also be denoted by

$A = \{a_{ij}\}_{m \times n}$ where a_{ij} Denotes an element belonging to the i^{th} row and j^{th} column where $i = 1, 2, 3 \dots m$; $j = 1, 2 \dots n$.

$$A_{3 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Different notations used for enclosing the elements of matrix are $[]$, $()$, $\| \|$, $\{ \}$.

It must be noted that matrix represents the arrangement of numbers and it satisfies certain rules and laws of operations. It cannot be evaluated like a determinant. While determinant represents certain number or is a notation to denote certain expression, matrix is an entity in the form of arrangement of numbers, which cannot be disturbed.

Elements $a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}, \dots$ etc. are said to be on leading diagonal or principal diagonal and they are termed as diagonal elements.

1.1 TYPES OF MATRICES

1. Square matrix: A matrix containing number of rows = number of columns is known as square matrix.

$$A_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Diagonal matrix: If a square matrix contains all non-diagonal elements as zeroes then it is called as diagonal matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Row or column matrices: A matrix of order 1 X n i. e. having only one row and n columns is known as row matrix.

$$e.g. A = [a_{11} \ a_{12} \ a_{13} \ \dots \ a_{1n}], \quad B_{14} = [5, 7, 0, 4]$$

A matrix of order m x 1 i.e. having only one column and m rows, is known as column matrix.

$$e.g. A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ a_{31} \\ \dots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{31} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Zero or null matrix: A matrix containing all zero elements is known as zero or null matrix and it is denoted by Z.

$$e.g. Z = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Transpose of matrix: matrix obtained by interchanging rows and columns of a matrix A is called transpose of A. it is denoted by A' or A* or A^T.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties:

$$1) (A + B)^T = A^T + B^T$$

$$2) (A^T)^T = A$$

$$3) (AB)^T = A^T B^T$$

6. symmetric matrix: A square matrix A is said to be symmetric matrix if $A = A'$

$$\text{i.e. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ also } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix}$$

In a symmetric matrix, $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ for all i, j .

$$a_{12} = a_{21}, a_{13} = a_{31}, a_{23} = a_{32}$$

7. Skew symmetric matrix: A is said to be skew symmetric if $A = -A^T$

Note: Diagonal elements of skew symmetric matrix are zero

8. Scalar matrix: If all diagonal elements of square matrix are equal then it is scalar matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

9. Unit/identity matrix: It is a diagonal matrix having all diagonal elements is one.

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

10. Lower triangular matrix: It is a square matrix having all elements above diagonal is zeroes

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

11. Upper triangular matrix: It is a square matrix having all elements below diagonal is zeroes

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 0 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trace of a Matrix

Let A is a square matrix of order n. The sum of the elements lying along principle diagonal is called the trace of A denoted by $\text{Tr}(A)$

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} = a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33} + \dots \dots a_{nn}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Tr}(A) = 3 + 3 - 2 = 4$$

Properties of Trace of a matrix

Consider A and B are two square matrices of order n and λ be a scalar

$$1) \text{Tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{Tr}(A)$$

$$2) \text{Tr}(A + B) = \text{Tr}(A) + \text{Tr}(B)$$

$$3) \text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$$

Determinant of Matrix

If A is square matrix then $|A|$ = determinant of A.

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

$$\text{Then } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Expansion: } |A| = 4(0 - 3) - 3(0 + 3) + 2(1 + 2) = -12 - 9 + 6 = -15$$

Minor of an element of $|A|$

$$\text{Let } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Then minor of an element of $|A|$ is a determinant obtained by omitting the row and the column in which the element is present.

$$\text{minor of } a_1 = \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{minor of } a_3 = \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{minor of } b_1 = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{minor of } c_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

In general, minor of an element a_{ij} is denoted by M_{ij} .

COFACTOR OF AN ELEMENT a_{ij} in $|A|$

Cofactor of an element a_{ij} in $|A|$ is denoted by A_{ij} . It is a minor of a_{ij} associated with proper sign.

$$\text{e.g. } A_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} M_{ij}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} M_{11} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} M_{21} = \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

ADJOINT OF A MATRIX

Adjoint of a square matrix A is the transpose of the matrix by the cofactors of the elements of the given matrix A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} & A_{31} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} & A_{32} \\ A_{13} & A_{23} & A_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{e.g. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 1 = 19$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 0 = 23$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 4 = -3$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 2 = -12$$

$$\text{C. F. of } -1 = -16$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 5 = 3$$

$$\text{C. F. of } 3 = 4$$

$$\text{C. F. of } -3 = 3$$

$$\text{C. F. of } -4 = -1$$

$$\text{Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 23 & -3 \\ -12 & -16 & 3 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Inverse of A

If A is a square matrix and $|A| \neq 0$ i.e. A is a non – singular matrix then

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj } A.$$

1.2 OPERATIONS OF MATRICES

1. Equality of two matrices: if two matrices A and B have same order and all the elements of A and B in the corresponding positions are equal then $A = B$.

$$e.g. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} A = B$$

2. Multiplication of matrix by scalar:

$$if A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} then 2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 6 & -2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Sum of matrices: if A and B have order then we define $A + B$ as a matrix obtained by addition of corresponding elements of A and B.

$$i.e. A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2 & 2+3 \\ 1+4 & 1+5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplication of matrices: If column of A = rows of B then product AB exists

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 4 + 2 \times 2 & 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 3 \\ 3 \times 4 + 4 \times 2 & 3 \times 5 + 4 \times 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 11 \\ 20 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties:

1) $A^2 = AA$

2) $AB \neq BA$

3) If $AB = AC$ does not imply $B = C$

1.3 Rank of a matrix

The matrix is said to be of rank r if there is

1. At least one minor of the order r which is not equal to zero and
2. Every minor of the order $(r + 1)$ is equal to zero.

The rank of matrix A is the maximum order of its non- vanishing minor and it is denoted as

$$\rho(A) = r$$

If a matrix has a non – zero minor of order r , then $\rho(A) \geq r$

If a matrix has all the minors of order $(r + 1)$ as zeroes, then $\rho(A) \leq r$

If A is an $m \times n$ matrix then $\rho(A) \leq \text{minimum of } m \text{ and } n$.

Elementary transformations of a matrix do not alter the rank and order of a matrix.

TYPE I : FINDING THE RANK BY REDUCING THE MATRIX A TO ECHELON FORM

Echelon or canonical form of A matrix: let a matrix A be of order $m \times n$ i.e. $A_{m \times n}$.

Then the canonical or echelon form A is a matrix in which

1. One or more elements in each of the first r rows are non-zero and the elements in the remaining rows are zeroes.

Echelon form of matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Ex. 1: find the rank of A, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Perform $R_2 - 3R_1$; $R_3 + R_1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -10 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

Perform $R_3 + R_2 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Here $m = \text{total no. of rows} = 3$

$K = \text{total no. of rows which contain all zero elements} = 1.$

$$\rho(A) = m - k = 3 - 1 = 2, P(A) = 2$$

Ex. 2: find the rank of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$

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

Perform $R_{12} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$

Perform $R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 - 6R_1 \sim \text{of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

Perform $R_2 - R_3 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Perform } R_3 - 4R_2, R_4 - 9R_2 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 66 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Perform } \frac{1}{11}R_3, \frac{1}{22}R_4 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Perform } R_4 - R_3 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here $m = 4, k = 1$

$\rho(A) = m - k = 4 - 1 = 3$ hence $\rho(A) = 3$.

TYPE II: FINDING THE RANK BY REDUCING THE MATRIX A TO THE NORMAL FORM

Definition: by performing elementary transformations, any non-zero matrix A can be reduced to one of the following four forms, called the normal form of A.

(1) $[I_r]$

(2) $[I_r \ 0]$

(3) $\begin{bmatrix} I_r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(4) $\begin{bmatrix} I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Where I_r is unit matrix or identity matrix and O denotes null matrix.

Ex. 1: Reduce the following matrix to its normal form and hence find its rank, where

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

Sol :

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

By R_{12} $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$

by $R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 - 6R_1$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

By $C_2 + C_1, C_3 + 2C_1, C_4 + 4C_1$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

BY $R_2 - R_3$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

BY $R_3 - 4R_2, R_4 - 9R_2$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -6 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 66 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$

BY $C_3 + 6C_2, C_4 + 3C_2$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 66 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$

BY $\frac{1}{33}C_3, \frac{1}{22}C_4$ $\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$BY R_4 - 2R_3 \quad \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BY C_4 - C_3 \quad \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$A = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ which is the required normal form of A. hence $P(A) = 3$.

1.4 Inverse of matrix

Adjoint method

If (1) A is square matrix.

(2) $|A| \neq 0$ Then there exists A^{-1} and it is given by

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} \text{adj. } A.$$

Ex. 1: find A^{-1} by using adjoint method for $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol: $|A| = 1(18 - 12) - 1(9 - 3) + 1(4 - 2) = 6 - 6 + 2 = 2$

$$A' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

C.F. of 1 = 6 C.E. of 1 = -5 C.F. of 1 = 1

C.F. of 1 = -6 C.E. of 2 = 8 C.F. of 4 = -2

C.F. of 1 = 2 C.E. of 3 = -3 C.F. of 9 = 1

$$\text{Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 8 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex. 2: find A^{-1} by using adjoint method $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Sol: $|A| = 1(3 + 0) - 2(-1 - 0) - 2(2 - 0) = 1$

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

C.F. of 1 = 3

C.F. of -1 = 2

C.F. of 0 = 6

C.F. of 2 = 1

C.F. of 3 = 1

C.F. of -2 = 2

C.F. of -2 = 2

C.F. of 0 = 2

C.F. of 1 = 5

$$\text{Adj. } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Solution of simultaneous equation by matrices

Consider a system of 'm' linear equations in 'n' unknowns $X_1, X_2, X_3 \dots X_n$

$$a_{11} x_1 + a_{12} x_2 + \dots + a_{1n} x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21} x_1 + a_{22} x_2 + \dots + a_{2n} x_n = b_2$$

$$a_{m1} x_1 + a_{m2} x_2 + \dots + a_{mn} x_n = b_m$$

The above system of equations can be written in compact form by using matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. $AX = B$, where coefficient matrix A is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

When the system $AX = B$ has a solution i.e. set of values of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n satisfy simultaneously all m equations then system is said to be consistent otherwise the system is called inconsistent.

AUGMENTED MATRIX (A, B)

Definition: if $AX = B$ is a system of m equations in n unknowns then matrix written as (A, B) is called as the augmented matrix.

$$\text{Hence, } (A, B) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & : & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & : & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & : & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & : & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & : & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

NON – HOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS

For the system of equations $AX = B$ if matrix B is not a null or zero matrix then the system $AX = B$ is known as non – homogeneous system of equations.

HOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS

For the system of equations $AX = B$ if matrix B is a null or zero matrix i.e. Z then the system $AX = Z$ is known as homogeneous system equations.

$$\text{e.g. (1) } \left. \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 3 \\ x - y + 2z = 4 \\ 2x + 3y - z = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{(2) } \left. \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 0 \\ 2x - 3y + 4z = 0 \\ x - y + 2z = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Non – homogeneous equations

homogenous equations

1.5 CONDITION FOR CONSISTENCY OF NON-HOMOGENEOUS EQUATIONS

Consider a system of ‘ m ’ equations in ‘ n ’ unknowns given by $AX = B$.

Let m = total number of equations, n = total number of unknowns.

Case 1: let $m \neq n$ (i.e. no. of equation different from number of unknowns).

(1) If rank of the coefficient matrix A = rank of the augmented matrix (A, B) , then the system $AX = B$ is said to be consistent. In other words, if $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B)$ then system is consistent.

(2) No solution: if $\rho(A) \neq \rho(A, B)$ then system is said to be inconsistent and possesses no solution.

(3) A unique solution: if $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = n$ = total number of unknowns, then system $AX = B$ possesses a unique solution (only one solution).

(4) An infinite number of solutions: if $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) < n$ then system possesses an infinite number of solutions.

Case 2: let $m = n$. no. of equations = no. of unknowns > 3 .

(1) $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = n$ system is consistent and possesses a unique solution.

(2) $\rho(A) \neq \rho(A, B)$ = System is inconsistent and possesses no solution.

(3) $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = r < n$ then system is consistent and possesses an infinite number of solutions.

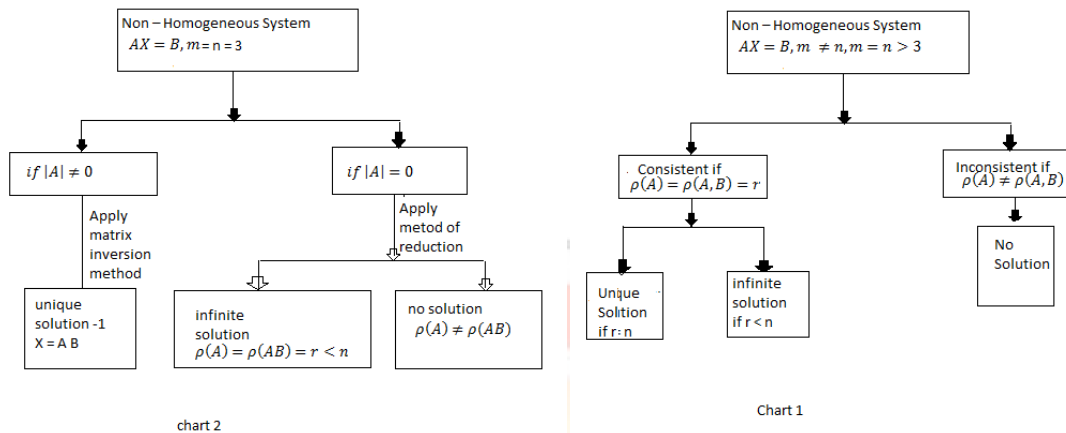
Case 3: let $m = n$. No. of equations = no. of unknowns = 3. i.e. 3 equations in 3 unknowns. We have $AX = B$. find $|A|$

(1) If $|A| \neq 0$ system is consistent, then A^{-1} exists and system possesses a unique solution given by $X = A^{-1} B$.

(2) If $|A| = 0$ then system is either inconsistent or possesses an infinite number of solutions and this is decided by applying the method of reduction. Write augmented matrix (A, B) .

Now, if $\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) < n$ then system possesses an infinite number of solutions

If $\rho(A) \neq \rho(A, B)$ then system is inconsistent and possesses no solution



Ex. 1: solve the system of equations by matrix method

$$2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 3x_4 = 8$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 + 2 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 6$$

$$4x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 + 8 = 0$$

Sol: given system of equations in matrix form can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -2 \\ 6 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$AX = B$.

Consider an augmented matrix.

$$(A, B) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

Perform R_{12}

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 & -8 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Perform } R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 - 3R_1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 5 & | & 12 \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 3 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 & | & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Perform } R_3 - R_2, R_4 + 4R_2 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 5 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -9 & 22 & | & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Perform } R_4 - 9R_3 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & | & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & 5 & | & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 40 & | & 40 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = 4 - 0 = 4 = \text{total number of variables}$$

Hence system possesses a unique solution and it is given as follows.

$$\text{By } R_4 \quad 40x_4 = 40, \quad x_4 = 1$$

$$\text{By } R_3 \quad -x_3 - 2x_4 = 0, \quad x_3 = -2$$

$$\text{By } R_2 \quad -x_2 - 3x_3 + 5x_4 = 12, \quad x_2 = -3(-2) + 5(1) - 12 = -1$$

$$\text{By } R_1 \quad x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_4 = -2, \quad x_1 = -2 + 1 + 2 + 1 = 2$$

Hence the solution set is $x_1 = 2, x_2 = -1, x_3 = -2, x_4 = 1$

Ex. 2: Find the value of k for an infinite number of solutions.

$$2x - 3y + 6z - 5t = 3$$

$$y - 4z + t = 1$$

$$4x - 5y + 8z - 9t = k$$

A) 4

B) 5

C) 6

D) 7

Sol: step 1: given system in matrix form can be written as,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 8 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2 : consider an augmented matrix,

$$(A, B) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -5 & 8 & -9 & k \end{array} \right]$$

Step 3: now we will reduce (A, B) to echelon form.

$$\text{Perform } R_3 - 2R_1 \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & k-6 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Perform } R_3 - R_2 \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -3 & 6 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & k-7 \end{array} \right]$$

For an infinite number of solutions

$$\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = r < n$$

$$\rho(A) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

$$\rho(A) = \rho(A, B) = 2$$

$$k - 7 = 0$$

$$k = 7$$