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Linear Equation

Homogeneous linear equation

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Suppose } a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (1)}$$

is a system of m homogeneous equation in n unknowns x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

$$O = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

Then the system of equⁿ (1) can be written in the form $AX = O$. Then the matrix A is called coefficient matrix of the system of equⁿ (1).

Theorem: The no. of linearly indepⁿ solⁿ of m homogeneous linear equⁿs in n variables, $AX=0$, is $(n-r)$ where r is the rank of the matrix A .

Proof: Let,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$

Since the rank of the coefficient matrix A is ~~is~~ r , therefore it has r linearly indepⁿ columns. Without loss of generality we can suppose that the 1st r columns from the left of the matrix A are linearly indepⁿ because it amounts only to reordering the components of X .

Therefore the matrix A can be written as

$$A = [C_1 \ C_2 \ \dots \ C_n]_{m \times n}$$

where C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n are the column vectors of the matrix A .

The equⁿ $AX=0$ can be now written as the vector equⁿ

$$[C_1 \ C_2 \ \dots \ C_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 C_1 + x_2 C_2 + \dots + x_r C_r + x_{r+1} C_{r+1} + \dots + x_n C_n = 0 \quad (1)$$

Since, each of the vectors $C_{r+1}, C_{r+2}, \dots, C_n$ is a linear combination of vectors C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r , therefore we have a relⁿ of the plane

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_{r+1} &= P_{11} C_1 + P_{12} C_2 + \dots + P_{1r} C_r \\ C_{r+2} &= P_{21} C_1 + P_{22} C_2 + \dots + P_{2r} C_r \\ \vdots \\ C_n &= P_{k1} C_1 + P_{k2} C_2 + \dots + P_{kr} C_r \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

where $k = n - r$

Then the relⁿ (2) can be written in the form

$$P_{11} C_1 + P_{12} C_2 + \dots + P_{1r} C_r - 1 \cdot C_{r+1} + 0 \cdot C_{r+2} + \dots + 0 C_n = 0$$

$$P_{21} C_1 + P_{22} C_2 + \dots + P_{2r} C_r + 0 \cdot C_{r+1} - 1 \cdot C_{r+2} + \dots + 0 C_n = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$P_{k1} C_1 + P_{k2} C_2 + \dots + P_{kr} C_r + 0 C_{r+1} + 0 C_{r+2} + \dots - 1 C_n = 0 \quad (3)$$

Comparing (1) & (3)

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \\ \vdots \\ p_{1r} \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{21} \\ p_{22} \\ \vdots \\ p_{2r} \\ -1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dots, \quad x_{n-r} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{k1} \\ p_{k2} \\ \vdots \\ p_{kr} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are $(n-r)$ solⁿs of the equⁿ $Ax = 0$

The vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-r} form a linearly indepⁿ set. For if we have a relⁿ of the type $l_1 x_1 + l_2 x_2 + \dots + l_{n-r} x_{n-r} = 0$, then comparing the $(r+1)^{\text{th}}, (r+2)^{\text{th}}, \dots, n^{\text{th}}$ components ^{on} of both sides of equⁿ (2) we get

$$-l_1 = 0, -l_2 = 0, \dots, -l_{n-r} = 0$$

i.e., the vectors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-r} are linearly indepⁿ. It is

It can be easily seen that every solⁿ of the equⁿ $Ax = 0$ is sum suitable linear combination of these $(n-r)$ solⁿs.

Suppose the vector x with components x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is any solⁿ of the equⁿ $Ax = 0$.

Then the vector

$$x + x_{r+1} x_1 + x_{r+2} x_2 + \dots + x_n x_{n-r}$$

————— (5)

which being a linear combination of sol^n is also a sol^n . It is quite obvious that the least $(n-r)$ components of vector (5) are equal to zero. Let z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r be the 1st r components of the vector (5) then the vectors whose components are $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_r, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is a sol^n of the equⁿ $AX=0$.

Therefore, from equⁿ (1) we have

$$* z_1 C_1 + z_2 C_2 + \dots + z_r C_r = 0$$

But the vectors C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r are linearly indepⁿ. therefore we have $z_1=0, z_2=0, \dots, z_r=0$

Hence, the vector (5) is a zero vector.

$$\therefore X = -x_{r+1} X_1 - x_{r+2} X_2 - \dots - x_n X_n$$

Thus, every $\text{sol}^n X$ is a linear combination of the $(n-r)$ linearly indepⁿ sol^n s X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

\therefore The set of sol^n s $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-r}\}$ forms a basis of the vector space of all the sol^n s of the system of equⁿ $AX=0$

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Some important conclusion about the nature of the solution of the equation $AX=0$

Suppose we have ~~an~~ m equⁿ in n unknowns then the co-efficient matrix A will be of the type $m \times n$. Let, r be the rank of the matrix A obviously r can not be greater than n . Therefore we have either $r = n$, $r < n$.

Case I :

If $r = n$, the equⁿ $AX=0$ will have no linear indepⁿ solⁿ. In this case the zero solⁿ will be only ~~case~~

Case II :

If $r < n$, ~~with~~ we shall have $(n-r)$ linearly indepⁿ solⁿ. Thus, in this case the equⁿ $AX=0$ will have infinite no. solⁿ.

Case III :

Suppose $m < n$ i.e., the no. of solⁿ is less than the no. of unknowns since $r \leq m$, therefore r is definitely less than n . Hence in this case the given system of equⁿ must possess a non zero solⁿ. The no. of solⁿ of the equⁿ $AX=0$ will be infinite.

Defⁿ : Define fundamental system of eqnⁿ of $AX=0$.

Ans → A set of linearly indepⁿ solⁿ x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k of the system of homogeneous eqnⁿ $AX=0$ is called the fundamental system of eqnⁿ $AX=0$, if every solⁿ of $AX=0$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors in the form $X = c_1 x_1 + c_2 x_2 + \dots + c_n x_n$ where, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n are suitable unknown

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Working group for finding the solution of the equation $AX=0$:

Reduce the coefficient matrix A to echelon form by applying elementary row transformations only. This echelon form will help us to know the rank of the matrix A . Suppose the matrix A is of the type $m \times n$ and its rank comes out to be r . If $r < m$, then in the process of reducing the matrix A to echelon

form, $(m-r)$ equations will be eliminated. The given system of m equations will thus be replaced by an equivalent system of r equations. Solving these r equations (by Cramer's rule or otherwise), we can express the values of some r unknowns in terms of the remaining $n-r$ unknowns. Thus $n-r$ unknowns can be given any arbitrarily chosen values.

If $r=n$, the zero solution (trivial solution) will be the only solution. If $r < n$, there will be an infinity of solutions.

Q Solve completely the system of equⁿ.

$$x + 3y - 2z = 0$$

$$2x - y + 4z = 0$$

$$x - 11y + 14z = 0$$

Solⁿ: The given system of equⁿ is equivalent to single matrix equⁿ.

$$AX = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & -11 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & -14 & 16 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2 \\ -14 - (-14)$$

$$\frac{1}{-7} \times 3 = -\frac{3}{7}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & -7 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~The coefficient matrix~~

The rank of the coefficient matrix A is 2

The given system of equⁿ has $(3 - 2) = 1$ linearly indepⁿ solⁿ.

$$x + 3y - 2z = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$-7y + 8z = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{+8z}{+7} = \frac{8z}{7}$$

$$\text{(1)} \Rightarrow x + 3\left(\frac{8z}{7}\right) - 2z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{24z}{7} - 2z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{24z - 14z}{7} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{10z}{7} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{10z}{7}$$

Hence, $x = \frac{-10z}{7}$, $y = \frac{8z}{7}$, $z = c$

constitute the general solⁿ of the given system.

$$\therefore x = \frac{-10c}{7}, y = \frac{8c}{7}, z = c.$$

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Solve completely the system of equⁿ

$$x + y + z = 0$$

$$2x - y - 3z = 0$$

$$3x - 5y + 4z = 0$$

$$x + 17y + 4z = 0$$

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Solⁿ: The given system of equⁿ is equivalent to single matrix equⁿ

$$AX = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & 17 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -8 & 1 \\ 0 & 16 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 2R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -8 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow 3R_3, R_4 \rightarrow 3R_4$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & -24 & 3 \\ 0 & 48 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 8R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 43 \\ 0 & 48 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 10R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 43 \\ 0 & 0 & -71 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + \frac{71}{43} R_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 43 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

~~The above coefficient matrix A.~~

The rank of the coefficient matrix A is 3 & the no. of unknowns is also 3. \therefore Therefore rank A is equal to the no. of unknowns.

\therefore The given system of equⁿ possesses zero solⁿ.

Hence, zero solⁿ i.e., $x=0, y=0, z=0$ is the only solⁿ of the given system of equⁿ.

Practical

Q Find all the solⁿ of the following system

$$\text{of equⁿ } \quad 3x + 4y - z - 6w = 0$$

$$2x + 3y + 2z + 3w = 0$$

$$2x + y - 14z - 9w = 0$$

$$x + 3y + 13z + 3w = 0.$$

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Solⁿ: The given system of equⁿ is equivalent to single matrix equⁿ

$$AX = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & -1 & -6 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -14 & -9 \\ 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -14 & -9 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 3R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -24 & -9 \\ 0 & -5 & -40 & -15 \\ 0 & -5 & -40 & -15 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -24 & -9 \\ 0 & -5 & -40 & -15 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{3}R_2, R_3 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{5}R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rank of A is obviously 2 which is less than the no. of unknowns 4. Therefore the given system of equⁿs possesses $4-2$ i.e., 2 linearly indepⁿ solⁿs.

The given system of equⁿs is equivalent to the equⁿ

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 13 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the given system of four equⁿs is equivalent to the system of two equⁿs, i.e.,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x + 3y + 13z + 3w &= 0 \\ y + 8z + 3w &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

From these equⁿs we get

$$y = -8z - 3w, \quad x = -3(-8z - 3w) - 13z - 3w$$

$$\text{i.e., } y = -8z - 3w, \quad x = 11z + 6w.$$

Hence, $x = 11C_1 + 6C_2$, $y = -8C_1 - 3C_2$, $z = C_1$, $w = C_2$ constitute the general solⁿ of the given system of equⁿs, where C_1 & C_2 are arbitrary no.s. Since we can give any arbitrary values to C_1 & C_2 therefore the given system of equⁿ has an

infinite no. of solⁿs.

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System of linear non-homogeneous equations :

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Theorem : The system of eqⁿs $AX=B$ is consistent i.e, possesses a solⁿ, iff the coefficient matrix A and the augmented matrix $[AB]$ are of the same rank.

Proof : Let, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n denote the column vectors of the matrix A . The equation $AX=B$ is then equivalent to

$$[C_1 C_2 \dots C_n] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = B$$

i.e, $x_1 C_1 + x_2 C_2 + \dots + x_n C_n = B$ ——— ①

Let now r be the rank of the matrix A . The matrix A has then r linearly indepⁿ columns &, without loss of generality, we can suppose that

the 1st r columns C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r form a linearly indepⁿ set so that each of the remaining $n-r$

columns is a linear combination of these r columns.

The condition is necessary : If the given system of equ^s is consistent, there must exist n scalars (numbers) k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n such that

$$k_1 C_1 + k_2 C_2 + \dots + k_n C_n = B \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since each of the $n-r$ columns $C_{r+1}, C_{r+2}, \dots, C_n$ is a linear combination of the 1st r columns C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r it is obvious from (2) that B is also a linear combination of C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r . Thus the max^m no. of linearly indepⁿ columns of matrix $[AB]$ is also r . Therefore, the matrix $[AB]$ is also of rank r . Hence the matrices A & $[AB]$ are of the same rank.

The condition is sufficient : Now suppose that the matrices A and $[AB]$ are of the same rank r . The max^m no. of linearly indepⁿ columns of the matrix $[AB]$ is then r . But the 1st r columns C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r of the matrix $[AB]$ already form a linearly indepⁿ set. Therefore the column B should be expressed as a linear combination of the columns C_1, C_2, \dots, C_r .

Thus, \exists r scalars k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r such that

$$k_1 C_1 + k_2 C_2 + \dots + k_r C_r = B \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, (3) may be written as

$$k_1 C_1 + k_2 C_2 + \dots + k_r C_r + 0 C_{r+1} + 0 C_{r+2} + \dots + 0 C_n = B \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Comparing (3) & (4), we see that

$$x_1 = k_1, x_2 = k_2, \dots, x_r = k_r, x_{r+1} = 0, x_{r+2} = 0, \dots, x_n = 0$$

constitute a solⁿ of the equ^s $AX = B$.

Therefore the given system of equ^s is consistent.

Theorem: If A be a n -rowed non-singular matrix, X be a $n \times 1$ matrix, B be an $n \times 1$ matrix, the system of equⁿs $AX = B$ has a unique solution.

Proof: If A be a n -rowed non-singular matrix, the rank of the matrices A & $[AB]$ are both n . Therefore, the system of equⁿs $AX = B$ is consistent i.e, possesses a unique solⁿ.

Pre-multiplying both sides by $AX = B$ by A^{-1} , we have

$$A^{-1}(AX) = A^{-1}B$$

$$\Rightarrow IX = A^{-1}B$$

$$\Rightarrow X = A^{-1}B$$

is a solⁿ of the equⁿs $AX = B$.

To show that the solⁿ is unique, let us suppose that X_1 & X_2 be two solⁿs of $AX = B$.

$$\text{Then, } AX_1 = B, \quad AX_2 = B$$

$$\Rightarrow AX_1 = AX_2$$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 = X_2$$

Hence, the solⁿ is unique.

Working rule for finding the solution of the equation $AX = B$:

Suppose the coefficient matrix A is of the type $m \times n$ i.e., we have m equations in n unknowns.

The augmented matrix $[AB]$ should be reduced to an echelon form by applying only E-rowed transformations on it. This echelon form will enable us to know the ranks of the augmented matrix $[AB]$ & the coefficient matrix A . Then, the following different cases arise.

Case I : $\text{rank } A < \text{rank } [AB]$

In this case, the equations $AX = B$ are inconsistent i.e., they have no solution.

Case II : $\text{rank } A = \text{rank } [AB] = r$ (say)

In this case, the equations $AX = B$ are consistent i.e., they possess a solution.

If $r < m$ then in the process of reducing the matrix $[AB]$ to echelon form, $(m-r)$ equations will be eliminated. The given system of m equations will be replaced by an equivalent system of

r equⁿ. From these r equⁿs we shall be able to express the values of some r unknowns in terms of remaining $(n-r)$ unknowns.

① If $r = n$ then $(n-r) = 0$, so that no variable is to be assigned arbitrary values & therefore in these case there will be a unique solⁿ.

② If $r < n$ then $(n-r)$ variable can be assigned arbitrary values, in these case there will be an infinite no. of solⁿ.

③ If $m < n$ then $r \leq m \leq n$. Thus in these case, $n-r < 0$. Therefore when the no. of equⁿ is less than the no. of unknowns the equⁿ will have an infinite no. of solⁿ, provided they are consistent.

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Q Show that the equⁿs

$$x + y + z + 3 = 0$$

$$3x + y - 2z + 2 = 0$$

$$2x + 4y + 7z - 7 = 0$$

are not consistent.

Solⁿ: The given equⁿ can be written as

$$x + y + z = -3$$

$$3x + y - 2z = -2$$

$$2x + 4y + 7z = 7$$

The given system of equⁿ is equivalent to
single matrix equⁿ

$$AX = B$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

\therefore the augmented matrix

$$[AB] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & : & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & : & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & : & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & : & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & : & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & : & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & : & -3 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 & : & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

Above is the echelon form of the matrix $[AB]$.

Therefore we have $\text{rank } [AB] = 3$

Also, by the same E-row transformation

we get

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

$\therefore \text{Rank } A = 2$

Since, $\text{rank } A \neq \text{rank } [AB]$ therefore the given system of equⁿs are ~~not~~ not consistent i.e, they have no solⁿ.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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