

Consider the following system of *m* linear equation in *n* unknowns over a field *F*

$$
a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + ... + a_{1n}x_n = b_1
$$
  
\n
$$
a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + ... + a_{2n}x_n = b_2
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + ... + a_{mm}x_n = b_m
$$
  
\nThis system can be written as  $Ax = b$   
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$$
\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & ... & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & ... & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & ... & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}, x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}
$$
  
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- (a) If  $b = 0$  then the system is called homogeneous otherwise it is called non homogeneous.
- (b) A system of linear equations is called consistent if there exist  $x_1 \in F^n$  such that  $Ax_1 = b$ otherwise it is called inconsistent.



- (c) The  $m \times (n + 1)$  matrix  $[A:b]$  is called the augmented matrix of the system.
- (d) Two system  $Ax = b$  and  $A'x = b'; A, A' \in F^{m \times n}$ ,  $b, b' \in F^m$  are said to be equivalent if they have the same set of solutions.





### **Homogeneous System :**

Consider a homogeneous system  $Ax = 0$  ... (1)

Clearly  $x_1 = x_2 ... = x_n = 0$  *i.e*  $x = 0$  is a solution of (1). Therefore it is always a consistent system and this solution is called trivial solution of (1).

Again if  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two solution of (1)

Then their linear combination  $k_1x_1 + k_2x_2$ , where  $k_1, k_2 \in F$  is also a solution of (1).

and

Therefore the collection of all the solutions of the system of equations  $Ax = 0$  form a subspace of the *n*-dimensional vector space.

**Theorem:** The number of linear independent solution of *m* homogeneous linear equations in *n* variables,

 $Ax = 0$  is  $(n - r)$ , where *r* is the rank of the matrix *A*. Hence dimension of solution space is *n-r.* 

Consider the system  $Ax = 0$ 

Where 11  $\mathbf{u}_{12}$   $\cdots$   $\mathbf{u}_{1n}$   $\mathbf{u}_{1n}$ 21  $u_{22}$   $\cdots$   $u_{2n}$   $\cdots$   $u_{2n-1}$   $\cdots$   $u_{2n-2}$ 1  $u_{m2}$   $\cdots$   $u_{mn}$   $\perp$ <sub>m $\times$ n</sub>  $\cdots$   $\perp$  $\sim$ <sub>n $\perp$ n $\perp$ n $\perp$ </sub> ... ... ... *n n*  $m_1$   $u_{m2}$   $\cdots$   $u_{mn}$   $\perp$ <sub>*m*×*n*</sub>  $\cdots$   $\perp$ <sup>*n*</sup><sub>*n*</sub>  $\perp$  $a_{11}$   $a_{12}$  ...  $a_{1n}$   $x_1$  $a_{21}$   $a_{22}$  ...  $a_{2n}$   $x_2$  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2I & 2I & \cdots & 2I \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$  and x  $a_{m1}$   $a_{m2}$   $\ldots$   $a_{mn}$   $\ldots$   $x_{n}$   $\ldots$   $x_{n}$  $a_{11} \quad a_{12} \quad \dots \quad a_{1n} \quad | \quad x_1 \quad |$  $\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} a & a & a \end{array} & \begin{array}{ccc} \end{array} &$  $=$   $\begin{array}{ccc} -21 & -22 & -2n \\ -2 & -2 & -2n \end{array}$  and  $x =$  $\begin{bmatrix} a_{m1} & a_{m2} \end{bmatrix}$   $\ldots$   $\begin{bmatrix} a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$   $\begin{bmatrix} x_n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}$  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ 

**Case –I** : If  $n \leq m$ 

(a) If Rank  $(A) = n$ , then the system has only trivial solution.

(b) If  $r = \text{rank}(A) < n$ , then the system has infinite number of solutions and the dimension of solution space is *n*-*r.*

#### **Case -II** If  $m < n$

(a) If Rank  $(A) = m$ , then the solution space is of *n*-*m* dimension.

(b) If  $r = Rank(A) < m$ , then the system has infinite number of solutions and the dimension of solution space is *n*-*r.*

#### **Non- Homogeneous system :**

Consider the system  $Ax = b$ 

Where 
$$
A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}
$$
,  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$  **W**

#### **Theorem:**

The system of equation  $Ax = b$  is consistent if and only if the coefficient matrix *A* and the augmented matrix [*A*:*b*] are of the same rank.

**Case** - **I** If  $m = n$ 

(a) If Rank  $(A) = m = n$  then the system is always consistent and has unique solution.

(b) If  $r = Rank(A) < m = n$  then the system has solution if *b* can be written as linear combination of columns of *A* and has infinite solutions.

If *b* can not be written as linear combination of columns of *A* then the system has no solution

**Case -II** If  $m < n$ 

(a) If  $Rank(A) = m < n$ , then the system always have infinite number of solutions.

(b) If  $Rank(A) < m < n$  then the system has infinite number of solutions if *b* can be written as linear





**[(SCQ) CSIR-NET/JRF : June-2010]**

combinations of columns of *A* otherwise it does not have any solution.

**Case-III** if  $n < m$ 

(a) If  $Rank(A) = n < m$ , then the system has unique solution if *b* can be written as linear combination of columns of *A*.

(b) If  $Rank(A) < n < m$ , then the system has infinite number of solutions if *b* can be written as linear combination of columns of *A* otherwise it is inconsistent.

# **SOLVED PROBLEMS**

**1.** Let  $x + y + z = 0$ ,  $x - y - z = 0$  then the number of solution of this system of equation is

- 
- (c) finitely many but greater than 2 (d) none of these
- (a) unique (b) infinitely many
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**Soln.** We have

 $x + y + z = 0$  ...(i)

$$
x-y-z=0
$$

Solving these we get  $x = 0$  and  $y + z = 0 \implies y = -z$  and  $x = 0$ . Hence, there is infinitely many solution. **Correct option is (b).**

- **2.** Consider the system of equations  $AX = 0$ ,  $BX = 0$  where A and B are  $n \times n$  matrices and X is a  $n \times 1$ matrix. Which of the following statements are true. **[HCU-2010]** [HCU-2010]
	- (i) det( $A$ ) = det( $B$ ) implies that the two systems have the same solutions
	- (ii) The two systems have the same solutions implies  $det(A) = det(B)$

*x*  $\overrightarrow{ii}$ 

- (iii)  $\det(A) = 0 \neq \det(B)$  implies that the two systems can have different solutions
- (a) All are true (b) (i) is true
- (c) (iii) is true  $\bigcap$   $\bigcap$

 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ **Soln.**(i) Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $3\times 3$   $2\times 3$  $1 \t0 \t0$  0 0 0 0 0 0 | and  $B = |0 \t1 \t0$  $0 \t 0 \t 0 \t 1_{3\times 3}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 3}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 3}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 3}$ 

Clearly  $det(A) = det(B) = 0$ 

Now, 
$$
AX = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
\Rightarrow x_1 = 0
$$

$$
\Rightarrow \text{Solution set of } AX = 0 \text{ is } \{(0, x_2, x_3) | x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}\
$$

Now 
$$
BX = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3 = 0
$$





 $\Rightarrow$  Solution set for *BX* = 0 is {( $x_1, 0, 0$ ) |  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ }

Hence (i) is incorrect.

(ii) If det( $A$ ) = 3 and det ( $B$ ) = 4.

 $AX=0$  and  $BX=0$  has unique trivial solution. Hence solutions of the system  $AX=0$  and  $BX=0$  are the same, but  $\det(A) \neq \det(B)$ 

Hence (ii) is incorrect.

(iii) If det  $(A) = 0$  and  $\det(B) \neq 0$  then the system  $AX = 0$  have more than one solution and the system  $BX = 0$ always have unique trivial solution. Thus the two systems have different solutions.

Hence (iii) is correct

# **Correct option is (c)**

- **3.** Let *A* be a  $4 \times 4$  real matrix. Which of the following 4 conditions is not equivalent to the other 3?
	- (a) The matrix *A* is invertible [HCU-2011]
	- (b) The system of equations  $Ax = 0$  has only trivial solution
	- (c) Any two distinct rows *u* and *v* of *A* are linearly independent
	- (d) The system of equations  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution  $\forall b \in \mathbb{R}^4$

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

**Soln.** Consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

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

Clearly any two rows of A are linearly independent. But  $det(A) = 0$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  *A* is not invertible

 $\Rightarrow Ax = 0$  has more than one solution

# **Correct option is (c)**

**4.** The system of equations  $6x_1 - 2x_2 + 2\alpha x_3 = 1$  and  $3x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 5$  has no solution if  $\alpha$  is equal to

(a) -5 
$$
(b)
$$
  $-1$   $(c)$  1  $(d)$  5  $[HCU-2016]$ 

 $-1$  1 : 5 **Soln.** Consider 6  $-2$  2α : 1  $[A:b]$  $3 -1 \quad 1 : 5$  $A : b] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2a & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  $=\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Apply 
$$
R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - \frac{1}{2}R_1
$$
, we have  
\n
$$
[A:b] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2\alpha & \vdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\alpha & \vdots & \frac{9}{2} \end{bmatrix}
$$

2  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$ The system has no solution if  $1 - \alpha = 0 \implies \alpha = 1$ 

# **Correct option is (c)**

- **5.** Let *A* be a  $5 \times 5$  real matrix. Suppose 0 is one of eigenvalues of *A*. Which of the following statement is true?
	-
	- (c)  $AX = 0$  has a non-trivial solution (d) none of the above **[HCU-2018**]
	- (a) System  $AX = 0$  has unique solution (b) System  $AX = C$  has unique solution for any  $C$
- **Sol.** If 0 is one of the eigen value of *A*

 $\Rightarrow$  det (*A*) = 0  $\Rightarrow$  *AX* = 0 has a non trivial solution

**Correct option is (c)**





**Soln.** Consider 1 2 3  $1 -2 1$  :  $[A:b] = | 2 \t1 \t1 \t:$  $0 \t 5 \t -1$  : *y*  $A : b] = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ *y*  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & \vdots & y_1 \end{vmatrix}$  $=\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & \vdots & y_2 \end{vmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 & -1 & \vdots & y_3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Apply,  $R_1 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$ , we have



$$
[A:b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & \vdots & y_1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & \vdots & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 & \vdots & y_3 \end{bmatrix}
$$

Apply,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ , we have

$$
[A:b] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & \vdots & & & y_1 \\ 0 & +5 & -1 & \vdots & & y_2 - 2y_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & y_3 - y_2 + 2y_1 \end{bmatrix}
$$

Thus the system has a solution if  $2y_1 - y_2 + y_3 = 0$ 

#### **Correct option is (b)**

- ww.careerendeavour.com  $x + 4y + 3z = 0$  $x + 3y + 4z = 0$  $x + 2y + 5z = 0$  does have (a) no solution (b) infinitely many solutions (c) more than one but finitely many solutions (d) exactly one solution. **Soln.** Consider 1 4 3 1 3 4 1 2 5 *A*  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  $=\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ Apply,  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ ;  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ , we have 1 4 3  $0 \t -1 \t 1$  $0 \t -2 \t 2$ *A*  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  $=\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ Apply,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$ , we have 1 4 3  $0 - 1 - 1$ 0 0 0 *A*  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$  $E$  $E$  $E$  $E$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $\Rightarrow$  Rank(*A*) = 2 < 3
	- $\Rightarrow$  The system has infinitely many solution.

#### **Correct option is (b)**

**9.** Consider the following system of linear equations **[HCU-2012]**

$$
a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{15}x_5 = b_1
$$
  
\n
$$
a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{25}x_5 = b_2
$$
  
\n
$$
\vdots
$$
  
\n
$$
a_{81}x_1 + a_{82}x_2 + \dots + a_{85}x_5 = b_8
$$

A vector  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_5) \in \mathbb{R}^5$  is said to be a solution of the system if  $x_i = \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1,2...$ , 5 satisfies all the equations. Then

(a) If the system of equations has only finitely many solutions then it has exactly one solution

- (b) If all the  $b_i$ 's are zero then the set of solutions of the system is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .
- (c) A system of 8 equations in 5 unknowns is always consistent
- (d) If the system of equations has a unique solution then the rank of the matrix  $[a_{ii}]$  must be 5.



# **8.** Following system of linear equations **[CUCET-2017]**



- **Soln.** (a) If the field is inifinite then we come across only three cases which are
	- (i) No solution (ii) Infinite solution (iii) Unique solution

Thus if the system of equations has only finitely many solutions. Then it has to be unique. Thus option (a) is correct.

- (b) If the system  $AX = b$ ,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  is homogeneous then the solution set is subspace of  $F^n$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  option (b) is correct.
- (c) Consider the system  $AX = b$ , where



Clearly Rank $(A) \neq$  Rank $([A:b])$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  The system  $AX = b$  has no solution
- $\Rightarrow$  Option (c) is incorrect
- (d) If the system  $AX = b$ ,  $A = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  has unique solution then rank of *A* is always *n*.
- $\Rightarrow$  Option is (d) is correct.

# **Correct option are (a), (b), (d)**

- **10.** Consider a linear system of equations  $A\vec{x} = b$  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}$ where *A* is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $b \neq 0$  $\rightarrow$ . Suppose the rank of the matrix of coefficients  $A = (a_{ij})$  is equal to 2 then [HCU-2015]
	- (a) there definitely exists a solution of the system of equations
	- (b) there exists a non-zero column vector  $\vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$  $\overrightarrow{a}$
	- (c) if there exists a solution to the system of equations  $A\vec{x} = b$  $\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  then at least one equation is a linear combination of the other two equations

(d) 
$$
\det A = 0
$$

**Soln.** (a) Consider a system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \Big]$   $\Big]$   $\Big]$   $\Big[0$  $0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \mid, b = |0|$  $0 \t0 \t0$  | 1  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightarrow$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $= |0 \t1 \t1 |, b = |0|$  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$  $\rightarrow$ 

Clearly  $\rho(A) \neq \rho([A:b])$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  The system has no solution
- $\Rightarrow$  option (a) is incorrect
- (b) If  $\rho(A) < 3$  then there always exist a non zero vector *v* such that  $Av = 0$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  Option (b) is correct
- (c) Option (c) is correct [By property of system of linear equation's ]
- (d) If  $p(A) < 3$
- $\Rightarrow$  det(*A*) = 0
- $\Rightarrow$  option (d) is correct

**Correct option is (b), (c), (d)**



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**11.** Consider the system of simultaneous equations

$$
2x-2y-2z = a_1
$$
  
-2x+2y-3z = a<sub>2</sub>  
4x-4y+5z = a<sub>3</sub> [NBHM-2007]

Write down the condition to be satisfied by  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  for this system NOT to have a solution.

**Soln.** Consider 1 2 3  $2 -2 -2$ :  $[A:b] = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$ :  $4 -4 5$ : *a*  $A : b$ ] =  $\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$ *a*  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & -2 & : & a_1 \end{vmatrix}$  $= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -4 & 5 & \vdots & a_3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Apply,  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1$ , we have



$$
R_3 \rightarrow \frac{9}{5}R_2 + R_3, \text{ We have}
$$

$$
[A:b] \sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -2 & \vdots & & & a_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & \vdots & & & a_1 + a_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & (a_3 - 2a_1) + \frac{9}{5}(a_1 + a_2) \end{bmatrix}
$$

The system has no solution if  $(a_3 - 2a_1) + \frac{1}{5}(a_1 + a_2)$  $(a_3 - 2a_1) + \frac{9}{2}(a_1 + a_2) \neq 0$ 5  $a_3 - 2a_1$ ) +  $\frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2) \neq 0$ 

$$
\Rightarrow 5a_3 - 10a_1 + 9a_2 + 9a_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow -a_1 + 9a_2 + 5a_3 \neq 0
$$

- (b) 0, 1 (c) 1, 2 (d)  $-1$ , equation is **12.** If the system of equation  $x - ky - z = 0$ ,  $kx - y - z = 0$  and  $x + y - z = 0$  has a non zero solution, then the nonsible value of  $k$  are possible value of *k* are (a)  $-1, 2$  (b) 0, 1 (c) 1, 2 (d)  $-1, 1$  **[IIT-JEE : 2011]**
- **Soln.** Given that, system of equation is

$$
x - ky - z = 0
$$
  

$$
kx - y - z = 0
$$
  

$$
x + y - z = 0
$$

Matrix representation is  $1 - k - 1$  $1 -1$  $1 \quad 1 \quad -1$ *k*  $A = |k|$  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -k & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  $=\begin{vmatrix} k & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Given system has non zero solution  $\Rightarrow |A| = 0$  $\Rightarrow$  1(1+1) + k (-k+1) - 1(k+1) = 0  $\Rightarrow$  2-k<sup>2</sup> + K - K - 1 = 0  $\Rightarrow$  -k<sup>2</sup> + 1 = 0  $\Rightarrow k^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = \pm 1}$ 









- (b) If  $m < n$  then the given system of equation has no solution
- (c) If  $m < n$  then the given system of equation has infinite or no solution
- (d) If  $m \le n$  then the given system of equation has no solution
- **Soln.** We know that, if number of equation is less than number of unknowns then system of linear equation have either no or infinite solutions. As, rank  $[A : B]$  < number of unknowns and if rank  $[A : B]$  = rank  $[A]$   $\Rightarrow$  infinite solution. rank  $[A : B] \neq \text{rank } [A] \Rightarrow$  no solution.

### **Correct option is (c).**





**18.** Tick true or false *A* is  $3 \times 4$  matix of rank 3. Then system of equations  $Ax = b$  has exactly one solution. **[TIFR-2011]** 

**Soln.**  $n - r = 4 - 3 = 1$  so it has infinite number of solution.

## **Statement is false.**

# **UNSOLVED PROBLEMS**

# **SIMULTANEOUS LINEAR SYSTEM**

In all the following, you show consistency and inconsistency. If consistent find solution on it.



