

* The rank of a matrix :- (r)

The rank of the matrix depends on the determinant of that matrix.

rank of the matrix

$m \neq n$

Non-square matrix

By deleting a row or column from the original matrix to find its determinant value

$m = n$

square matrix

$|A| = 0$

$r(A) < m$
or $< n$

$|A| \neq 0$

$r(A) = m$
or $= n$

$|A| = 0$

$r(A) < \min(m, n)$

$|A| \neq 0$

$r(A) = \min(m, n)$

EX: Find ^{the} rank ^{for} the following matrixes.

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:

$A_{2 \times 2}$ is $m = n = 2$ square matrix
 $|A| = 0 - 2 = -2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow r(A) = m = n = 2$

$B_{2 \times 2}$ is $m = n = 2$ square matrix

$$|B| = -6 + 6 = 0$$

So, will find minor by deleting the row(i) and column(j) when the matrix is square.

delete (C_1 and R_1)

M_{11}

$$B^* = [-2]_{1 \times 1} \Rightarrow |B^*|_{1 \times 1} = -2 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore r(B) = 1$$

Ex:- Find the rank of the following matrices

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

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ , } D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol:-

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & -4 \\ 4 & 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = [10 + (-32) + 0] - [8 + 0 - 30] = -22 + 22 = 0$$

So, minor will be found by deleting the row (1) and column (2) when the matrix is square

M_{12}

$$|A^*| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 4 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 2 - (-15 - (-16)) = 1 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore r(A) = 2$$

$$r(A) < m = 3 \Rightarrow r(A) = 2 < m = 3$$

$$|B|_{2 \times 3}$$

Since matrix (B) is not square (horizontal) & only column (j) is deleted.

to convert it to a square matrix

and then find the determinant.

delete C_1

$$B^*_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} ; |B^*_{2 \times 2}| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore r(B) = 2$$

$$r(B) = \min(m, n)$$

$$= \min(2, 3)$$

$$r(B) = m = 2$$

$$|C|_{3 \times 2}$$

Since matrix (C) is not square (Vertical), only row (i) is deleted to convert it to a square matrix and then find the determinant.

delete R_3

$$C^*_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow |C^*| = 12 - 12 = 0$$

delete R_2

$$|C^*_{2 \times 2}| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ -4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -24 + 24 = 0$$

delete (R_1)

$$|C_{3 \times 2}^{**}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -4 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = -12 + 12 = 0$$

Since $(C_1^*, C_2^* \text{ and } C_3^*)$ all of them give the value of the determinant equal to zero, so minor will be found for $C_1^* = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

delete C_1, R_1

$$|C_1^{**}| = |3| = 3 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore r(C) = 1$$

$$r(C) \leq \min(m, n)$$

$$r(C) \leq n = 2$$

$$\therefore r(C) = 1 < n = 2$$

$$|D| = 0 \quad \therefore r(D) = 0$$

Since matrix D is a zero matrix, its rank is always zero

Remark: If the matrix is zero, then its rank is always zero

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} ; B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$