

## Alternate Methods to find Rank of Matrix

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**Abstract:** Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $m \times n$ . Since we have traditional method to find the rank of matrix  $A$  by converting the given matrix into row reduced echelon form or column reduced echelon and normal form. Here we use another method to convert the given matrix  $A$  into an Anti-Row reduced Echelon form or Anti-Column Reduced Echelon form and the result matrix will give the rank of the matrix  $A$  so that the number of non-zero rows in corresponding method is the rank of  $A$ . And we have also introduced an Anti Normal Form to find the rank of  $A$ . In addition to this we have solved system of linear equations using anti echelon method.

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### 1. Introduction

**Definition 1.1:** A square matrix  $J$  of order  $n \times n$  is said to be Anti Identity matrix if  $J$  represented as

$$J_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Anti-Identity matrix of the different order for  $n=2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$  are given below.

$$J_{2 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, J_{3 \times 3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, J_{4 \times 4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dots$$

**Definition 1.2:** A matrix of order  $m \times n$  is said to be in Anti-Row reduced echelon form if it satisfies the following conditions

1. The last non-zero entry in first row is must be non-zero.
2. In each row below the last non-zero element below values must be zero.
3. Zero rows if any must be in bottom of the matrix.

Examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 1.3:** A matrix of order  $m \times n$  is said to be in Anti-Normal form if it is converted into any one of the following form

$\begin{bmatrix} J \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & J \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} J & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Where J is Anti Identity matrix of order  $r \times r$  and  $r$  is the rank and  $r \leq \min(m, n)$

For example

1)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in anti normal form with rank 4

2)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in anti normal form with rank 3

3)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in anti normal form with rank 2

4)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in anti normal form with rank 2

**Definition 1.4:** A matrix of order  $m \times n$  is said to be in Row reduced echelon form if it satisfy the following conditions

1. The first non-zero entry in first row is must be non-zero.
2. In each row below the first non-zero element below values must be zero.
3. Zero rows if any must be in bottom of the matrix.

Examples:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 1.5:** A matrix of order  $m \times n$  is said to be in Normal form if it is converted into any one the following form

$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Where  $I$  is the Identity matrix of order  $r \times r$  and  $r$  is the rank,  $r \leq \min(m, n)$

For example

$$\begin{aligned}
 &1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in anti normal form with rank 4} \\
 &2) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in anti normal form with rank 3} \\
 &3) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in anti normal form with rank 2} \\
 &4) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in anti normal form with rank 2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## II. Methodology

In this section we are going to take one example for this we will apply traditional method converting the given matrix into row reduced echelon form then we find rank of the matrix and then for the same matrix we will find the rank by converting the same matrix into anti row reduced echelon form. In the same way we will take another example to find the solution of the system of linear equations construct augmented matrix and convert that into echelon form and Anti Echelon form to find the solution then we prove that using this two methods the answer is same.

### Type 1: Row reduced Echelon form and Row reduced anti Echelon form

Case 1: Find Rank of a matrix using traditional method converting the given matrix into row reduced echelon form.

$$\text{Find Rank of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ using row reduced echelon form}$$

Solution:

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

$$R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$$

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 6R_1$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 9 & 12 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 4 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow 5R_4 - 4R_3$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 33 & 22 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is in echelon form now, the number of Non zero rows = 3

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

Case 2: Find Rank of the same above matrix using alternative method converting the given matrix into anti row reduced echelon form

$$\text{Find Rank of } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ 3 & 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \text{ using Anti Row reduced echelon form}$$

Solution:

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

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 7R_1$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ -7 & -13 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 & 5 & 0 \\ -8 & -18 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_3$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ -8 & -18 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 & 5 & 0 \\ -8 & -18 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ -8 & -18 & 7 & 0 \\ -1 & -5 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow 5R_3 - 7R_2$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & -5 & 5 & 0 \\ 33 & 55 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It is in anti row reduced echelon form now, the number of Non zero rows = 3

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

Hence the both cases the rank is unique

## **Type 2: Normal form and Anti Normal form**

Case 1: Find Rank of a matrix using traditional method converting the given matrix into normal form.

Find Rank of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  using row reduced Normal form

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_1$

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

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 2C_1, C_4 \rightarrow C_4 + 3C_1$

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

Applying  $C_4 \leftrightarrow C_3$  and then  $C_4 \rightarrow C_4/3$

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

$$\approx [I_4]$$

$$\therefore \rho(A) = 4$$

Case 2: Find Rank of the same above matrix using alternative method converting the given matrix into Anti Normal form

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & -6 \\ -1 & -3 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & -13 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - 3$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & -13 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_4, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 2C_4, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + 2C_4$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & -13 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 8 & -7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C_4 \leftrightarrow C_3$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 10 & -13 & 0 \\ 4 & -7 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + 13R_2, R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 8R_2$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -7 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 / -5$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -7 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_1$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -7 & 4 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + 4R_3,$

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

$C_2 \rightarrow C_2 / -1$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - 2C_2$

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

$$\approx [J_4]$$

$$\therefore \rho(A) = 4$$

Hence the both cases the rank is unique

### **III. Conclusion**

Here we have proved there are the alternative methods anti row reduced echelon form and Anti Normal form to find rank of the given matrix of any order.

### **Reference**

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