

## Definition:

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① Non-degenerate basic solutions: If all

components of the basic variable are nonzero quantities. Then the basic solution is called ~~non-degenerate~~ non-degenerate basic solution.

② Degenerate basic solution:

If some components of solution set of basic variable vanishes then it is called degenerate basic solution.

③ basic feasible solution:

The solution which is both basic and feasible is called basic feasible solution.

④ Non degenerate basic feasible solution:

If all the components of the basic variable are positive & quantities then it is called non-degenerate basic feasible solution.

⑤ Degenerate basic feasible solution:

If some components of the basic

feasible solution is zero then it is called degenerate basic feasible solution.

Ex: Prove that  $x_1=2, x_2=0$  and  $x_3=1$  is a basic solution to the set of equations

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

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 5$$

Here  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Now rank of  $A = 2$ . Hence the set of equations are linearly independent.

We can see that  $(2, 0, 1)$  satisfies the above equation. Hence it is a solution.

As the vectors  $a_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $a_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  associated with  $x_1, x_3$  are linearly independent so it is a basic solution.

Ex: Show that  $x_1=2, x_2=-1, x_3=0$  is a solution of set but not a basic solution to the set of equations.

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

$$9x_1 - 6x_2 + 4x_3 = 24$$

Sol: Here  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 9 & -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  so  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$

Hence the equations are linearly independent

Here  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 24 \end{bmatrix}$ . Now  $(2, -1, 0)$  is a solution.

but the vectors corresponding to  $x_1 = 2$  i.e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $x_2 = -1$  i.e.  $a_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$  is not linearly independent. So it is not a basic solution.