

Solutions to Homework 5

1.

(a)

$$N(A) = [2 \ 3 \ 1 \ 0]^T$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = n - \dim N(A) = 4 - 1 = 3$$

The complete solution is $\mathbf{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(b)

Recall the method of finding $N(A)$ from the reduced echelon form of A .

$$\left(\text{If } A \sim \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{F} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{F} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\text{We can get } A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c)

A is full column rank $\Rightarrow C(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$

\therefore Any \mathbf{b} can be a linear combination of columns of A .

$\therefore \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ is solvable for all \mathbf{b} .

2.

(a)

A subspace in $\mathbf{R}^4 = \{ \mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_1 \ x_1 \ x_1]^T \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^4 \}$

\Rightarrow Any vectors in this subspace are $[x_1 \ x_1 \ x_1 \ x_1]^T = x_1 [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$

$\Rightarrow x_1$ is any constant, so the vectors in this subspace are the linear combinations of $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T$

\therefore The basis is $\{ [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]^T \}$

(b)

A subspace in $\mathbf{R}^4 = \{ \mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]^T \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^4 \}$

\Rightarrow Let $x_2 = C_1, x_3 = C_2, x_4 = C_3$ and $C_1, C_2, C_3 \in \mathfrak{R}$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = -C_1 - C_2 - C_3$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} = C_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ is the linear combination of $\{ [-1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T, [-1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [-1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T \}$

\therefore The basis is $\{ [-1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T, [-1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [-1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^T \}$

(c)

Let $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]^T$

A subspace in $\mathbf{R}^4 = \{ \mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]^T \mid \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{u}_2 = 0, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^4 \}$

\Rightarrow We can rewrite the relation between \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 as

$$[x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

\Rightarrow This subspace is equal to the left null space of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

\Rightarrow The left nullspace matrix = $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

\therefore The basis is $\{ [1 \ -1 \ -1 \ 0]^T, [0 \ 0 \ -1 \ -1]^T \}$

4.

(a)

$$\text{Ans: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The column space is $\text{span}\{[1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [0 \ 0 \ 2]^T\}$

The row space is $\text{span}\{[1 \ 0]^T, [0 \ 2]^T\}$ which contains $\{[1 \ 2]^T, [2 \ 3]^T\}$

(b)

$$\text{Ans: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The basis of column space is $\{[1 \ 1 \ 3]^T\}$

The basis of null space is $\{[1 \ 0 \ 1]^T, [0 \ 1 \ 1]^T\}$

(c)

Dimension of null space = the number of columns – rank

Dimension of left null space = the number of rows – rank

\Rightarrow the number of rows + 1 = the number of columns

$$\text{Ans: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d)

$$[1 \ 2] \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1, b = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

(e)

Row space = column space \Rightarrow The matrix must be square

\Rightarrow

Dimension of null space = the number of columns - rank

Dimension of left null space = the number of rows - rank

But the matrix is square and dimension of column space = dimension of row space.

\therefore This matrix is impossible

5.

$\dim N(A) = 2$ (There are two homogeneous solutions)

\therefore A basis for the null space can be $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. ----(c)

A must be 4 by 3.

From the rank theorem, $\text{rank}(A) = n - \dim N(A) = 1$

Since $\dim C(A) = \text{rank}(A) = 1$, a basis for the column space of A contains only one vector.

$\therefore Ax = [1 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ is solvable $\therefore [1 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1]^T$ is in $C(A)$

\therefore A basis for the column space can be $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ----(b)

We know $N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$, free variables are in bold face.

Recall the method of finding $N(A)$ from the reduced echelon form of A.

(If $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, then $N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I \end{bmatrix}$)

We can get $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ----(a)

6.

The reduced row echelon form of A is
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow From the reduced row echelon form, we can get the row space and the null space of A .

$\therefore \text{span}\left\{[1 \ 3 \ 0 \ -2 \ -1]^T, [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 3]^T\right\}$ is the row space

\Rightarrow the nullspace matrix is
$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore \text{span}\left\{[-3 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T, [2 \ 0 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [1 \ 0 \ -3 \ 0 \ 1]^T\right\}$ is the null space

To find the column space and the left column space, we recover A first.

$A = E \times (\text{row echelon form of } A)$ and $I_3 = E \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & -6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & -6 & -8 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 2 & -5 \\ 10 & 1 & -4 \\ -3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore A = E \times (\text{row echelon form of } A) = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 36 & 2 & -22 & -6 \\ 10 & 30 & 1 & -19 & -7 \\ -3 & -9 & 0 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

\therefore The row operation doesn't change the relation between the columns of A

\Rightarrow

$$\text{column}_2 = \text{column}_1 \times 3$$

$$\text{column}_4 = \text{column}_1 \times (-2) + \text{column}_3$$

$$\text{column}_5 = \text{column}_1 \times (-1) + \text{column}_3 \times 3$$

$\therefore \text{span}\left\{[12 \ 10 \ -3]^T, [2 \ 1 \ 0]^T\right\}$ is the column space of A

$\therefore E^{-1} \times A = (\text{row echelon form of } A)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 \\ 3 & -6 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 36 & 2 & -22 & -6 \\ 10 & 30 & 1 & -19 & -7 \\ -3 & -9 & 0 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We focus on the zero row of the row echelon form of A

$$\Rightarrow [3 \quad -6 \quad -8] \times \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 36 & 2 & -22 & -6 \\ 10 & 30 & 1 & -19 & -7 \\ -3 & -9 & 0 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow [3 \quad -6 \quad -8]^T \in \text{the left null space of } A$

We know that the dimension of left null space = the number of rows - rank and $\text{rank}(A) = 2$

$\Rightarrow \text{the dimension of left null space} = 1$

$\therefore \text{span} \left\{ [3 \quad -6 \quad -8]^T \right\}$ is the left null space