

Solution to Problem Set 5

1.

(a)

Suppose $\mathbf{x} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$ and $\mathbf{x} = d_1\mathbf{v}_1 + d_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + d_n\mathbf{v}_n$

By subtraction $(c_1 - d_1)\mathbf{v}_1 + (c_2 - d_2)\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + (c_n - d_n)\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$

From the independence of the \mathbf{v}' s, each $c_i - d_i = 0$

Hence $c_i = d_i$, and there are not two ways to produce \mathbf{v}

(b)

Suppose $c_1\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$

$$\rightarrow A \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

\because For any A , A has inverse

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = 0$$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_n$ is also a basis for \mathbb{R}^n

2.

(a)

$$B = EA$$

$$\rightarrow A = E^{-1}B$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{a}_j = E^{-1}\mathbf{b}_j$$

If $\mathbf{b}_j = c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_j &= E^{-1}(c_1\mathbf{b}_1 + c_2\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{b}_n) \\ &= c_1(E^{-1}\mathbf{b}_1) + c_2(E^{-1}\mathbf{b}_2) + \dots + c_n(E^{-1}\mathbf{b}_n) \\ &= c_1\mathbf{a}_1 + c_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{a}_n \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\text{Let } R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3 \quad \mathbf{a}_4]$$

$$\because \mathbf{a}_2 = 5 \times \mathbf{a}_1$$

$$\mathbf{a}_4 = 2 \times \mathbf{a}_1 + (-3) \times \mathbf{a}_3$$

$\therefore \mathbf{a}_2$ and \mathbf{a}_4 are linear combination of \mathbf{a}_1 and \mathbf{a}_3

(c)

Counterexample

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b_1 = b_2, \text{ but } a_1 \neq a_2$$

3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$A = E \times (\text{row echelon form of A}) \text{ and } I_3 = E \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A = E \times (\text{row echelon form of A}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 9 & -1 & -9 \\ -3 & 6 & -9 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

→ $\text{column}_2 = \text{column}_1 \times (-2)$

$\text{column}_3 = \text{column}_1 \times 3$

$\text{column}_5 = \text{column}_1 \times (-2) + \text{column}_4 \times 3$

∴ $\text{span}\{[3 \ -3 \ 1]^T, [-1 \ 1 \ 0]^T\}$ is the column space of A

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

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 9 & -1 & -9 \\ -3 & 6 & -9 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We focus on the zero row of echelon form of A

$$\rightarrow [1 \ 1 \ 0] \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -6 & 9 & -1 & -9 \\ -3 & 6 & -9 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\rightarrow [1 \ 1 \ 0]^T \in$ 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 the dimension of left null space = 1

$\therefore \text{span}\{[1 \ 1 \ 0]^T\}$ is the left null space

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(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 $C_1, C_2, C_3 \in \mathbf{R}$

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

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

$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ 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 $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]^T$ 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

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

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

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

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

(d)

A subspace in $\mathbb{R}^4 = \{x = [a \ b \ c \ d]^T \mid a = b \text{ and } c = d, x \in \mathbb{R}^4\}$

→ $x = [a \ b \ c \ d]^T = [a \ a \ c \ c]^T = a \times [1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]^T + c \times [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]^T$

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

5.

(a)

From nullspace basis $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^3

→ The number of columns is $3 = \text{rank} + \text{Dimension of null space}$

But $\dim(N) = 1$, $\dim(C) = 1$

→ $\text{rank} + \text{Dimension of null space} = 2 \neq 3$

→ This matrix is impossible

(b)

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

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

The row space is $\text{span}\{[1 \ 0]^T, [0 \ 1]^T\}$ which contains $\{[1 \ 2]^T, [3 \ 4]^T\}$

(c)

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

Dimension of column space = dimension of nullspace = 1

(d)

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

$$\rightarrow a = -1, b = -1$$

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

(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

6.

(a)

$\dim N(A) = 1$ (There is one homogeneous solution)

It is obvious that A is 4 by 3.

From the rank theorem, $\text{rank}(A) = n - \dim N(A) = 2$

(b)

Since $\dim C(A) = \text{rank}(A) = 2$, a basis for the column space of A contains two vector.

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

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

\rightarrow basis of $C(A) = \{ [2 \ 2 \ 2 \ 2]^T, [2 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1]^T \}$

(c)

$$\text{We know that } N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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