Problem 0.1. (2 points) Find the reduced row-echelon form of the matrix

$$A = {}^{\bullet} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \sim {}^{\bullet} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -2 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \times {}^{-1/3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim$$

$${}^{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}(A) = \boxed{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} }$$

Problem 0.2. (2 points) Find the solution set of the linear system below in parametric vector form.

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ 4x + 5y + 6z = 2 \\ 7x + 8y + 9z = 3 \end{cases}$$

Since the augmented matrix for the system is the matrix in Problem 0.1, we have

solution set
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 0.3. (2 points) Simplify the following matrix expression:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} [a & b] + \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \\ g \end{bmatrix} [e & f] \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} [a & b] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \\ g \end{bmatrix} [e & f] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = ca + ge$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{simplified} \\ \text{expression} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} ca + ge \end{array}$$

Problem 0.4. (2 points) Find and simplify the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a & 1 & 0 \\ a^2 & -a & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 0.5. (2 points) Find the LU-factorization of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 From Problem 0.1

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

Problem 0.6. (2 points) Find the CR-factorization of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 From Problem 0.1

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \qquad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 0.7. (2 points) Showing/explaining your work, find the determinant of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1(1+1) = -2$$

$$\det A = \boxed{ -2 }$$

Problem 0.8. (2 points) If possible, diagonalize the matrix below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 9 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad p_A(\lambda) = \lambda^2 - (5-1)\lambda + (-5+9) = \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 4 = (\lambda - 2)^2$$
$$\underline{\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2} : \qquad A - \lambda_1 I = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 9 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because there is only one independent eigenvector, the matrix A is not diagonalizable.

$$A = SDS^{-1}$$
 where $S =$ and $D =$

Problem 0.9. (2 points) Showing your work, deterimine if the following set is linearly dependent or linearly independent.

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1\\2\\3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4\\5\\6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7\\8\\9 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7\\2 & 5 & 8\\3 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7\\0 & -3 & -6\\0 & -6 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7\\0 & -3 & -6\\0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

No pivot in the third column.

Circle one: Linearly dependent Linearly independent

Problem 0.10. (4 points) Find bases for the four fundamental subspaces of the matrix

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

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} & 1 & 0 \\ 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{array}{c} 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & 7 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & basis \\ for \\ Col(A) & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} & basis \\ for \\ Row(A) & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & basis \\ for \\ Nul(A) & Nul(A^T) & \emptyset \end{array}$$

Problem 0.11. (4 points) Diagonalize, if possible.

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$p_A(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + (2 + 0 - 2)\lambda^2 - \left(\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right)\lambda = -\lambda^3 + \lambda = -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 1) = -\lambda(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 1)$$

$$A = SDS^{-1} \text{ where } S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \text{and } D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 0.12. (2 points) Find the least squares solutions of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Multiplying on the left by the transpose of the coefficient matrix gives the normal equations:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying Gauss-Jordan to the augmented matrix,

Problem 1.1. (10 points) Find the QR-factorization of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & 0 \\ 8 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad ||\mathbf{v}_1|| = \sqrt{36 + 64} = 10 \qquad \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{-30 + 80 + 0}{36 + 64 + 0} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad ||\mathbf{v}_2|| = \sqrt{64 + 36} = 10 \qquad \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4/5 \\ 3/5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{100} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{0}{100} \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad ||\mathbf{v}_3|| = 7 \qquad \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad R = \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & 4/5 & 0 \\ -4/5 & 3/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -5 & 0 \\ 8 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & -4/5 & 0 \\ 4/5 & 3/5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad R = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 1.2. (10 points) Find an orthogonal diagonalization of the following matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$p_A(\lambda) = -\lambda^3 + (0+0+0)\lambda^2 - \left(\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \right) \lambda + 2$$

$$= -\lambda^3 + 3\lambda + 2 \qquad \text{note: } p_A(-1) = 1 - 3 + 2 = 0$$

$$= -(\lambda+1)(\lambda^2 - 1\lambda - 2) = -(\lambda+1)(\lambda+1)(\lambda-2) = -(\lambda+1)^2(\lambda-2)$$

$$\frac{\lambda_{1} = \lambda_{2} = -1}{\lambda_{1}} : A - \lambda_{1}I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{v}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1+0+0}{1+1+0} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -1/2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
\frac{\lambda_{3} = 2}{1} : A - \lambda_{3}I = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{||\mathbf{v}_1||} \mathbf{v}_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1+0}} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\1\\0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{||\mathbf{v}_2||} \mathbf{v}_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1+4}} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\-1\\2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{bmatrix} -1\\-1\\2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{||\mathbf{v}_3||} \mathbf{v}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1+1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = UDU^{T} \text{ where } U = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 1.3. (9 points) Find the singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix:

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

$$A^{T}A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

Note: Although the Gram matrix is orthogonally diagonalized with minimal effort, the eigenvalues and eigenvectors must ordered so that the eigenvalues are monotonically decreasing.

Hence,
$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}, \ \sigma_2 = \sqrt{9} = 3, \ \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{v}1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2].$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{1} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{1}} A \mathbf{v}_{1} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 4\\ -2\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{5}/5\\ -\sqrt{5}/5\\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{u}_{2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{2}} A \mathbf{v}_{2} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\ 2\\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3\\ 2/3\\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The remaining columns of U (just one in this case) are found as an orthonormal basis for $nul(A^T)$:

$$A^{T} = {\color{red} \bullet \atop 4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim {\color{red} \times \ -1/10} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -10 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim {\color{red} 2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/5 \end{bmatrix} \sim {\color{red} 2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2/5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{3} = {\color{red} -2/5 \\ -4/5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{||\mathbf{u}_3||} \mathbf{u}_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4 + 16 + 25}} \begin{bmatrix} -2\\-4\\5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} -2\\-4\\5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = U\Sigma V^{T}$$
 where
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{15} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{15} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{5} & 0\\ 0 & 3\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad V = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem 2. (10 points) Evaluate the truth of each statement below. If the statement is true write T in the box preceding the statement. Otherwise, write F.

- (a) T The set of pivot columns of a matrix is linearly independent.
- (b) T If det(A) = 1, then A is invertible.
- (c) T If $1 \in \sigma(A)$, then A I is singular.
- (d) T For an $n \times n$ matrix A with n signular values, $||A\mathbf{x}|| \ge \sigma_n ||\mathbf{x}||$.
- (e) The normal equations $A^T A \mathbf{x} = A^T \mathbf{b}$ always have at least one solution.

Problem 3. (10 points) The built-in MATLAB function null returns a matrix having columns that form an orthonormal basis for the null space of the input matrix. For example, >> null([0 1 0; 0 2 0; 0 3 0])

>> A*N

Provide the output expected from MATLAB for the given commands in the answer boxes:

>> transpose(N)*N % transpose outputs the transpose of the input matrix

Since A is 4×4 with one pivot, N is 4×3 ; i.e., a basis for nul(A) contains three vectors.

Since N has orthonormal columns $N^T N = I$.