

$$Ax=b \text{ and } Ax=0$$

$Ax=b$ has a solution when $b \in (LA)$

Given any $m \times n$ matrix A

$$P = P_1 \cdots P_k$$

$$L = Z_1 \cdots Z_s$$

$$P(A) = LU \rightarrow \text{row echelon form}$$

$$PA = LU$$

$$U = D\tilde{U} \Rightarrow \text{for non-square matrices.}$$

$$\tilde{U} = ER \quad U \text{ is ref (row echelon form)}$$

$$\text{Prop: } N(A) = N(U) = N(\tilde{U}) = N(R)$$

$$\text{Pf: } PA = LU$$

$$Ax=0 \Leftrightarrow (L^{-1}P)Ax=0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u x = 0$$

similarly: $u = D \tilde{u}$

$$E \tilde{u} = R$$

e.g. $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ solve $R \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$

solve from bottom:

$$x_3 + x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = -x_4$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 - x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -3x_2 + x_4$$

i.e. $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_2 + x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

or:

$$N(R) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3x_2 + x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -x_4 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \mid x_2, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

or:

$$\vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$N(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

minimal size of spanning set = # of free variables
 = n / (non-zero rows)

$$C(A) = \left\{ aE \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + bE \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

null space: $N(A) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = 0 \}$
 is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

column space: $C(A) = \{ \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \vec{b} = A\vec{x} \text{ for some } \vec{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \}$