

Step-1

(a) For any A , b , x and y , if $Ax = b$ and $y^T A = 0$, then we have to show that $y^T b = 0$.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} y^T b &= y^T (Ax) \\ &= (y^T A) x \\ &= 0 \cdot x \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $y^T b = 0$

Hence y is perpendicular to b

Step-2

(b) For any A , b , x and y , if $Ax = 0$ and $A^T y = b$, then we have to show that $x^T b = 0$, and we have to find that what theorem does this prove about the fundamental subspaces.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} x^T b &= x^T (A^T y) \\ &= (x^T A^T) y \\ &= (Ax)^T \cdot y \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= 0^T y \\ &= 0 \cdot y \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x^T b = 0$

Hence x is perpendicular to c .

Step-4

Here we used the theorem (1): $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, and theorem (2): $(AB)C = A(BC)$

to prove the above results.