

Step-1

Consider $Ax = b$ has at least one solution.

The objective is to show that the only solution to $A^T y = 0$ is $y = 0$.

If $Ax = b$ has at least one solution, to show that the only solution to $A^T y = 0$ is $y = 0$.

Let A be an n by n matrix.

Suppose that $Ax = b$ has at least one solution x for every b if and only if the columns span \mathbf{R}^n .

Step-2

The vector b can be expressed as a combination of the columns of A if and only if the system $Ax = b$ is solvable.

More over all columns of A are linearly independent,

The number of columns in matrix A is n .

Hence, the dimension of column A is n .

$$\dim(\mathbf{C}(A)) = n$$

If columns of A are linearly independent then the rank of A is n .

$$\text{rank}(A) = n$$

Step-3

By a known result,

$$\dim(\mathbf{N}(A)) + \dim(\mathbf{C}(A)) = \text{Number of columns of } A$$

$$\dim(\mathbf{N}(A)) + n = n$$

$$\dim(\mathbf{N}(A)) = 0$$

Step-4

Let A be an n by n matrix.

Then the transpose matrix A^T is also n by n matrix.

Rank of $A = n$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank of } A^T &= n \\ \dim(\mathbf{N}(A^T)) &= n\end{aligned}$$

Step-5

Therefore, the dimension of nullspace A^T is equal to the dimension of nullspace A .

$$\dim(\mathbf{N}(A^T)) = \dim(\mathbf{N}(A))$$

$$\dim(\mathbf{N}(A^T)) = 0 \quad \text{Since } \dim(\mathbf{N}(A)) = 0$$

Therefore, $A^T y = 0$ has only solution $y = 0$.