

## Step-1

a) Given that  $x$  is a null space of  $A$

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$$

Let us consider  $(M^{-1}AM)(M^{-1}x)$

$$= M^{-1}A(MM^{-1})x$$

$$= M^{-1}(AI)x$$

$$= M^{-1}(Ax)$$

$$= M^{-1}(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$(M^{-1}AM)(M^{-1}x) = 0$  confirms that  $M^{-1}x$  is in the null space of  $M^{-1}AM$ .

## Step-2

b) We have that similar matrix  $B = M^{-1}AM$  is closely connected to  $A$ .

Every linear transformation is represented by a matrix.

The matrix depends on the choice of basis.

If we change the basis to  $M$ , we change the matrix  $A$  to a similar matrix  $B$ .

Similar matrices represent the same transformation  $T$  with respect to different bases.

But this confirms that the dimension of  $B$  is equal to the dimension of  $A$ .

The set of linearly independent vectors in  $A$  are reduced to row echelon form by the multiplication of  $M$  and its inverse to get  $B$ . Thus, the basis of  $A$  and that of  $B$  are same.

Putting these things together, we get  $M^{-1}AM$  and  $A$  have the same vectors, bases and dimension.