

Problem 2.2:

Theorem: Let Z be an $n \times r$ null-space matrix for the matrix A . If Y is any invertible $r \times r$ matrix, $\hat{Z} = ZY$ is also a null-space matrix for A .

Proof: Given that Z is an $n \times r$ null-space matrix for matrix A , we know that $AZ = 0$, we also know that Y is an invertible matrix. We need to show that $A\hat{Z} = 0$ or $AZY = 0$ for $\hat{Z} = ZY$ to be a null-space matrix for A . Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A\hat{Z} &= A(ZY) \\ A(ZY) &= (AZ)Y \\ A(ZY) &= 0Y \\ AZY &= 0 \text{ or } A\hat{Z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus proving $\hat{Z} = ZY$ is also a null-space matrix for A .

Problem 3.1: We will compute a basis for the null space for the following matrices(Denoted with A) using variable reduction:

{i}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{R_2}{2} + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 & -2x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 & -x_3 + x_4 &= 0 & x_4 &= x_4 \\ x_4 &= t & x_3 &= t & x_2 &= -t & x_1 &= -t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus null}(A) = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

{ii}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 & x_2 &= x_2 & x_3 &= x_3 & x_4 &= x_4 \\ x_2 &= s & x_3 &= t & x_4 &= u & x_1 &= -s - t - u \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus null}(A) = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } s, t, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

{iii}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 & 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 & x_3 = s & x_4 = t \\ x_2 = -x_3 = -s & x_1 - s + s + t = 0 & x_1 = s - s - t & x_1 = -t \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thus null}(A) = s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

{iv}

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{R_2}{2} - R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2R_1 - R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{R_2}{2} + R_3 \rightarrow R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{R_2}{2} \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} x_1 + x_4 = 0 & x_2 + x_3 = 0 & x_3 = s & x_4 = t \\ x_2 = -s & x_1 = -t & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Thus null}(A) = s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } s, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Problem 3.3 For the following problem we use p_2 and p_3 as our basic variables for A and we attempt the same with p_1 and p_4

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 + 2p_2 + 2p_4 &= 0 & 2p_1 + p_2 + 2p_3 + 4p_4 &= 0 & p_1 &= -2p_2 - 2p_4 \\
 -4p_2 - 4p_4 + p_2 + 2p_3 + 4p_4 &= 0 & -3p_2 + 2p_3 &= 0 & p_2 &= \frac{2}{3}p_3 \\
 p_1 &= -\frac{4}{3}p_3 - 2p_4
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $p_2 = \frac{2}{3}p_3$ We end up using p_4 as our free variable

$$\text{null}(A) = p_3 \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + p_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the second part of the problem we consider p_1 and p_4 as our free variables, we similarly reduce and substitute to get our vectors:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 + 2p_2 + 2p_4 &= 0 & 2p_1 + p_2 + 2p_3 + 4p_4 &= 0 & p_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(p_1 + 2p_4) \\
 2p_1 - \frac{1}{2}p_1 - p_4 + 2p_3 + 4p_4 &= 0 & \frac{3}{2}p_1 + 2p_3 + 3p_4 &= 0 & 2p_3 &= -\frac{3}{2}p_1 - 3p_4 \\
 p_3 &= -\frac{3}{4}p_1 - \frac{3}{2}p_4
 \end{aligned}$$

We can construct our solution with our $p_2 = -\frac{1}{2}(p_1 + 2p_4)$ and $p_3 = -\frac{3}{4}p_1 - \frac{3}{2}p_4$

$$\text{null}(A) = p_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{3}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + p_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So we can actually do it with p_1 and p_4 as basic variables.

Problem 3.4 Theorem: Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix of full row rank. The matrix AA^T is positive definite and so its inverse exists.

Proof: We want to show that $x^T AA^T x > 0$ (using the definition of positive definite) for some non-zero vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, first we note that AA^T is symmetric:

$$(AA^T)^T = (A^T)^T A^T = AA^T$$

Now we consider the the case of $x^T AA^T x$

$$x^T AA^T x = (A^T x)^T (A^T x) = \|A^T x\|^2$$

This is because the product of a vector and its transpose is the squared norm which is always positive. In our case as long as x is a non-zero vector, $x^T AA^T x$ is positive definite and thus invertible.

problem 1.1 We solve the following linear programs graphically:
{i}

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & z = 3x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_1 - x_2 \leq 1 \\ & 3x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 12 \\ & 2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 3\end{array}$$

Problem 1.2 We are tasked with finding all values a such that $(-3, 4)^T$ is the optimal solution of the following problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{maximize} & z = ax_1 + (2 - a)x_2 \\ \text{subject to} & 4x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 7 \\ & 2x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 7 \\ & x_1 + x_2 \leq 1\end{array}$$

$a = (\frac{6}{7}, 1)$, we will expand on this later