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LEC 7 solving $Ax=b$: Pivot Variables nS

special solutions / $Ax=0$ null space

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot columns

pivot

elimination \Rightarrow

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

the rank of A = number of pivots

in this case = 2

free columns

2 pivot columns, and 2 free columns

solve $Ux=0$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{0} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{free column, can be any number} \\ \text{free column} \end{array}$$

$$Ux=0$$

$$\textcircled{1} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

$$\text{let } x_2=1, x_4=0$$

$$\textcircled{2} x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{then } x_3=0, x_1=-2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot c \text{ in null space, it's a line.}$$



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if $Ax=0$, we do the elimination, x always in the null space, right always be 0

if $x_2=0, x_4=1$ $x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = d \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{free} \\ \text{free} \end{matrix}$

What all the solutions to $Ax=0$?

$$x = c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Ax=0 \Rightarrow Ux=0$$

take all combination of the special solutions in this case, U called row Echelon form

$n-r = 4-2 = 2$ free variables

R = reduced row echelon form \Rightarrow next step

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

elimination knocked out that

row 3 is the combination of row 1 & 2

zero & above + below pivots = 1

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R = \text{rref}(A)$$

\uparrow $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$ in pivot rows/cols

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row echelon form R

$$x = c \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_3 + 2x_4 = 0 \end{cases} \quad Rx = 0 \quad (\text{final way})$$

Pivot cols:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow I$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

free cols

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow F$$

of matrix

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

r pivot col $n-r$ free column

reduce echelon form

$$Rx = 0$$

null space Matrix (columns = special

$$RN = 0$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Rx, [IF] \begin{bmatrix} x_{\text{pivot}} \\ x_{\text{free}} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

solutions)



Another example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow pivot column \downarrow \downarrow free

rank = 2 again!

$3 - 2 = 1$ free column

this answer \rightarrow

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot C$$

\uparrow free variable

\swarrow whole null space

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \\ 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$x_3 = 1$

and if free variable = 0, x will be 0, it is the origin!

1. find U and Rank
2. take the free variables
3. write X , the null space of A

keep going to R

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot C$$

\uparrow pivot variables

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

\uparrow free variable

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I \end{bmatrix} \cdot C$$

\uparrow N