

Note:  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  can be described geometrically as a line in  $\mathcal{R}^3$  passing through the origin,  
 while  $\text{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$  is a volume in  $\mathcal{R}^4$  containing the origin.

1. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 4 & 8 \\ 5 & -10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the column space of  $A$ , aka  $\text{Col } A$ . Express  $\text{Col } A$  as the span of a set of vectors.
- Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ . Find the dimension of  $\text{Col } A$ . Describe the geometry of  $\text{Col } A$ .
- Provide a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{b}_1$  for which the system of linear equations corresponding to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_1$  is consistent. How are  $\mathbf{b}_1$  and  $\text{Col } A$  related, geometrically?
- Provide a nonzero vector  $\mathbf{b}_2$  for which the system of linear equations corresponding to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_2$  is inconsistent. How are  $\mathbf{b}_2$  and  $\text{Col } A$  related (or not related), geometrically?

2. Consider the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find the null space of  $B$ , aka  $\text{Nul } B$ . Express  $\text{Nul } B$  as the span of a set of vectors.
- Find a basis for  $\text{Nul } B$ . Find the dimension of  $\text{Nul } B$ . Describe the geometry of  $\text{Nul } B$ .
- Write  $\mathbf{x}_h$ , the homogeneous part of the complete solution to  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Compare  $\mathbf{x}_h$  to  $\text{Nul } B$  - how are they related?
- Provide a nontrivial solution to  $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

3. Referring to matrix  $B$  above:

- Find the row space of  $B$ , aka  $\text{Row } B$ , aka  $\text{Col } B^T$ . Express  $\text{Row } B$  as the span of a set of vectors.
- Describe the geometry of  $\text{Row } B$ .
- How many pivots does  $B$  have? How many vectors are in  $\text{Row } B$ ?

4. This is a MATLAB exercise. Publish your MATLAB output with the commands and resulting output as directed below.

Consider the matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 7 & -9 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) From a blank MATLAB script, code in matrix  $C$ .
- (b) Use the `rref()` function to find the RREF of  $C$ . You will see 2 free columns - that means we expect 2 nullspace solution vectors to  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (c) Find  $\text{Nul } C$  using the command: “`null_vec = null(sym(C))`”
- (d) Verify that each vector in the nullspace is a nontrivial solution to  $C\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  via matrix multiplication. Your work **must involve a for loop** in MATLAB.  
It may be useful to know that one can extract and store the first nullspace vector using the command: “`xn1 = null_vec(:,1)`”.