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1. (1 point) Have you read and understood the honor code?

**Solution:** Yes

**Concept:** System of linear equations

2. (2 points) This question has two parts as mentioned below:

(a) Find a  $2 \times 3$  system  $Ax = b$  whose complete solution is

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix}$ , Now,  $x_{particular} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $x_{nullspace} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore,  $Ax_{nullspace} = 0$ ,

$$\Rightarrow a_{11} + 2a_{12} + a_{13} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{21} + 2a_{22} + a_{23} = 0$$

Also,  $Ax_{particular} = b = ([b_1 \ b_2])^T$ ,

If we fix A as  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , for  $Ax_{nullspace} = 0$ ,  $-1+2-1 = 0$  and  $1-4+3 = 0$ .

Now,  $Ax_{particular} = ([b_1 \ b_2])^T, \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} (-1+1-1) \\ (1-2+3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore system is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Now find a 3 x 3 system which has these solutions exactly when  $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$ .  
(Note:  $b = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3]^T$ .)

**Solution:**

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix},$

Similar to part (a), if we fix A as,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix},$

corresponding b is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix},$  as  $b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0 \Rightarrow b_3 = 1 - 2 = -1.$

Therefore  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$  So we need  $a_{31} + 2a_{32} + a_{33} = 0$  for  $x_{nullspace} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$a_{31} + a_{32} + a_{33} = b_3 = -1$  for  $x_{particular} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

Therefore, we can take  $a_{33} = 0, a_{32} = 1$  and  $a_{31} = -2.$  Therefore system is,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. (2 points) Consider the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  below

(i)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 12 & -6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  (ii)  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 12 & 4 & 8 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Write down the row reduced echelon form of matrices  $A$  and  $B$  (also mention the steps involved).

**Solution:**

For A,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 12 & -6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$R3 = R3 - 2R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R1 = R1 - 3R2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -15 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R2 = 0.5R2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -15 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Row reduced echelon form of A.}$$

For B,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 12 & 4 & 8 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $R2 = R2 - 4R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$R3 = R3 - 2R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R1 = (\frac{1}{3})R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{Row reduced echelon form of B.}$$

(b) Find all solutions to  $A\mathbf{x} = 0$  and  $B\mathbf{x} = 0$ .

**Solution:**

For  $Ax = 0$ , Row reduced echelon form of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -15 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $x = ([x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4])^\top$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  are free variables and  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are pivot variables.

If we take  $x_3 = 1$  and  $x_4 = 0$ ,  $x_2 + 2 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -2$ , also,  $x_1 - 15 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 15$ .

If we take  $x_3 = 0$  and  $x_4 = 1$ ,  $x_2 + 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$ , also,  $x_1 + 0 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -4$ .

So, basis vectors for null-space of A are,  $\begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solutions to  $Ax = 0$  are  $p \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + q \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $p, q \in R$ .

For  $Bx = 0$ , Row reduced echelon form of  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

If  $x = ([x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3])^\top$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  are free variables and  $x_1$  is pivot variable.

If we take  $x_2 = 1$  and  $x_3 = 0$ ,  $x_1 + \frac{1}{3} + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}$ .

If we take  $x_2 = 0$  and  $x_3 = 1$ ,  $x_1 + 0 + \frac{2}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -\frac{2}{3}$ .

So, basis vectors for null-space of B are,  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solutions to  $Bx = 0$  are  $p \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + q \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $p, q \in R$ .

(c) Write down the basis for the four fundamental subspaces of A.

**Solution:**

To find basis of  $C(A)$ . Columns of A are,  $a_1 = ([1 \ 0 \ 2])^\top$ ,  $a_2 = ([6 \ 2 \ 12])^\top$ ,  $([4 \ 0 \ 8])^\top = 4(a_1)$  and  $([-3 \ 4 \ -6])^\top = ([12 \ 4 \ 24])^\top + ([-15 \ 0 \ -30])^\top = 2(a_2) - 15(a_1)$ .

Therefore  $C(A)$  has basis vectors as independent columns of A,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find basis of  $N(A)$ , As found on Q3 (b),

$$\text{basis vectors of } N(A) \text{ are } \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find basis of  $C(A^\top)$ , Rows of A are,  $a_1 = [1 \ 6 \ -3 \ 4]$ ,  $a_2 = [0 \ 2 \ 4 \ 0]$  and  $[2 \ 12 \ -6 \ 8] = 2a_1$ . Therefore  $C(A^\top)$  has basis vectors as independent rows of A,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 6 \\ -3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find basis of  $N(A^\top)$ ,

If we apply the row operations performed on A to get R(A) in Q3 (b) to I,

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R3 = R3 - 2R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R1 = R1 - 3R2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R2 = 0.5R2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = E$$

Since in row reduced echelon form of A, the last row was 0, therefore we get 0 for linear combination of rows of A with weights as the last row in E.

$$\text{Therefore } N(A^\top) \text{ has basis vectors as last row of E, } \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) Write down the basis for the four fundamental subspaces of  $B$ .

**Solution:**

To find basis of  $C(B)$ . Columns of B are,  $b_2 = ([1 \ 4 \ 2])^\top$ ,  
 $([3 \ 12 \ 6])^\top = 3(b_2)$  and  
 $([2 \ 8 \ 4])^\top = 2(b_2)$ .

Therefore  $C(B)$  has basis vectors as independent columns of B,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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To find basis of  $N(B)$ , As found on Q3 (b),

basis vectors of  $N(B)$  are  $\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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To find basis of  $C(B^\top)$ , Rows of B are,  $b_1 = [3 \ 1 \ 2]$ ,  
 $b_2 = [12 \ 4 \ 8] = 4(b_1)$ ,  
 $b_3 = [6 \ 2 \ 4] = 2(b_1)$ ,

Therefore  $C(B^\top)$  has basis vectors as independent rows of B,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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To find basis of  $N(B^\top)$ ,

If we apply the row operations performed on B to get R(B) in Q3 (b) to I,

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, R2 = R2 - 4R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$R3 = R3 - 2R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, R1 = \frac{1}{3}R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = E$$

Since in row reduced echelon form of B, the last 2 rows were 0, therefore we get 0 for linear combination of rows of B with weights as the last 2 rows in E.

Therefore  $N(B^\top)$  has basis vectors as last 2 rows of E,  $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Concept: Rank**

4. (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  points) Consider the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  as given below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -6 & -4 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 & x \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 7 \\ y & 2 & y \end{bmatrix}$$

Give the values for entries  $x$  and  $y$  such that the ranks of the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are

(a) 1

**Solution:**

For A,

$R2 = [-6 \ -4 \ -2] = -2[3 \ 2 \ 1] = -2R1$ . Therefore R2 is a dependent row.

For  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$ , we need R3 also to be a dependent row on R1. Therefore,  $R3 = [3 \ 2 \ x] = pR1 = [3p \ 2p \ p]$ . Hence,  $p = 1$ , therefore  $x = 1$ .

For B,

For  $\text{rank}(B) = 1$ , we need R2 to be a dependent row on R1. Therefore,  $R2 = [y \ 2 \ y] = pR1 = [7p \ 2p \ 7p]$ . Hence,  $p = 1$ , therefore  $y = 7$ .

(b) 2

**Solution:**

For A,

$R2 = -2R1$  and hence R2 is a dependent row.

For  $\text{rank}(A) = 2$ , we need R3 to be independent of R1 and R2. Therefore,  $R3 = [3 \ 2 \ x] \neq pR1 = [3p \ 2p \ p]$ . Hence as  $p = 1$ , therefore  $x \neq 1$  for rank 2. Therefore x can be any value other than 1. Example,  $x = 2$ .

For B,

For  $\text{rank}(B) = 2$ , we need R2 to be independent of R1. Therefore,  $R2 = [y \ 2 \ y] \neq pR1 = [7p \ 2p \ 7p]$ . Hence as  $p = 1$ , therefore  $y \neq 7$  for rank 2. Therefore y can be any value other than 7. Example,  $y = 1$ .

(c) 3

**Solution:**



For A,

$R_2 = -2R_1$  and hence  $R_2$  is a dependent row.

Therefore even if  $R_3$  is independent, rank can only be 2. Therefore for no value of  $x$ ,  $\text{rank}(A)$  can be 3.

For B,

Since B has only 2 rows, the maximum possible rank is 2. Therefore for no value of  $y$ ,  $\text{rank}(B)$  can be 3.

**Concept:** Nullspace and column space

5. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) State True or False and explain your answer: The nullspace of  $R$  is the same as the nullspace of  $U$  (where  $R$  is the row reduced echelon form of  $A$  and  $U$  is the matrix in  $LU$  decomposition of  $A$ ).

**Solution:**

For A, let null space be  $N(A)$ .

Therefore if  $x \in N(A)$ ,  $Ax = 0$ . If we consider an invertible matrix  $M$ , now,

$M(Ax) = M(0) = 0 \Rightarrow (MA)x = 0$ , i.e.  $N(A)$  is included in  $N(MA)$ . I.e. for any  $x \in N(A)$ , it is also in  $N(MA)$ .

Let for some  $y$ ,  $(MA)y = 0$ , as  $M$  is invertible, now,  $M^{-1}(MA)y = M^{-1}0 \Rightarrow (M^{-1}M)Ay = 0 \Rightarrow Ay = 0$ . I.e. for any  $y \in N(MA)$ , it is also in  $N(A)$ .

As all elements in  $N(A)$  are in  $N(MA)$  and vice versa,  $N(A) = N(MA)$ .

I.e. For any invertible matrix  $M$ ,  $A$  and  $MA$  have same null space.

Row reduced echelon form of A,  $R$  is obtained by performing invertible operations on A (row operations, scaling diagonals, swapping rows). Therefore we can write,  $R = E_R A$ .

As  $E_R$  is invertible,  $N(R) = N(E_R A) = N(A)$ .

Similarly, for U, we can reach U by performing elementary operations on A which are invertible.  $U = EA$

Therefore  $N(U) = N(EA) = N(A)$ .

Therefore  $N(R) = N(A) = N(U)$ .

TRUE, null space of R is same as null space of U.

6. (1 point) Construct a matrix whose column space contains  $[2, 5, 3]^\top$  and  $[0, 3, 1]^\top$  and whose null space contains  $[1, 3, 2]^\top$

**Solution:**

Since column space has the given 2 vectors, we can take those 2 vectors themselves as 2 columns of A. Also clearly the 2 vectors are independent as they aren't multiples of each other.

Therefore, let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & a \\ 5 & 3 & b \\ 3 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix}$

Since null space contains  $y = ([1 \ 3 \ 2])^\top$ ,  $Ay = 0$ .

$$2 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 3 + 2a = 0 \Rightarrow a = -1.$$

$$5 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 3 + 2b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -7.$$

$$3 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 3 + 2c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -3.$$

Therefore matrix is,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

7. (2 points) Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ . The column space of this matrix is a 2 dimensional plane. What is the equation of this plane? (You need to write down the steps you took to arrive at the equation)

**Solution:**

Column space of A,  $C(A)$  is,  $p \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + q \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3p \\ 2p+q \\ p+9q \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $p, q \in R$

Plane is the set of all 3D points generated by giving different values of p and q.

If we consider plane equation as,  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ , where  $x = 3p$ ,  $y = 2p + q$ ,  $z = p + 9q$ .

$$\Rightarrow a(3p) + b(2p + q) + c(p + 9q) + d = 0 \Rightarrow (3a + 2b + c)p + (b + 9c)q = -d,$$

Since all values of p and q must satisfy this equation,

$$\text{For } p=0, q=0, 0 + 0 = -d \Rightarrow d = 0.$$

$$\text{For } p=0, q=1, 0 + b + 9c = 0 \Rightarrow b = -9c.$$

$$\text{For } p=1, q=0, 3a + 2b + c + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 3a = -c - (-18c) = -c + 18c = 17c \Rightarrow a = \frac{17}{3}c.$$

$$\text{Therefore equation is, } ax + by + cz + d = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{17}{3}c - 9cy + cz + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 17x - 27y + 3z = 0.$$

8. (1 point) True or false? (If true give logical, valid reasoning or give a counterexample if false)
- a. If the row space equals the column space then  $A^T = A$

**Solution:**

FALSE

As for any skew-symmetric matrix,  $A^T = -A$ .

$$\text{Example, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = -A$$

$$\text{For the example, } C(A) = p \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + q \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -q \\ p \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } p, q \in R.$$

$$\text{Row space of } A = C(A^T) = a \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -b \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } a, b \in R.$$

As  $a, b, p, q$  can be any value in  $R$ , for every vector in  $C(A)$ , we can put  $a = -q$  and  $b = -p$  to get the same vector in  $C(A^T)$ . Similarly vice versa every vector in  $C(A^T)$ , we can put  $q = -a$  and  $p = -b$  and get the same vector in  $C(A)$ .

Therefore  $C(A)$  is same as  $C(A^T)$  and hence is same as row space of A.

Hence for this matrix, row space and column space are same but  $A^T \neq A$ .

- b. If  $A^T = -A$  then the row space of A equals the column space.

**Solution:**

TRUE

Given that  $A^T = -A$ .

Since row space of A = column space of  $A^T$ , we need to prove that,  $C(A) = C(A^T)$ .

$$C(A^T) = C(-A)$$

Let A have n columns and its columns be denoted by  $a_{c1}, a_{c2}, \dots, a_{cn}$ .

$$C(A) = w_{c1}a_{c1} + \dots w_{cn}a_{cn} \text{ for } w_{c1}, w_{c2}, \dots, w_{cn} \in R.$$

$$C(A^T) = C(-A) = w_{r1}(-a_{c1}) + \dots w_{rn}(-a_{cn}) \text{ for } w_{r1}, w_{r2}, \dots, w_{rn} \in R. \Rightarrow C(-A) = (-w_{r1})a_{c1} + \dots (-w_{rn})a_{cn}.$$

Since all belong to R, for any  $x \in R$ , there exists a  $y \in R$  such that  $y = -x$ .

Therefore for any vector in  $C(A)$ , we can put  $w_{r1} = -w_{c1}, \dots, w_{rn} = -w_{cn}$  to get the same vector in  $C(-A)$ .

Similarly, vice versa, for any vector in  $C(-A)$ , we can put  $w_{c1} = -w_{r1}, \dots, w_{cn} = -w_{rn}$  to get the same vector in  $C(A)$ .

Combining these two statements, we get that  $C(A)$  is same as  $C(-A)$  and hence same as  $C(A^T)$  and further same as the row space of A.

Therefore given that  $A^T = -A$ , the row space and column space of A are same.

9. (1 point) What are the dimensions of the four subspaces for **A**, **B**, and **C**, if I is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix and 0 is the  $3 \times 2$  zero matrix?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} I & I \\ 0^T & 0^T \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

For A,

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = \dim(\mathcal{C}(A^\top)) = \text{rank of } A = \text{number of non zero pivot rows} = 3$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = \text{number of columns} - \text{rank} = 5 - 3 = 2$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(A^\top)) = \text{number of rows} - \text{rank} = 3 - 3 = 0$$

For B,

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}(B)) = \dim(\mathcal{C}(B^\top)) = \text{rank of } B = \text{number of non zero pivot rows} = 3$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(B)) = \text{number of columns} - \text{rank} = 6 - 3 = 3$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(B^\top)) = \text{number of rows} - \text{rank} = 5 - 3 = 2$$

For C,

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}(C)) = \dim(\mathcal{C}(C^\top)) = \text{rank of } C = \text{number of non zero pivot rows} = 0$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(C)) = \text{number of columns} - \text{rank} = 2 - 0 = 2$$

$$\dim(\mathcal{N}(C^\top)) = \text{number of rows} - \text{rank} = 3 - 0 = 3$$

10. (2 points) Solve the following questions.

- (a) If A is an  $m \times n$  matrix, find  $\dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A^\top))$ .  
(in terms of n & m)

**Solution:**

$\dim(\mathcal{R}(A))$  depends on the number of independent rows in A and that is determined by number of non-zero pivots in A which is same as rank of A.

Therefore, if r is rank of A, then  $\dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) = r$ .

Also by same logic,  $\dim(\mathcal{C}(A))$  is number of independent columns in A which is also determined by non-zero pivots and is equal to rank of A.  $\dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = r$ .

Since we know,  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) = n - r$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{N}(A^\top)) = m - r$ .

Therefore,

$$\dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A)) + \dim(\mathcal{N}(A^\top)) = r + r + n - r + m - r = n + m$$

- (b) Let A and B be two  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Show that the row space

of  $A$  is contained in the left null space of  $B$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $A$  have rows  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ .

As  $AB = 0$ ,

$a_1B = 0, a_2B = 0, \dots, a_nB = 0$ .

If we consider  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \in R$ , then  $(w_1a_1 + w_2a_2 + \dots, w_na_n)B = w_1(a_1B) + w_2(a_2B) + \dots, w_n(a_nB) = w_1(0) + \dots, w_n(0) = 0$ . Therefore any linear combination of rows of  $A$  are included in the left null space of  $B$ .

Since row space of  $A$  is just all the linear combinations of rows of  $A$  and all of those are included in the left null space of  $B$ , we can say that row space of  $A$  is contained in the left null space of  $B$ .

11. (1 point) True or false? If  $A$  is a  $n \times n$  square matrix then  $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(AA^T)$  (If true give logical, valid reasoning or give a counterexample if false)

**Solution:**

FALSE

If we take  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Now,  $N(A)$  contains the vector  $x = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  as

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 * 1 + 1 * 2 \\ -2 * 0 + 1 * 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{0vector}.$$

Therefore  $x$  is in  $N(A)$ .

$$\text{However, } AA^T x = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 * 5 + 1 * 0 \\ -2 * 0 + 1 * 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \text{0vector}.$$

Therefore  $x$  is not in  $N(AA^T)$

Hence there is a vector in  $N(A)$  but not in  $N(AA^T)$ . Therefore,  $N(A) \neq N(AA^T)$  for given  $A$ .

12. (2 points) Without explicitly computing the product of given two matrices, find bases

for each of its four sub-spaces.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

And also explain the four sub-spaces along with the method you followed to compute them.

**Solution:**





Let us denote the given 2 matrices as L and U. Since L has all diagonal elements as 1 and is a lower triangle matrix, it is invertible.

Basis vectors of  $C(U)$  are the pivot columns of U. Therefore U has basis vectors for  $C(U)$  as  $([1 \ 0 \ 0])^\top$  and  $([3 \ 1 \ 0])^\top$ .

Since multiplying L to U is same as taking linear combinations of columns of L with weights as values in each column of U, to get basis vectors of  $C(A) = C(LU)$ , we need to apply the same linear combination to the columns of L taking weights as values in the basis vectors of U.

Applying these, we get basis vectors of A as,  $([1 \ 1 \ 0])^\top$  and  $3([1 \ 1 \ 0])^\top + [0 \ 1 \ 1]^\top = ([3 \ 4 \ 1])^\top$ . Therefore  $C(A)$  has basis vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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Basis vectors of Row space of U are the pivot rows of U. Therefore U has basis vectors for  $C(U^\top)$  as  $[0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]$  and  $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2]$ . Since  $A = LU$ , rows of A are linear combinations of rows of U.

Row 1 of A is row 1 of U and  $a_1 = u_1$ .

Row 2 of A is sum of first two rows of U,  $a_2 = u_1 + u_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 6]$  and hence it is independent from Row 1 of A.

Row 3 of A is sum of last two rows of U,  $a_3 = u_2 + u_3 = u_2 + 0 = u_2 = a_2 - a_1$ . It is a dependent row. Hence basis vectors for Row space of A are  $[0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]$  and  $[0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 6]$ .

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Row reduced echelon form of U = Row reduced form of A since  $A = LU$  and L is invertible lower triangle matrix. Therefore, finding  $\text{rref}(U)$ ,  $R1 = R1 - 3R2$ ,

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Therefore  $N(A)$  has basis vectors,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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Since to get row reduced echelon form of A, we did  $R1 = R1 - 3R2$ , if we apply the operation to I, We get E as  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since basis vectors of  $N(A^\top)$  are the rows of E which produce zero rows in row reduced echelon form of A, Here, row 3 of  $\text{rref}(A)$  is a zero row. Basis vector of  $N(A^\top)$  is,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Concept:** Free variables

13. (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  points) True or False (with reason if true or example to show it is false).

(a) An matrix  $m \times n$  can have zero pivots.

**Solution:**

TRUE

If all of the rows in the matrix consists of only zeroes, that matrix will have a zero pivots. Example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore it is possible for a matrix  $m \times n$  to have zero pivots.

(b) A real-symmetric matrix  $m \times m$  has no free variables.

**Solution:**

FALSE

If we consider matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = A^T$  and all values are real and hence it is a real-symmetric matrix.

However from A, we can see that since its 2nd column is all 0s, it has 1 free variable.

Therefore there are real-symmetric matrices with free variables.

(c) If A & B be are two  $m \times n$  matrices with non-zero pivots, then a matrix  $C = A + B$  can have zero pivots

**Solution:**

TRUE

Suppose A and B are such that in one common row, A has elements  $a_{r1}, \dots, a_{rn}$  and B has elements  $b_{r1} = -a_{r1}, \dots, b_{rn} = -a_{rn}$ , then  $A + B$  will have all zeroes in that particular row which results in a zero pivot for  $A + B$ .

Example,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here, Gaussian Elimination of A is  $(R2 = R2 - R1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Here, Gaussian Elimination of B is  $(R2 = R2 + R1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Therefore A and B both have all non-zero pivots.

However,  $C = A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Here, since there is a zero row,  $A + B$  has zero pivot.

Therefore it is possible that two matrices A and B have all non-zero pivots but their sum  $A+B$  has zero pivots.

- (d) A free variable in a matrix always implies that there is either a zero-row or zero-column in the matrix.

**Solution:**

FALSE

If we consider matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

Row reduced echelon form of A,  $R2 = R2 - 2R1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R(A)$ .

Here since there is a zero pivot in  $R(A)$ , A has 1 free variable. However the matrix does not have a zero row or column.

Therefore a matrix can have free variables without a zero row or column.

- (e) For any matrix A, does  $A^T$  and  $A^{-1}$  have the same number of pivots.

**Solution:**

FALSE

If we consider matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

Since A has a zero row, A is not invertible.

Therefore,  $A^{-1}$  does not exist and hence here,  $A^T$  and  $A^{-1}$  does not have same number of pivots.

**Concept:** Reduced Echelon Form

14. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  point) Suppose R is  $m \times n$  matrix of rank  $r$ , with pivot columns first:

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

(a) Find a right-inverse  $B$  with  $RB = I$  if  $r = m$ .

**Solution:**

Since  $r=m$ , the matrix R becomes,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \end{bmatrix}$ .

Therefore to get  $RB = I$ , we can take  $B = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$  where I is a  $r \times r$  identity matrix and  $\mathbf{0}$  is a  $(n-r) \times r$  matrix with all elements as 0. Here,  $RB = I.I + F.0 = I$ .

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$