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Assignment: Section 4.6 Homework

1. Assume that the matrix A is row equivalent to B. Without calculations, list rank A and dim Nul A. Then find bases for Col A, Row A, and Nul A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 8 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 & -1 \\ 6 & -8 & 8 & 14 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank A = 2

dim Nul A = 2

A basis for Col A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

A basis for Row A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

A basis for Nul A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{5}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

2. Assume that the matrix A is row equivalent to B . Without calculations, list rank A and $\dim \text{Nul } A$. Then find bases for $\text{Col } A$, $\text{Row } A$, and $\text{Nul } A$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & 6 & 0 & -14 \\ -3 & 6 & 2 & -7 & 6 \\ 2 & -4 & -10 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

rank $A =$ 3

$\dim \text{Nul } A =$ 2

A basis for $\text{Col } A$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \\ 2 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -14 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

A basis for $\text{Row } A$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

A basis for $\text{Nul } A$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

(Use a comma to separate vectors as needed.)

3. If a 7×6 matrix A has rank 2, find $\dim \text{Nul } A$, $\dim \text{Row } A$, and $\text{rank } A^T$.

$\dim \text{Nul } A =$ 4

$\dim \text{Row } A =$ 2

$\text{rank } A^T =$ 2

4. Suppose a 7×9 matrix A has six pivot columns. What is $\dim \text{Nul } A$? Is $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^6$? Why or why not?

$\dim \text{Nul } A =$ 3 (Simplify your answer.)

Is $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^6$? Why or why not?

- ☐ A. No, because $\text{Col } A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^9 .
- ☒ B. No, because $\text{Col } A$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^7 .
- ☐ C. Yes, because the number of pivot positions in A is 6.
- ☐ D. Yes, because $\dim \text{Col } A = \text{rank } A = 6$.

5. If the null space of a 9×12 matrix A is 6-dimensional, what is the dimension of the column space of A ?

dim Col A = 6 (Simplify your answer.)

6. If the null space of a 3×9 matrix A is 7-dimensional, what is the dimension of the row space of A ?

dim Row A = 2

7. If A is a 6×5 matrix, what is the largest possible rank of A ? If A is a 5×6 matrix, what is the largest possible rank of A ? Explain your answers.

Select the correct choice below and fill in the answer box(es) to complete your choice.

- ☐ A. The rank of A is equal to the number of non-pivot columns in A . Since there are more rows than columns in a 6×5 matrix, the rank of a 6×5 matrix must be equal to . Since there are 5 rows in a 5×6 matrix, there are a maximum of 5 pivot positions in A . Thus, there is 1 non-pivot column. Therefore, the largest possible rank of a 5×6 matrix is .
- ☒ B. The rank of A is equal to the number of pivot positions in A . Since there are only 5 columns in a 6×5 matrix, and there are only 5 rows in a 5×6 matrix, there can be at most 5 pivot positions for either matrix. Therefore, the largest possible rank of either matrix is 5.
- ☐ C. The rank of A is equal to the number of columns of A . Since there are 5 columns in a 6×5 matrix, the largest possible rank of a 6×5 matrix is 5. Since there are 6 columns in a 5×6 matrix, the largest possible rank of a 5×6 matrix is .

8. Is it possible that all solutions of a homogeneous system of fourteen linear equations in seventeen variables are multiples of one fixed nonzero solution? Discuss.

Consider the system as $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, where A is a 14×17 matrix. Choose the correct answer below.

- ☐ A. No. Since A has 14 pivot positions, rank $A = 14$. By the Rank Theorem, $\dim \text{Nul } A = 17 - \text{rank } A = 3$. Since $\text{Nul } A \neq \{0\}$, it is impossible to find a single vector in $\text{Nul } A$ that spans $\text{Nul } A$.
- ☐ B. Yes. Since A has at most 14 pivot positions, rank $A \leq 14$. By the Rank Theorem, $\dim \text{Nul } A = 17 - \text{rank } A \geq 3$. Since there is at least one free variable in the system, all solutions are multiples of one fixed nonzero solution.
- ☐ C. Yes. Since A has 14 pivot positions, rank $A = 14$. By the Rank Theorem, $\dim \text{Nul } A = 17 - \text{rank } A = 3$. Thus, all solutions are multiples of one fixed nonzero solution.
- ☒ D. No. Since A has at most 14 pivot positions, rank $A \leq 14$. By the Rank Theorem, $\dim \text{Nul } A = 17 - \text{rank } A \geq 3$. Thus, it is impossible to find a single vector in $\text{Nul } A$ that spans $\text{Nul } A$.