



## Four Fundamental Subspaces

## Quiz



1) Obtain  $P$ ,  $L$ ,  $U$  matrices from  $A$ , using  $PA = LU$  factorization.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

2) For

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

for 5th point

$$Ax = [0, 6, -6]$$

1. Reduce  $[A \ b]$  to  $[U \ c]$ , to reach a triangular system.
2. Find the condition on  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  to have a solution.
3. Describe the column space of  $A$ . Find the basis of the column space.
4. Describe the nullspace of  $A$ . Declare free variables.
5. Find a particular solution and the complete solution  $x_p + x_n$

# Quiz

Answers (1)



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 12 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

# Quiz

## Answers (2)



1. The multipliers in elimination are 2 and 3 and  $-1$ , taking  $[A \ b]$  to  $[U \ c]$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 & 12 & b_2 \\ 3 & 6 & 7 & 13 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & b_3 - 3b_1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_2 - 5b_1 \end{array} \right].$$

2. The last equation shows the solvability condition  $b_3 + b_2 - 5b_1 = 0$ . Then  $0 = 0$ .
3. The column space of  $A$  is the plane containing all combinations of the pivot columns  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(3, 8, 7)$ .

**Second description:** The column space contains all vectors with  $b_3 + b_2 - 5b_1 = 0$ . That makes  $Ax = b$  solvable, so  $b$  is in the column space. *All columns of  $A$  pass this test  $b_3 + b_2 - 5b_1 = 0$ . This is the equation for the plane (in the first description of the column space).*

# Quiz

## Answers (3)



4. The special solutions in  $N$  have free variables  $x_2 = 1, x_4 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 0, x_4 = 1$ :

**Nullspace matrix**

**Special solutions to  $Ax = 0$**

**Back-substitution in  $Ux = 0$**

**Just switch signs in  $Rx = 0$**

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. Choose  $b = (0, 6, -6)$ , which has  $b_3 + b_2 - 5b_1 = 0$ . Elimination takes  $Ax = b$  to  $Ux = c = (0, 6, 0)$ . Back-substitute with free variables = 0:

$$\text{Particular solution to } Ax_p = (0, 6, -6) \quad x_p = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{free} \\ \\ \text{free} \end{matrix}$$

The complete solution to  $Ax = (0, 6, -6)$  is (this  $x_p$ ) + (all  $x_n$ ).

## Reference material



- Lecture 9 and 10
- "*Linear Algebra and Applications*", pdf pages 139–149  
The application of four fundamental subspaces in CS
- [Matrix Transpose and the Four Fundamental Subspaces](#)  
Video is about how  $A$  transpose appeared
- [Matrix online calculator](#)(russian)

Problems from

Sec. 2.3

Book: Linear Algebra and Its Application – 4ed

# Problem 1

Show that  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are independent but  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are dependent:

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solve  $c_1 v_1 + \cdots + c_4 v_4 = 0$  or  $Ac = 0$ . The  $v$ 's go in the columns of  $A$ .



# Problem 1 (sol.)

Let  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ c_2 + c_3 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $c_3 = 0$

Plug this in the following equation.

$$c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

Plug these values in the following equation.

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

Therefore,  $\boxed{c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0}$

# Problem 1 (sol.)

Now,

$$\text{let } c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4 \\ c_2 + c_3 + 3c_4 \\ c_3 + 4c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e. } c_3 + 4c_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = -4c_4$$

Plug this value in the following equation.

$$c_2 + c_3 + 3c_4 = 0$$

$$c_2 = -c_3 - 3c_4$$

$$= +4c_4 - 3c_4$$

$$= c_4$$

Plug this value in the following equation.

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 + 2c_4$$

$$c_1 = -c_2 - c_3 - 2c_4$$

$$= -c_4 + 4c_4 - 2c_4$$

$$c_1 = c_4$$

If  $c_4 = 1$ , then  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, c_3 = -4$

$$v_1 + v_2 - 4v_3 + v_4 = 0$$

Therefore,  $\boxed{v_1 + v_2 - 4v_3 + v_4 = 0}$

$\Rightarrow v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are linearly dependent

## Problem 2

Find the largest possible number of independent vectors among

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This number is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the space spanned by the  $v$ 's.

# Problem 2 (sol.)

Let,

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 + c_4 v_4 = 0$$

This implies;

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ -c_1 + c_4 \\ -c_2 - c_4 \\ -c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is;

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$-c_1 = 0$$

$$-c_2 = 0$$

$$-c_3 = 0$$

Therefore,  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent.

This implies,

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$-c_1 + c_4 = 0$$

$$-c_2 - c_4 = 0$$

$$-c_4 = 0$$

Thus,

$$c_4 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_3 = 0$$

Therefore,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  are linearly independent.

## Problem 2 (sol.)

Now,

Let  $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + c_3v_3 + c_4v_4 + c_5v_5 = 0$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_5 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \\ -c_1 + c_4 + c_5 \\ -c_2 - c_4 \\ -c_3 - c_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is;

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$-c_1 + c_4 + c_5 = 0$$

$$-c_2 - c_4 = 0$$

$$-c_3 - c_5 = 0$$

This implies,

$$c_3 = -c_5$$

$$c_2 = -c_4$$

$$c_1 = -c_2 - c_3$$

$$= c_4 + c_5$$

Thus,

$$(c_4 + c_5)v_1 + (-c_4)v_2 + (-c_5)v_3 + c_4v_4 + c_5v_5 = 0$$

Therefore  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5$  are linearly dependent.

Similarly,  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$  are linearly dependent. Here the largest possible number is 4 of independent vectors. This number four of the space spanned by  $v$ 's is the dimension of the space spanned by the  $v$ 's.

Therefore, This number four of the space spanned by  $v$ 's

# Problem 3

Choose three independent columns of  $U$ .

Do the same for  $A$ .

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

## Problem 3 (sol.)

Consider the matrix,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The three independent columns are  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The columns are base for the columns space  $= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} / a, b, c \in R \right\}$

Now,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Apply } R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - 2R_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= U \end{aligned}$$

# Problem 4

If  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  are independent vectors, show that the differences  $v_1 = w_2 - w_3$ ,  $v_2 = w_1 - w_3$ , and  $v_3 = w_1 - w_2$  are *dependent*. Find a combination of the  $v$ 's that gives zero.



# Problem 4 (sol.)

$$\text{Let } c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 (w_2 - w_3) + c_2 (w_1 - w_3) + c_3 (w_1 - w_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c_2 + c_3) w_1 + (c_1 - c_3) w_2 + (-c_1 - c_2) w_3 = 0$$

So,

$$\Rightarrow c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 - c_3 = 0$$

$$-c_1 - c_2 = 0 \quad (\text{since } w_1, w_2, w_3 \text{ are linearly independent})$$

But,

$$-c_1 - c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = -c_2$$

And,

$$c_1 - c_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 = c_1$$

Therefore,  $c_3 = c_1 = -c_2$

So,

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 v_1 - c_1 v_2 + c_1 v_3 = 0$$

Let  $c_1 = 1, v_1 - v_2 + v_3 = 0$ , therefore  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linear dependent

Therefore, the sum  $\boxed{v_1 - v_2 + v_3 = 0}$

## Problem 5

Find the dimensions of (a) the column space of  $A$ , (b) the column space of  $U$ , (c) the row space of  $A$ , (d) the row space of  $U$ . Which two of the spaces are the same?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Problem 5 (sol.)

(a)

Consider the matrix

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

Let,

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is;

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

$$3c_1 + c_2 - c_3 = 0$$

From the above system of equations,

$$(3c_1 + c_2 - c_3) + (c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3) = 0$$

$$4c_1 + 4c_2 = 0$$

$$c_1 = -c_2$$

Now,

$$c_3 = -c_1 - 3c_2$$

$$(\text{Since } c_1 = -c_2)$$

$$= c_2 - 3c_2$$

$$= -2c_2$$

$$\text{Therefore } -c_2 v_1 + c_2 v_2 - 2c_2 v_3 = 0$$

$$\text{If } c_2 = 1, -v_1 + v_2 - 2v_3 = 0$$

Therefore  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly dependent.

## Problem 5 (sol.)

If  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = 0$

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

That is;

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

$$c_1 + 3c_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (2)$$

$$3c_1 + c_2 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (3)$$

Apply  $(3 \times (1)) - (2)$ ;

This implies;

$$2c_1 = 0$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

Plug this value in equation (1)

$$\text{So, } c_2 = 0$$

Therefore,  $v_1, v_2$  are linearly independent and  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  spans column space.

Therefore dimension of column space  $\boxed{A = 2}$ .

## Problem 5 (sol.)

(b)

Consider the matrix;  $U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly,

$$v_1 + 2v_3 = v_2$$

$$v_1 - v_2 + 2v_3 = 0$$

Therefore  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are dependent and  $c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 = 0$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$2c_2 = 0$$

Thus,

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 = 0$$

Hence  $v_1, v_2$  are linearly independent and  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  spans column space of  $U$ .

Therefore, the dimension of column space of  $U = 2$ .

# Problem 5 (sol.)

(c)

Let

$$v_1 = (1, 1, 0)$$

$$v_2 = (1, 3, 1)$$

$$v_3 = (3, 1, -1)$$

Now,

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 (1, 1, 0) + c_2 (1, 3, 1) + c_3 (3, 1, -1) = 0$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + 3c_3 = 0$$

$$c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 = 0$$

Solve these two equations.

So,

$$c_2 = c_3 \text{ and}$$

$$c_1 = -c_2 - 3c_3$$

This implies;

$$c_2 = c_3$$

$$c_1 = -4c_3$$

So,

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$$

$$-4c_3 v_1 + c_3 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = 0$$

If  $c_3 = 1$ , then;

$$-4v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$$

Therefore,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  are independent.

But,  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  are independent and  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  spans row spaces row space of  $A$ .

Therefore, the dimension of row space  $\boxed{A = 2}$ .

## Problem 5 (sol.)

(d)

The row space of  $U$  = spanned by  $\{(1,1,0), (0,2,1)\}$

If  $(1,3,1) = (1,1,0) + (0,2,1)$  and  $(1,1,0), (1,3,1)$  are linearly independent  $\{(1,1,0), (1,3,1)\}$  space the row space of  $U$ .

Hence,  $\boxed{\text{row space of } U = \text{Row space of } A}.$

# Problem 6

To decide whether  $b$  is in the subspace spanned by  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ , let the vectors  $w$  be the columns of  $A$  and try to solve  $Ax = b$ . What is the result for

- (a)  $w_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $w_3 = (0, 0, 2)$ ,  $b = (3, 4, 5)$ ?
- (b)  $w_1 = (1, 2, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (2, 5, 0)$ ,  $w_3 = (0, 0, 2)$ ,  $w_4 = (0, 0, 0)$ , and any  $b$ ?



# Problem 6 (sol.)

(a) Suppose the vectors  $w$  be the columns of  $A$  and consider  $w_1 = (1, 1, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (2, 2, 1)$ ,  $w_3 = (0, 0, 2)$ , and  $b = (3, 4, 5)$ .

So we have,

$$Ax = b$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

To solve for  $Ax = b$ , use Gaussian elimination.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

By using  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ , we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

Second row represents the equation,

$$0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 1$$

By solving the equation  $0x_1 + 0x_2 + 0x_3 = 1$ , we get

$$0 = 1$$

As we know  $0 \neq 1$ , therefore,  $Ax = b$  has **no solution** and  $b$  **is not in it**.

# Problem 6 (sol.)

(b) Suppose the vectors  $w$  be the columns of  $A$  and consider  $w_1 = (1, 2, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (2, 5, 1)$ ,  $w_3 = (0, 0, 2)$ , and  $w_4 = (0, 0, 0)$ .

We know that the system of equation  $Ax = b$  has a solution if and only if the vector  $b$  can be expressed as a combination of the columns of  $A$ . Then  $b$  is in the column space.

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

And

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

To solve  $Ax = b$ , use Gaussian elimination.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & b_3 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5b_1 - 2b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & b_3/2 \end{array} \right]$$

Therefore, yes there is a  $b$  in it.

# Problem7

If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent, the space they span has dimension \_\_\_\_\_.  
These vectors are a \_\_\_\_\_ for that space. If the vectors are the columns of an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix, then  $m$  is \_\_\_\_\_ than  $n$ .

## Problem 7 (ans.)

If  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent. The space the span has dimension  $n$ . These vectors are a basis for that space. If the vectors are the columns of an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix then  $m$  is not less than  $n$  ( $m \geq n$ ).

## Problem 8

$U$  comes from  $A$  by subtracting row 1 from row 3:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find bases for the two column spaces. Find bases for the two row spaces. Find bases for the two nullspaces.

# Problem 8 (sol.)

Consider the matrices,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here, the matrix  $U$  is obtained from  $A$  by subtracting row 1 from row 3.

The objective is to find the bases for the column spaces of  $A$  and  $U$ , the bases for the row spaces of  $A$  and  $U$  and the bases for the null spaces of  $A$  and  $U$ .

Reduce the matrix  $A$  to the reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_1} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{R_1 - 3R_2} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Problem 8 (sol.)

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

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 - 3R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The reduced row echelon forms of the matrices  $A$  and  $U$  represent the same matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Observe that the pivot positions in the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $A$  are in the first and second columns.

Therefore, the corresponding columns in the matrix  $A$  form a basis for the column space of  $A$ .

Hence, the basis for the column space of the matrix  $A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

The pivot positions in the matrix  $U$  are in the first and second columns. Therefore, the corresponding columns in the matrix  $U$  form a basis for the column space of  $U$ .

Therefore, the basis for the column space of the matrix  $U$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

## Problem 8 (sol.)

Observe that the pivot positions in the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $A$  are in the first and second rows.

Therefore, the basis for the row space of the matrix  $A$  is  $\boxed{\{(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, 1)\}}$ .

The pivot positions in the reduced row echelon form of the matrix  $U$  are in the first and second rows.

Therefore, the basis for the row space of the matrix  $U$  is  $\boxed{\{(1, 0, -1), (0, 1, 1)\}}$ .



## Problem 8 (sol.)

Now find the bases for the null spaces of the  $A$  and  $U$ .

From the first and second rows of the reduced row echelon form, the obtained equations are,

$$x_1 - x_3 = 0 \text{ and } x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

Here,  $x_3$  is a free variable.

So choose  $x_3 = t$ , where  $t$  is a parameter.

Then  $x_1 = t$ ,  $x_2 = -t$ .

Therefore, the vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= (x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &= (t, -t, t) \\ &= t(1, -1, 1)\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the basis for the null spaces of the matrices  $A$  and  $U$  is  $\boxed{\{(1, -1, 1)\}}$ .

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## Problem 9

Find the dimension and a basis for the four fundamental subspaces for

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Problem 9 (sol.)

Consider the matrix:

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

Reduce the matrix by taking the elementary operations to form matrix  $U$ .

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

$$\begin{matrix} R_3 - R_1 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 - 2R_2 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, columns 1, 2 are pivot columns.

Therefore, columns space of  $A = \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} / s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ .

And  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is basis for column space of  $A$ .

Dimension of columns space of  $A$ ,  $r = \boxed{2}$ .

# Problem 9 (sol.)

To calculate the dimension of null space of  $A$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} n-r &= 4-2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The null space of } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} / a \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Now, } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_4 = 0$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -2x_2 - x_4$$

$$x_3 = -x_2$$

The null space of  $A$  is written as below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the null space of  $A$ ;

$$\text{Null space of } A = \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / s, t \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{Here } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for null space of } A.$$

$$\dim \text{Null } A = \dim \text{null } U = 2$$

Here 1, 2 columns are pivot columns of  $U$ .

$$\text{Column space of } U = \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} / s, t \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{And } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } U.$$

$$\text{Dimension of columns space of } U = \boxed{2}$$

# Problem 9 (sol.)

To calculate the dimension of null space of  $U$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} n-r &= 4-2 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

The null space of  $U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} / a \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Now,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$x_1 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 2x_3 - x_4$$

$$x_2 = -x_3$$

The null space of  $U$  is written as below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 - x_4 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for null space of  $U$

Now, to find the transpose of matrix  $A$ .

Transpose matrix is obtained to interchange the rows and columns.

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$\xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Problem 9 (sol.)

Therefore, 1, 2 columns are pivots.

$$\text{Columns space of } A^T = \left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} / r, s \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{Row space of } A^T = \{ r(1, 2, 0, 1) + s(0, 1, 1, 0) / r, s \in R \}$$

$$\text{The basis for row space of } A^T = \boxed{\{(1, 2, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1, 0)\}} \text{ dimension of row space } r = \boxed{2}.$$

The dimension of null space of  $A^T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m - r &= 3 - 2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

To find null space of  $A^T$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Perform the elementary row operations.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -x_3$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Null space of } A^T = \left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / x_3 \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{The row space of } A = \{ x(-1, 0, 1) / x \in R \}$$

$$\text{Dimension of row space of } A^T = \boxed{1}.$$

$$\text{Here } \boxed{\{(-1, 0, 1)\}} \text{ is a basis for null space of } A^T.$$

# Problem 9 (sol.)

Now, to find the transpose of matrix  $U$ .

$$U^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_4 - R_1 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Null space of } U^T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} / U^T \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$$

Hence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Null space of } U^T = \left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\dim \text{ Null of } U^T = 1$$

1, 2 columns are independent.

$$\text{Column space of } U^T = \left\{ r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} / r, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis of columns space of } U^T = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Dimension of column space of } U^T = \underline{2}.$$

$$\text{Here } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for null space of } U^T, \dim \text{ null } U^T = \underline{1}.$$



## Problem 10

Describe the four subspaces in three-dimensional space associated with

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

# Problem 10 (sol.)

The four subspaces in three-dimensional space associated with the matrix  $A$  are column space  $C(A)$  of  $A$ , the null space  $N(A)$  of  $A$ , the column space  $C(A^T)$  of  $A^T$  and the null space  $N(A^T)$  of  $A^T$ .

Note that the matrix  $A$  is in reduced row echelon form.

The leading 1's are in the second and third columns. Therefore, the corresponding columns in the matrix  $A$  form a basis for the column space of  $A$ .

So the basis for  $C(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Thus, the column space of  $A$  is defined as  $C(A) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ .

The null space  $N(A)$  of the matrix  $A$  is the solution space of the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Thus, the system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The equations obtained from this matrix equation are,

$$x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0.$$

Here,  $x_1$  is a free variable.

So choose  $x_1 = t$ , where  $t$  is a parameter.

Therefore, the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the basis for the null space of  $A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

And the null space of  $A$  is defined as  $N(A) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ .

# Problem 10 (sol.)

The transpose of the matrix  $A$  is  $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Now find the column space and the null space of the matrix  $A^T$ .

The leading 1's in the matrix  $A^T$  are in the first and second columns. So the corresponding columns in the matrix  $A^T$  form the basis for the column space of  $A^T$ .

Thus, the basis for the column space of  $A$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Thus, the column space of  $A^T$  is defined as  $C(A^T) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ .

The null space  $N(A^T)$  of the matrix  $A$  is the solution space of the system  $A^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

Thus, the system  $A^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

The equations obtained from this matrix equation are,

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0.$$

Here,  $x_3$  is a free variable.

So choose  $x_3 = t$ , where  $t$  is a parameter.

Therefore, the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the basis for the null space of  $A^T$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

And the null space of  $A^T$  is defined as  $N(A^T) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbf{R} \right\}$ .

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