

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 & 11 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 15 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 & -5 & 19 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A$  is row equivalent to  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{7}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**a**

**Claim:**  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

**Proof:** In this case,  $\text{Nul } A = \{x | x \in \mathbb{R}^5 \text{ and } Ax = 0\}$ . We can find these by creating the augmented matrix corresponding to the equation  $Ax = 0$ , and rewriting it in terms of free variables.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{7}{5} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_2 - 4x_4 \\ x_2 \\ \frac{7}{5}x_4 \\ x_4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ \frac{7}{5} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $\text{Nul } A$ , and because it is linearly independent, is also a basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ .

**b**

**Claim:** The dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$  is 2.

**Proof:** The dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$  is equivalent to the number of free variables in  $B$ , which is 2.

**c**

**Claim:**  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Col } A$ .

**Proof:** A basis for  $\text{Col } A$  can be constructed from the columns of  $A$  such that the corresponding columns of  $B$  are pivot columns.

**d**

**Claim:** The dimension of  $\text{Col } A$  is 3.

**Proof:** The dimension of  $\text{Col } A$  is equivalent to the number of pivot columns in  $B$ , which is 3.

**1**

The set  $\mathcal{B} = \{1 - t^2, t - t^2, 2 - 2t + t^2\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ .

**Claim:** The coordinate vector of  $p(t) = 3 + t - 6t^2$  relative to  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Proof:** The coordinate vector  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$  satisfies the equation  $\mathbf{x} = P_{\mathcal{B}}[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ , where  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the change-of-coordinate

matrix, and  $x$  is the vector we wish to transform. We can construct the columns of  $P_{\mathcal{B}}$  with the elements in  $\mathcal{B}$ . We can do the same for  $\mathbf{x}$  by using  $p(t)$ . This gives us the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solving this equation gives us  $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## 2

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Claim:**  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Proof:** A basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  must be a set of linearly independent vectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The matrix formed the vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  row reduces as follows.

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

Because it does not row reduce to the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix, the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by the Invertible Matrix Theorem, so it is not a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Additionally,  $4\mathbf{v}_1 - 2\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_3$ , so the set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is not linearly independent either.

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