

Consider

Ex 1:  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$   
 $x_1 + 2x_2 = 0.$

Solution to the above:

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$  is the only  
Soln to the above.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Let  $N_A$  be the set of solutions  
to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   $N_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Ex 2:  $2x_1 + x_2 = 0$   
 $2x_1 + x_2 = 0.$

Solution to the above.

$x_1 = 1, x_2 = -2$

Non trivial solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$x_1: 0 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 2 \quad -2 \quad \dots$

$x_2: 0 \quad -2 \quad 2 \quad -4 \quad 4 \quad \dots$

Any multiple of  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a  
Soln.  $N_A = \left\{ k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$

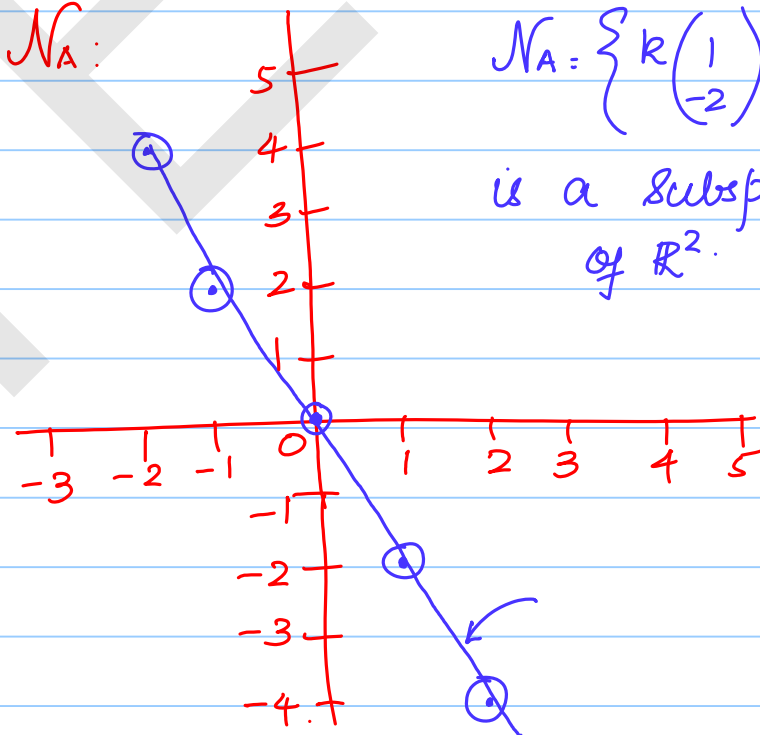
$$\mathcal{N}_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

↳ Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathcal{N}_A$  in this Trivial Subspace  
Case

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

$\mathcal{N}_A$ :



$$\mathcal{N}_A = \left\{ k \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

is a subspace  
of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Example:

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_3 = 0$$

Solve:

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

$$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1; \quad R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1$$

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

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2$$

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

$$x_3 = s$$

$$-2x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

$$x_1 + 0 + s = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -s.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution to } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -s \\ 0 \\ s \end{bmatrix} \\ &= s \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$N_A = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$N_A$ : Line passing thro' the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Ex:  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0.$

RREF:  $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1$   
 $R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - 2R_1$

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

$x_2 = s, \quad x_3 = t.$

$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x_1 + t + s = 0$

$\Rightarrow x_1 = -t - s$

Soln:  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -t-s \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix}$   
 $= t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$N_A = \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, t, s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$N_A$ : Plane passing thro' the origin defined by

$$\left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Ex: 
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 - x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Soln:  $N_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Ex:  $x_1 = 0$   
 $x_2 = 0$   
 $x_1 + x_2 = 0$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \times 2 \\ \\ \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \times 1 \\ \\ \end{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \times 1 \\ \\ \end{matrix}$$

Soln:  $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$N_A: \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

Ex:  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$   
 $x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$

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

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

RREF:  $R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$x_3$  is free variable.

$$x_3 = t.$$

$$-2x_2 - 2x_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x_2 = 2t \quad x_2 = -t.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

$$x_1 - t + t = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_1 = 0$$

Soln:

$$N_A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -t \\ t \end{pmatrix} \right\} \checkmark$$

$$= \left\{ t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} ; t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Set of Solutions to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is a subspace. We call this subspace as the Null space ( $A$ ).



Let  $A^{m \times n}$  be a real matrix

Look at the Homogeneous sys. of eqns

$$A^{m \times n} \vec{x}^{n \times 1} = \vec{0}^{m \times 1}$$

Solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  ie, set of all  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and is called as the null space of  $A$ ,  $N_A$ .