

1. Find the rank of the matrix

a) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

b) $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

a) Subtract row 1 multiplied by 2 from row 2: $R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract row 1 multiplied by 3 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - 3R_1$.

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

Multiply row 2 by -1 : $R_2 = -R_2$.

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

Subtract row 2 multiplied by 2 from row 1 : $R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2$.

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

Add row 2 to row 3: $R_3 = R_3 + R_2$.

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

So, the rank is 2.

b) Swap the rows 1 and 2 :

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

Subtract row 1 multiplied by 3 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - 3R_1$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -8 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract row 2 multiplied by 2 from row 1 : $R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -8 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Add row 2 multiplied by 5 to row 3: $R_3 = R_3 + 5R_2$.

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

Divide row 3 by 2: $R_3 = \frac{R_3}{2}$.

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

Add row 3 to row 1: $R_1 = R_1 + R_3$.

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

Subtract row 3 multiplied by 2 from row 2: $R_2 = R_2 - 2R_3$

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

So, the rank is 3.

2. Let V be a subset of \mathbb{R}^4 consisting of vectors that are perpendicular to vectors a, b , and c where $a = \langle 1, 0, 1, 0 \rangle, b = \langle 1, 1, 0, 0 \rangle, c = \langle 0, 1, -1, 0 \rangle$,
 Namely, $V = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^4 | a^T x = 0, b^T x = 0, \text{ and } c^T x = 0\}$
- Prove that V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4
 - Find a basis for V
 - Determine the Dimension of V

Solution:

(a) Prove that V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .

Observe that the conditions

$$a^T x = 0, b^T x = 0, \text{ and } c^T x = 0$$

can be combined into the following matrix equation, $Ax = \mathbf{0}$

$$\text{Where, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\mathbf{0}$ is the three-dimensional zero vector.

Note that the rows of the matrix A are a^T, b^T , and c^T .

It follows that the subset V is the null space $\mathcal{N}(A)$ of the matrix A .

Being the null space, $V = \mathcal{N}(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 .

(b) Find a basis of V .

In the proof of Part (a), we saw that $V = \mathcal{N}(A)$.

To find a basis, we determine the solutions of $Ax = \mathbf{0}$. Applying elementary row operations to the augmented matrix, we see that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It follows that the general solution is given by, $x_1 = -x_3, x_2 = x_3$.

$$\text{The vector form solution is, } \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \mathcal{N}(A) \\
 &= \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid \mathbf{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
 &= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } B := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Then we just showed that B is a spanning set for V .

It is straightforward to see that B is linearly independent.

Hence B is a basis for V .

(c) Determine the dimension of V .

As the basis B for V that we obtained in Part (b) consists of two vectors, the dimension of the subspace V is $\dim(V) = 2$.

3. Determine which of the following is a subspace of R^3 .

a) $x + 2y - 3z = 4$

b) $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z}{4}$

c) $x + y + z = 0$ and $x - y + z = 1$

d) $x = -z$ and $x = z$

e) $x^2 + y^2 = z$

f) $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-3}{5}$

4. Suppose $\text{rref}(R_0) = A$ where $R_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 & 1 & 16 \\ 3 & 9 & 15 & 1 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$. Show that –

- a) The row space has dimension 2, matching the rank
- b) The column space of R_0 has also dimension $r = 2$
- c) The null space of R_0 has dimension 3
- d) The null space of R_0^T , which can also be called the left null space of R_0 ; has dimension 1.

Solution:

Subtract row 1 multiplied by 2 from row 2: $R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 15 & 1 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subtract row 1 multiplied by 3 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - 3R_1$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the element at row 2 and column 2 (pivot element) equals 0, we need to swap the rows.

Find the first nonzero element in column 2 under the pivot entry.

As can be seen, there are no such entries. Move to the next column.

Since the element at row 2 and column 3 (pivot element) equals 0, we need to swap the rows.

Find the first nonzero element in column 3 under the pivot entry.

As can be seen, there are no such entries. Move to the next column.

Subtract row 2 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - R_2$.

$$\text{rref}(R_0) = A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- a) The row space is a space spanned by the nonzero rows of the reduced matrix.

Thus, the row space is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Therefore, the dimension of row space is 2.

- b) The column space is a space spanned by the columns of the initial matrix that correspond to the pivot columns of the reduced matrix.

Thus, the column space is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Therefore, the dimension of column space is 2.

- c) To find a basis for the null space, we form an augmented matrix by appending a column of zeros to the right, and then put this matrix in reduced row-echelon form.

We begin with the matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is already in reduced row-echelon form.

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 + 7x_5 &= 0 \\x_4 + 2x_5 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Collect terms into vectors:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -5x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -7x_5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2x_5 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Factor out variables on the right side:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, a basis for the null space is:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

So. The dimension of the null space is 3.

- d) The left null space of A is basically the null space of A^T . So, we will calculate the null space of A^T

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We begin with the matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add -3 times row 1 to row 2: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add -5 times row 1 to row 3: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add -7 times row 1 to row 5: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add -2 times row 2 to row 5 :

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

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

Add an equation for each free variable:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & = & 0 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3 & = & x_3 \end{array}$$

Solve for each variable in terms of the free variables:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & = & 0 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3 & = & x_3 \end{array}$$

Collect terms into vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Factor out variables on the right side: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, a basis for the null space is: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

So, the dimension of the left null space is 1.

5. Find a basis for each of the four fundamental subspaces associated with the matrix.

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

Solution:

Subtract row 1 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - R_1$.

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

Subtract row 2 multiplied by 2 from row 1: $R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2$.

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

So $\text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Column Space: The column space is a space spanned by the columns of the initial matrix that correspond to the pivot columns of the reduced matrix.

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

Row Space: The row is a space spanned by the nonzero rows of the reduced matrix.

Thus, the row space is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Null Space: Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Add an equation for each free variable:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ x_3 &= x_3 \\ x_4 &= x_4 \end{aligned}$$

Collect terms into vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -x_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$

Factor out variables on the right side: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, a basis for the null space is: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Left Null Space: The left null space of a matrix A is basically the null space of A^T

So, we begin with determining A^T and arrange in the gauss elimination where the result is zero.

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

Add 2 times row 1 to row 3 :

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

Add -1 times row 1 to row 4 :

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

Add -1 times row 2 to row 3 :

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

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system: $\begin{matrix} x_1 & = & 0 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \end{matrix}$

Add an equation for each free variable: $\begin{matrix} x_1 & & = & 0 \\ x_2 & & = & 0 \\ & x_3 & = & x_3 \end{matrix}$

Solve for each variable in terms of the free variables: $\begin{matrix} x_1 & & = & 0 \\ x_2 & & = & 0 \\ & x_3 & = & x_3 \end{matrix}$

Collect terms into vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, a basis for the null space is $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

6. Let A be a real 7×3 matrix such that the null space is spanned by the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the rank of the matrix A .

Solution: We first determine the nullity of A and deduce the rank of A by the rank-nullity theorem.

The null space $\mathcal{N}(A)$ of the matrix A is spanned by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let us find a basis of the null space $\mathcal{N}(A)$ among these vectors.

We use the "leading 1 method".

Form the matrix whose column vectors are these three vectors and we apply elementary row operations as follows.

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

The last matrix is in reduced row echelon form and the first and second column contain the leading 1's.

Therefore, the first two vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

form a basis of the null space $\mathcal{N}(A)$.

Hence the nullity, which is the dimension of $\mathcal{N}(A)$, is 2.

Since the size of the matrix A is 7×3 , the rank-nullity theorem gives

$$3 = \text{nullity of } A + \text{rank of } A.$$

Thus, the rank of A is 1.

7. Let V be a subset of the vector space \mathbb{R}^n consisting only of the zero vector of \mathbb{R}^n , namely $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$. Then prove that V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Solution: To prove that $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n , we check the following subspace criteria.

Subspace Criteria

(a) The zero vector $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is in V .

(b) If $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in V$.

(c) If $\mathbf{x} \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $c\mathbf{x} \in V$.

Condition (a) is clear since V consists of the zero vector $\mathbf{0}$.

To check condition (b), note that the only element in $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is $\mathbf{0}$. Thus if $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, then both \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} are $\mathbf{0}$. Hence

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \in V$$

and condition (b) is met.

To confirm condition (c), let $\mathbf{x} \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

We have

$$c\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \in V$$

and condition (c) is satisfied.

Hence we have checked all the subspace criteria, and hence the subset $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ consisting only of the zero vector is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

What's the dimension of the zero-vector space?

What's the dimension of the subspace $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$?

The dimension of a subspace is the number of vectors in a basis. So let us first find a basis of V .

Note that a basis of V consists of vectors in V that are linearly independent spanning set. Since $\mathbf{0}$ is the only vector in V , the set $S = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ is the only possible set for a basis.

However, S is not a linearly independent set since, for example, we have a nontrivial linear combination $\mathbf{1} \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$.

Therefore, the subspace $V = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ does not have a basis.

Hence the dimension of V is zero.

8. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and consider the following subset V of the 2-dimensional vector space \mathbb{R}^2 , namely $V = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid Ax = 5x\}$
- a) Prove that the subset V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2
- b) Find a basis for V and determine the dimension of V

Solution: To prove that V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 , we need to show that it satisfies the three conditions of a subspace:

1. V contains the zero vector:

Since A is a 2×2 matrix, we can compute $A \cdot 0 = 0$, where 0 is the 2-dimensional zero vector. So, 0 is an element of V , and V is not empty.

2. V is closed under vector addition:

Let x, y be vectors in V , so we have $Ax = 5x$ and $Ay = 5y$. We want to show that $x + y$ is also in V , i.e., $A(x + y) = 5(x + y)$.

Using matrix multiplication, we have:

$$A(x + y) = Ax + Ay = 5x + 5y = 5(x + y)$$

Therefore, $x + y$ is also in V , and V is closed under vector addition.

3. V is closed under scalar multiplication:

Let x be a vector in V , and let c be a scalar. We want to show that cx is also in V , i.e., $A(cx) = 5(cx)$.

Using matrix multiplication, we have:

$$A(cx) = c(Ax) = c(5x) = 5(cx)$$

Therefore, cx is also in V , and V is closed under scalar multiplication.

Since V satisfies all three conditions of a subspace, V is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

To find a basis for V , we need to find a set of linearly independent vectors that span V . Since V is defined as the set of all vectors x such that $Ax = 5x$, we can rewrite this as $(A - 5I)x = 0$, where I is the 2×2 identity matrix.

So, we want to find the null space of the matrix $A - 5I$. Using row reduction, we have:

$$A - 5I = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 = R_2 + 3R_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_1 = -R_1 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the null space of $A - 5I$ is spanned by the vector $(1, 1)$, since any scalar multiple of this vector satisfies $(A - 5I)x = 0$. Therefore, a basis for V is $\{(1, 1)\}$, and the dimension of V is 1.

9. The smallest subspace of R^3 containing the vectors $(2, -3, -3)$ and $(0, 3, 2)$ is the plane whose equation is $ax + by + 6z = 0$. Determine the value of a, b .

Solution: Since the given subspace contains the vectors $(2, -3, -3)$ and $(0, 3, 2)$, it must contain all linear combinations of these vectors. So, any vector of the form $c(2, -3, -3) + d(0, 3, 2)$ is also in the subspace, where c and d are scalars.

We want to find the equation of the plane that contains this subspace. We know that any vector in this subspace can be written as $(x, y, z) = c(2, -3, -3) + d(0, 3, 2)$, so we can write:

$$x = 2c$$

$$y = -3c + 3d$$

$$z = -3c + 2d$$

We want to find the equation of the plane that contains all such vectors. This means that we need to find values of a, b , and c such that the equation $ax + by + 6z = 0$ is satisfied for all such vectors.

Substituting the expressions for x, y , and z , we get:

$$a(2c) + b(-3c + 3d) + 6(-3c + 2d) = 0$$

Simplifying this equation, we get:

$$(2a - 3b - 18c) + (3b + 12d) = 0$$

Since this equation must hold for all values of c and d , we get the following system of equations:

$$2a - 3b - 18c = 0 \quad 3b + 12d = 0$$

We want to solve for a and b in terms of constants. To do this, we can eliminate c and d from the system of equations.

Solving the second equation for b , we get: $b = -4d$

Substituting this into the first equation, we get: $2a + 12d = 18c$

Simplifying this equation, we get: $a + 6d = 9c$

We can solve for a and b in terms of d and c by expressing d and c in terms of a and b : $d = -\frac{b}{4}$, $c = \frac{a + 6d}{9} = \frac{a - (\frac{3}{2})b}{9}$

Substituting these expressions into the original equation for the plane, we get: $ax + by + 6z = a(2c) + b(-3c + 3d) + 6(-3c + 2d) = 0$

Substituting the expressions for c and d , we get: $ax + by + 6z = a(\frac{a - (\frac{3}{2})b}{9}) - b(\frac{a - (\frac{3}{2})b}{3}) - 18(\frac{a - (\frac{3}{2})b}{9})$

Simplifying this equation, we get: $ax + by + 6z = (2a - 3b)x + 6z = 0$

Therefore, the equation of the plane is $2a - 3b + 6z = 0$. Comparing this to the given equation $ax + by + 6z = 0$, we see that $a = 2$ and $b = -3$. So, the equation of the plane is $2x - 3y + 6z = 0$.

10. Determine The matrix representation of the orthogonal projection operator taking R^3 onto the plane $x + y + z = 0$.

Solution: Let P be the orthogonal projection operator taking R^3 onto the plane $x + y + z = 0$. We can find the matrix representation of P by finding its action on the standard basis vectors $e_1 = (1,0,0)$, $e_2 = (0,1,0)$, and $e_3 = (0,0,1)$ of R^3 .

To project a vector v onto the plane $x + y + z = 0$, we need to find its projection onto a vector $n=(1,1,1)$ that is normal to the plane. We can normalize this vector to get $\hat{n} = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$.

Then, the projection of v onto \hat{n} is given by $(v \cdot \hat{n})\hat{n}$, where \cdot denotes the dot product. We can write this as:

$$proj_{\hat{n}}(v) = \left(\frac{v \cdot \hat{n}}{\|\hat{n}\|^2} \right) \hat{n} = \left(\frac{v \cdot \hat{n}}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

The orthogonal projection of v onto the plane is obtained by subtracting this projection from v :

$$proj_P(v) = v - proj_{\hat{n}}(v) = v - \left(\frac{v \cdot \hat{n}}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

Now, we can find the matrix representation of P by expressing $proj_P(e_1)$, $proj_P(e_2)$, and $proj_P(e_3)$ as column vectors and putting them together as the columns of a matrix. We get:

$$proj_P(e_1) = (1,0,0) - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$proj_P(e_2) = (0,1,0) - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$proj_P(e_3) = (0,0,1) - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

Therefore, the matrix representation of P with respect to the standard basis of R^3 is:

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

11. Let $u = (8, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7}, -1, 1)$ and $v = (1, -1, 0, 2, \sqrt{3})$. If the orthogonal projection of u onto v is $\frac{a}{b}v$, then determine a and b .

Solution: Let $u = (8, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7}, -1, 1)$ and $v = (1, -1, 0, 2, \sqrt{3})$. We want to find the orthogonal projection of u onto v , which is given by:

$$\text{proj}_v(u) = \left(\frac{u \cdot v}{(\|v\|)^2} \right) v$$

where \cdot denotes the dot product.

First, we need to calculate the dot product $u \cdot v$:

$$u \cdot v = (8)(1) + (\sqrt{3})(-1) + (\sqrt{7})(0) + (-1)(2) + (1)(\sqrt{3}) = 6 + \sqrt{3}$$

Next, we need to calculate the norm $\|v\|$ of v :

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 0^2 + 2^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{7}$$

Putting these together, we get:

$$\text{proj}_v(u) = \left(\frac{6 + \sqrt{3}}{7} \right) v$$

Therefore, $a = 6 + \sqrt{3}$ and $b = 7$.

12. Find the point q in R^3 on the ray connecting the origin to the point $(2, 4, 8)$ which is closest to the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Solution: The ray connecting the origin to the point $(2, 4, 8)$ can be parameterized as:

$$r(t) = t(2, 4, 8)$$

where t is a scalar parameter. We want to find the point q on this ray that is closest to the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

The distance between a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) and a point (x_2, y_2, z_2) is given by the formula:

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

We want to minimize this distance for points of the form $r(t)$, subject to the constraint that t is a nonnegative scalar.

Therefore, we can minimize the square of the distance:

$$f(t) = (2t - 1)^2 + (4t - 1)^2 + (8t - 1)^2$$

This is a quadratic function of t , which can be expanded and simplified:

$$f(t) = 84t^2 - 52t + 7$$

The minimum value of this function occurs at the vertex of the parabola, which is at:

$$t = -\frac{-52}{2 * 84} = \frac{13}{21}$$

Therefore, the point q on the ray connecting the origin to $(2, 4, 8)$ that is closest to $(1, 1, 1)$ is:

$$q = r\left(\frac{13}{21}\right) = \left(\frac{13}{21}\right)(2, 4, 8) = \left(\frac{26}{21}, \frac{52}{21}, \frac{104}{21}\right)$$

13. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the following matrix A.

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

Show that these eigenvectors are perpendicular. [Hint: It will always be perpendicular when A is symmetric]

Solution:

Start from forming a new matrix by subtracting λ from the diagonal entries of the given matrix:

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

The determinant of the obtained matrix is $-\lambda(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1)$

Solve the equation $-\lambda(\lambda - 3)(\lambda - 1) = 0$.

The roots are $\lambda_1 = 3, \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_3 = 0$

Next, find the eigenvectors.

- $\lambda = 3$

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-\lambda & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2-3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We begin with the matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Multiply row 1 by $-1/2$: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 1 to row 2: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Multiply row 2 by -2: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 2 to row 3: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add $-1/2$ times row 2 to row 1: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:
$$\begin{array}{rcl} x_1 & + & -x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 & + & 2x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

Collect terms into vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -2x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

The null space of this matrix is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

This is the eigenvector.

- $\lambda = 1$

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

We begin with the matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Swap rows 1 and 2: $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Multiply row 1 by -1: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Multiply row 2 by -1: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 2 to row 3: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 2 to row 1: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system: $\begin{matrix} x_1 + x_3 & = & 0 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \end{matrix}$

Add an equation for each free variable: $\begin{matrix} x_1 + x_3 & = & 0 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3 & = & x_3 \end{matrix}$

Solve for each variable in terms of the free variables: $\begin{matrix} x_1 & = & -x_3 \\ x_2 & = & 0 \\ x_3 & = & x_3 \end{matrix}$

Collect terms into vectors: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Factor out variables on the right side: $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus, a basis for the null space is: $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

The null space of this matrix is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (for steps, see null space calculator).

This is the eigenvector.

- $\lambda = 0$

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

We begin with the matrix: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 1 to row 2: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 2 to row 3: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Add 1 times row 2 to row 1: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Convert the matrix equation back to an equivalent system:

$$x_1 + -x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 + -x_3 = 0$$

Add an equation for each free variable:

$$x_1 + -x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 + -x_3 = 0$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

Solve for each variable in terms of the free variables:

$$x_1 = x_3$$

$$x_2 = x_3$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

Collect terms into vectors:

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

Factor out variables on the right side:

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

The null space of this matrix is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

14. Suppose you want a vector to rotate about 90 Degree anti-clockwise. Determine the transformation matrix that should operate on that vector to produce such result? Determine for 180, and 270 degrees too.

Solution: To rotate a vector counterclockwise about the origin, we can use a transformation matrix. The general form of the 2D transformation matrix for rotation about the origin is: $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

For a 90-degree counterclockwise rotation, θ would be $\pi/2$ radians.

To rotate a vector 180 degrees counterclockwise, θ would be π radians.

To rotate a vector 270 degrees counterclockwise, θ would be $3\pi/2$ radians.

15. Find the rank and the four eigenvalues of A, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution: First we will determine $\text{rref}(A)$ which is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Start from forming a new matrix by subtracting λ from the diagonal entries of the given matrix:

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

The determinant of the obtained matrix is $\lambda^2(\lambda - 2)^2$

Solve the equation $\lambda^2(\lambda - 2)^2 = 0$

The roots are $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 2, \lambda_3 = 0, \lambda_4 = 0$

These are the eigenvalues.

Next, find the eigenvectors.

- $\lambda = 2$

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

Multiply row 1 by -1 : $R_1 = -R_1$.

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

Subtract row 1 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - R_1$.

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

Multiply row 2 by -1 : $R_2 = -R_2$.

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

Subtract row 2 from row 4: $R_4 = R_4 - R_2$.

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

The reduced row echelon form of the matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

To find the null space, solve the matrix equation $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

If we take $x_3 = x_3, x_4 = x_4$, then $x_1 = x_3, x_2 = x_4$.

Thus, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ t \\ s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4$

This is the null space.

The nullity of a matrix is the dimension of the basis for the null space.

Thus, the nullity of the matrix is 2 .

The null space of this matrix is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

These are the eigenvectors.

- $\lambda = 0$

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

The reduced row echelon form of the matrix is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Subtract row 1 from row 3: $R_3 = R_3 - R_1$. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Subtract row 2 from row 4: $R_4 = R_4 - R_2$. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

To find the null space, solve the matrix equation $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

If we take $x_3 = x_3, x_4 = x_4$, then $x_1 = -x_3, x_2 = -x_4$.

Thus, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4$.

This is the null space.

The nullity of a matrix is the dimension of the basis for the null space.

Thus, the nullity of the matrix is 2 .

The null space of this matrix is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

16. [Page 201, Worked Example 4.1A, Introduction to Linear Algebra (4th Edition), Gilbert Strang]

Suppose S is a six-dimensional subspace of nine-dimensional space \mathbf{R}^9 .

- a. What are the possible dimensions of subspaces orthogonal to S ?
- b. What are the possible dimensions of the orthogonal complement S^\perp of S ?
- c. What is the smallest possible size of a matrix A that has row space S ?
- d. What is the shape of its null space matrix N ?

Solution:

(a) If S is six-dimensional in \mathbf{R}^9 , subspaces orthogonal to S can have dimensions 0,1,2,3.

(b) The complement S^\perp is the largest orthogonal subspace, with dimension 3 .

(c) The smallest matrix A is 6 by 9 (its six rows are a basis for S).

(d) Its nullspace matrix N is 9 by 3 . The columns of N contain a basis for S^\perp .

If a new row 7 of B is a combination of the six rows of A , then B has the same row space as A . It also has the same nullspace matrix N . The special solutions s_1, s_2, s_3 will be the same. Elimination will change row 7 of B to all zeros.

17. (Bonus Problem)

Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix A ,

$$\text{where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 10001 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 10003 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 10005 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 10007 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 10009 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 10011 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution: Let $B = A - 10000I$

where I is the 6×6 identity matrix. That is, we have

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since all the rows are the same, the matrix B is singular and hence $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue of B .

Let us determine the geometric multiplicity of $\lambda = 0$ (namely, the dimension of the null space of B).

We apply elementary row operations to B and obtain

$$B \xrightarrow{\text{elementary row operations}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, if $B\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, then we have

$$x_1 = -3x_2 - 5x_3 - 7x_4 - 9x_5 - 11x_6.$$

It follows from this that basis vectors of the eigenspace $E_0 = \mathcal{N}(B)$ are

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -11 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and hence the geometric multiplicity corresponding to $\lambda = 0$ is 5.

By inspection, we see that, $B\mathbf{v} = 36\mathbf{v}$

$$\text{Where, } \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, it yields that $\lambda = 36$ is an eigenvalue of B and \mathbf{v} is a corresponding eigenvector.

Recall that the algebraic multiplicity of an eigenvalue is greater than or equal to the geometric multiplicity.

Also the sum of algebraic multiplicities of all eigenvalues of B is equal to 6 since B is a 6×6 matrix.

It follows from this observation that we determine that the algebraic multiplicity of $\lambda = 0$ is 5 and the algebraic and geometric multiplicities of $\lambda = 36$ are both 1 .

Hence the vector \mathbf{v} form a basis of the eigenspace E_{36} .

Now that we have determined eigenvalues and eigenvectors of B, we can deduce those of A as follows.

In general, if $A = B + cI$, then the eigenvalues of A are $\lambda + c$, where λ are eigenvalues of B. The eigenvectors for A corresponding to $\lambda + c$ are exactly the eigenvectors for B corresponding λ .

(See the post "Eigenvalues and algebraic/geometric multiplicities of matrix $A + cI$ " for a proof.)

In the current problem, we have $A = B + 10000I$, and thus $c = 10000$.

Therefore, the eigenvalues of A are 10000,10036 .

Eigenvectors corresponding to 10000 are

$$x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_6 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $(x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) \neq (0,0,0,0,0)$.

The eigenvector corresponding to 10036 is

$$a \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where a is any nonzero scalar.