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EE5609 Assignment 10

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Abstract—This document solves problem based on solution of vector space.

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https://github.com/abhishekt711/EE5609/tree/master/Assignment 10

1 Problem

Consider the vectors in \mathbb{R}^4 defined by:

$$\alpha_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\0\\1\\2 \end{pmatrix}, \ \alpha_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3\\4\\-2\\5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \alpha_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\4\\0\\9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a system of homogeneous linear equations for which the space of solutions is exactly the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by the given three vectors.

2 Solution

A system of linear equations is homogeneous if all of the constant terms are zero. It can be represented as,

$$\mathbf{AX} = 0 \tag{2.0.1}$$

Let **R** be a echelon matrix which is reduced to A. Then the systems AX = 0 and RX = 0 have the same solutions. Here,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.2}$$

By row reducing on A, we get:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 = R_3 - 2R_1 - R_2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 = R_2 + 3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_1 = -R_1, R_2 = \frac{1}{4}R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{11}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.0.5)$$

The bais vector is non zero vector which are given from 2.0.5,

$$\rho_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \rho_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.6)

 ρ_1 , ρ_2 forms the basis of the solution space. The subspace spanned by b_1 and b_2 is given as:

$$\left(\rho_1 \quad \rho_2\right) \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X} \tag{2.0.7}$$

Using 2.0.7, we can write the augmented matrix as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & x_1 \\ 0 & 4 & x_2 \\ -1 & 1 & x_3 \\ -2 & 11 & x_4 \end{pmatrix} \xleftarrow{R_3 = R_3 + R_1 - \frac{1}{4}R_2}$$
 (2.0.8)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & x_1 \\
0 & 4 & x_2 \\
0 & 0 & x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2 + x_3 \\
-2 & 11 & x_4
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_4 = R_4 + 2R_1 - \frac{11}{4}R_2} (2.0.9)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & x_1 \\
0 & 4 & x_2 \\
0 & 0 & x_1 - \frac{1}{4}x_2 + x_3 \\
0 & 0 & 2x_1 - \frac{11}{4}x_2 + x_4
\end{pmatrix} (2.0.10)$$

Using 2.0.10, The required homogeneous equation is given as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{4} & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -\frac{11}{4} & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} = 0$$
 (2.0.11)