

Matrix Algebra
Rank
Extra Homework 11

1. For each of the following sets S , find a basis for the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by S .

a) $S = \{(1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2), (1, -1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 0, 0)\}$

Answer: One basis is $\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 0)\}$

b) $S = \{(1, 2, 3, 4), (4, 3, 2, 1), (1, 1, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0)\}$

Answer: One basis is $\{(1, 2, 3, 4), (0, 1, 2, 3), (0, 0, 1, 1)\}$

2. For each of the following matrices, find bases for their row space, column space and null space.

a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: A basis for the row space is $\{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (0, 0, 1)\}$.

A basis for the column space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

The null space is trivial.

b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: A basis for the row space is $\{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1)\}$.

A basis for the column space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

The null space is trivial.

c)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: A basis for the row space is $\{(1, 1, 2, 2), (0, 1, -1, 0), (0, 0, 1, 1)\}$.

A basis for the column space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

A basis for the null space is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

3. For each of the following matrices, find their rank and nullity.

a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: The rank is 3, the nullity is 1.

b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Answer: The rank is 3, the nullity is 1.