

# Section 4.6

$$\underline{1.} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 9 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 5 & -6 & 10 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

$$\text{rank } A = \# \text{ pivot columns} = 2$$

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ of free variables} = 2$$

$$\text{Basis for Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for Row } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ :

$$x_1 = x_3 - 5x_4$$

$$x_2 = \frac{5}{2}x_3 - 3x_4$$

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$x_4 = x_4$$

$$\vec{x} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5/2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Basis for Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\underline{2.} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -1 & 9 \\ -2 & 6 & -6 & -1 & -10 \\ -3 & 9 & -6 & -6 & -3 \\ 3 & -9 & 4 & 9 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

$$\text{rank } A = \# \text{ of pivot columns} = 3$$

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ of free variables} = 2$$

$$\text{Basis for Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -6 \\ -6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -10 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for Row } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ :

$$x_1 = 3x_2 - 5x_4$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$x_3 = \frac{3}{2}x_4$$

$$x_4 = x_4$$

$$x_5 = 0$$

$$\vec{x} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_2, x_4 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Basis for Nul } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5.

$3 \times 8$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{rank } A = 3$

Using Rank-Nullity Theorem

$$\text{rank } A + \text{nullity } A = \# \text{ of columns}$$

$$3 + \text{nullity } A = 8$$

$$\boxed{\dim \text{Nul } A = 5}$$

Using Rank-Nullity Theorem

$$\dim \text{Row } A = \dim \text{Col } A = \text{rank } A$$

$$\boxed{\dim \text{Row } A = 3}$$

$$\text{rank } A^T = \dim \text{Col } A^T = \dim \text{Row } A = \text{rank } A$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\text{rank } A^T = 3}$$

6.

$6 \times 3$  matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{rank } A = 3$

Using Rank-Nullity Theorem

$$\text{rank } A + \text{nullity } A = \# \text{ of columns}$$

$$3 + \text{nullity } A = 3$$

$$\text{nullity } A = \boxed{\dim \text{Nul } A = 0.}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\dim \text{Row } A}} = \dim \text{Col } A = \text{rank } A = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$\text{rank } A^T = \dim \text{Col } A^T = \dim \text{Row } A = \text{rank } A$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\text{rank } A^T = 3.}$$

7.  $4 \times 7$  matrix  $A$  has 4 pivots,

$$\rightarrow \dim \text{Col } A = 4 = \text{rank } A.$$

So  $\text{Col } A$  is a 4 dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

The only 4 dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$\text{Thus } \text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^4.$$

$$\rightarrow \dim \text{Nul } A = 3, \text{ by the Rank-Nullity Theorem.}$$

$\text{Nul } A$  is a 3-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .

Thus  $\text{Nul } A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , but

$$\text{Nul } A \neq \mathbb{R}^3.$$

8.  $A$  is  $5 \times 6$  and has 4 pivot columns.

Since  $A$  has 4 pivot columns,  $\text{rank } A = 4$ .

By Rank-Nullity Theorem,  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$ .

$\text{Col } A \neq \mathbb{R}^4$ .  $\dim \text{Col } A = 4$ , and  $\text{Col } A$  is

a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , not  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . You could say that

$\text{Col } A$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

15.  $A$  is  $6 \times 8$  matrix. Since  $A$  is  $6 \times 8$ , it can have at most 6 pivots. Thus  $\text{rank } A \leq 6$ . We have

$$\dim \text{Nul } A = 8 - \text{rank } A.$$

$$\text{So } \dim \text{Nul } A \geq 2.$$



19. Let  $A$  be the coefficient matrix of the homogeneous system.  $A$  is a  $5 \times 6$  matrix. Since the solutions to the homogeneous system are solutions to the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ , the fact that all solutions are multiples of a nonzero solution implies  $\text{Nul } A$  has a basis consisting of one vector. Thus  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 1$ . By the rank-nullity theorem,  $\text{rank } A = 5$ . Since  $\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and  $\text{rank } A = 5$ ,  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^5$ . Thus  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  will have a solution for every choice of  $\vec{b}$ . So the answer is yes.

26. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with full rank and  $m > n$ . Since  $A$  has full rank and  $\text{rank } A \leq \min\{m, n\}$ ,  $\text{rank } A = n$ . In other words every column of  $A$  is a pivot column. Since every column of  $A$  is a pivot column,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution. Thus the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

On the other hand, if  $A$  has linearly independent columns, every column of  $A$  is a pivot column. Since every column is a pivot column,  $A$  cannot have more pivots than the number of columns of  $A$ . Thus  $A$  has full rank.

31.

$$\vec{u} \vec{v}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a & 2b & 2c \\ -3a & -3b & -3c \\ 5a & 5b & 5c \end{bmatrix}$$

Every column of  $\vec{u} \vec{v}^T$  is a multiple of  $\vec{u}$ .  
Thus, if  $\vec{v} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\text{Col } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

So  $\text{rank } \vec{u} \vec{v}^T = 1$ .

If  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\vec{u} \vec{v}^T$  is the zero matrix

and  $\text{Col } A = \{ \vec{0} \}$ . In this case  $\text{rank } \vec{u} \vec{v}^T = 0$ .

Therefore  $\text{rank } \vec{u} \vec{v}^T \leq 1$ .