

**Amrita School of Engineering,
Bangalore-3523MAT117-Linear Algebra
Lab Session Sheet -5**

(Fundamental Subspaces of a matrix)

- **Obtaining the basis for row space, column space, nullspace, and the nullity of a given matrix.**

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A=randi([0,9],5,2)*randi([0,9],2,5)
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[RR, ic]=rref(A);
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% RR is the row-reduced echelon form of A,

% ic is a row vector that tells the column position of the leading pivotal element.

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r = length(ic);
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R=RR(1:r,:)
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% gives a matrix, whose row vectors forms the basis of row space of A

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C=A(:,ic)
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% gives a matrix, whose column vectors forms the basis of the column-space of A

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N=null(A)
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% gives a matrix, whose column vectors forms the basis of null-space of A

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S=size(N);
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Nullity=S(:,2)
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% gives the nullity of the matrix

✓ Another way to find nullity: $S=size(A)$; $NC=S(:,2)$; $Nullity=NC-rank(A)$

✓ Another way to find the basis of column space is to find the basis of row space of A^T

✓ Basis for left null space can be found similarly using the command $null(A^T)$

- **3D scatterplot of Row space and column space of any random 3×3 matrix with rank 2.**

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A = randi([-3, 3], 3, 2) * randi([-3, 3], 2, 3);
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[RR, ic] = rref(A);
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r = length(ic);
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R = RR(1:r, :);
RSB1 = R(1, :);
RSB2 = R(2, :);
[RR, ic] = rref(A');
r = length(ic);
C = RR(1:r, :);
CSB1 = C(1, :);
CSB2 = C(2, :);
RSpts = [];
CSpts = [];
for i = 1:10000
    k1 = -1 + 2 * rand(1);
    k2 = -1 + 2 * rand(1);
    a1 = -1 + 2 * rand(1);
    a2 = -1 + 2 * rand(1);
    RSpts = [RSpts, k1 * RSB1 + k2 * RSB2];
    CSpts = [CSpts, a1 * CSB1 + a2 * CSB2];
end
scatter3(RSpts(1, :), RSpts(2, :), RSpts(3, :), 1);
hold on
scatter3(CSpts(1, :), CSpts(2, :), CSpts(3, :), 1);

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- **How to check if a given vector \mathbf{y} is in any of the subspaces generated by a matrix A ?**
 - ❖ If $\text{rank of } [A \mid \mathbf{y}] = \text{rank}(A)$, then \mathbf{y} in column space of A
where $[A \mid \mathbf{y}]$ is matrix with \mathbf{y} vector appended as last column of A
 - ❖ If $\text{rank of } \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbf{y}^T \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank}(A)$, then \mathbf{y} is in row space of A
where $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbf{y}^T \end{bmatrix}$ is matrix with \mathbf{y}^T vector appended as last row of A .
 - ❖ If $A\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$, then \mathbf{y} is in the null space of A .
 - ❖ If $\mathbf{y}^T A = \mathbf{0}$, then \mathbf{y} is in the left null space of A .
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Practice Questions

1. Find the null space and row space of $M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Explain what each of them represents

geometrically and plot them in MATLAB using a scatter plot.

2. Find the null space of the following matrices manually. Also, find the scatterplot of these null spaces

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Generate a random 3×3 matrix of rank 2. Provide the scatter plot of the row-space and the column space of the matrix in the same figure.
4. Generate a random 3×3 matrix of rank 1. Provide the scatter plot of the column-space and the left null space of the matrix in the same figure.

5. Given, a matrix, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 13 \\ 4 & 6 & 10 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$. Find out the subspace associated with A in which

each of the following vectors lie.

$$(i) u = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, (ii) v = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 11 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} (iii) w = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} (iv) y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} (v) m = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Given, a matrix, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Find out the subspace associated with A in which

each of the following vectors lie?

$$(i) v = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, (ii) w = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, (iii) u = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} (iv) m = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$$