

## Step-1

Consider that the row space of a matrix contains  $(1, 2, 1)$  and the null space contains  $(1, -2, 1)$ .

The objective is to verify whether such a matrix exists or not.

## Step-2

Use the result that the null space of a matrix is the orthogonal complement of the row space in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

This means that the vectors in the nullspace  $N(A)$  of the matrix  $A$  are orthogonal to the vectors in the row space  $C(A)$  of the matrix.

Thus, the dot product of the vectors in nullspace  $N(A)$  and row space  $C(A)$  is zero.

That is, if  $\mathbf{u} \in N(A)$  and  $\mathbf{v} \in C(A)$  then  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .

## Step-3

Here, the vector  $(1, -2, 1) \in N(A)$  and  $(1, 2, 1) \in C(A)$ .

Now find the dot product of the vectors  $(1, -2, 1) \in N(A)$  and  $(1, 2, 1) \in C(A)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot (1 \ 2 \ 1) &= 1(1) + (-2)2 + 1(1) \\ &= 1 - 4 + 1 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

As the dot product of these vectors is  $-2 \neq 0$ , so the vectors are not orthogonal.

Thus, the matrix whose nullspace contains  $(1, -2, 1)$  and the row space contains  $(1, 2, 1)$  does not exist.

Hence, such a matrix **does not exist**.