

## Step-1

(a)

$A$  is a matrix of  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns

It is known that the maximum number of linearly independent rows = maximum number of linearly independent columns =  $\min \{m, n\}$ .

Given that the rows of  $A$  are linearly independent. So, rank is  $m$ .

Further, it follows that for  $m \leq n$ .

The rank of column space is also  $m$ .

Consequently, the column space is  $\mathbb{R}^m$

The rank of the left null space is  $n - m$ .

Therefore, the left null space is  $\mathbb{R}^{n-m}$

## Step-2

(b)

Given that  $A$  is a matrix of size  $8 \times 10$

That means the number of rows is 8 and columns is 10

Given that the null space of  $A$  is of dimension 2

So, the dimension of range space of  $A$  is  $10 - 2 = 8$

Let, consider  $Ax = b$

Then  $x$  is of size  $10 \times 1$  and  $b$  is of size  $8 \times 1$

Since the rank of  $A$  is 8, it can be written the two variables of  $x$  as the linear combinations of remaining 8 variables.

Therefore, the solution set has two linearly independent columns and each column has 10 entries in which the bottom two entries are zero denoting  $x_9, x_{10}$ .

Let them be  $b_1, b_2$

## Step-3

Suppose  $b(8 \times 1)$  is any non zero vector.

Then it can be seen that the matrix  $[b_1 \ b_2 \ b]$  is of size  $10 \times 3$  and bottom two rows are necessarily zero.

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So, the non zero rows of this matrix are 8 and columns are 3

By the properties of matrices, it can be said that the number of linearly dependent rows is less than 3

In other words, it is not necessary that one column is dependent of other four columns for the infinite possible columns  $b$ .

More precisely, every column  $b$  cannot necessarily be written as a linear combination of the solutions of  $Ax = b$ .

Therefore, every vector  $b$  cannot be in the form  $Ax$ .

Therefore, the given statement is **false**.