

Step-1

Consider the matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The objective is to find the four subspaces in three-dimensional space associated with the matrix A .

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The four subspaces in three-dimensional space associated with the matrix A are column space $C(A)$ of A , the null space $N(A)$ of A , the column space $C(A^T)$ of A^T and the null space $N(A^T)$ of A^T .

Note that the matrix A is in reduced row echelon form.

The leading 1's are in the second and third columns. Therefore, the corresponding columns in the matrix A form a basis for the column space of A .

So the basis for $C(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

$$C(A) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \right\}.$$

Thus, the column space of A is defined as

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The null space $N(A)$ of the matrix A is the solution space of the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is equivalent to

The equations obtained from this matrix equation are,

$$x_2 = 0, x_3 = 0.$$

Here, x_1 is a free variable.

So choose $x_1 = t$, where t is a parameter.

Therefore, the vector \mathbf{x} can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Thus, the basis for the null space of A is

$$N(A) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbf{R} \right\}.$$

And the null space of A is defined as

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$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The transpose of the matrix A is

Now find the column space and the null space of the matrix A^T .

The leading 1's in the matrix A^T are in the first and second columns. So the corresponding columns in the matrix A^T form the basis for the column space of A^T .

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Thus, the basis for the column space of A is

$$C(A^T) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R} \right\}.$$

Thus, the column space of A^T is defined as

Step-5

The null space $N(A^T)$ of the matrix A is the solution space of the system $A^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, the system $A^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ is equivalent to

The equations obtained from this matrix equation are,

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0.$$

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Here, x_3 is a free variable.

So choose $x_3 = t$, where t is a parameter.

Therefore, the vector \mathbf{x} can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ t \end{bmatrix} \\ &= t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Thus, the basis for the null space of A^T is

$$N(A^T) = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbf{R} \right\}.$$

And the null space of A^T is defined as