

Step-1

a) Given that x is a null space of A

$$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$$

Let us consider $(M^{-1}AM)(M^{-1}x)$

$$= M^{-1}A(MM^{-1})x$$

$$= M^{-1}(AI)x$$

$$= M^{-1}(Ax)$$

$$= M^{-1}(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$(M^{-1}AM)(M^{-1}x) = 0$ confirms that $M^{-1}x$ is in the null space of $M^{-1}AM$.

Step-2

b) We have that similar matrix $B = M^{-1}AM$ is closely connected to A .

Every linear transformation is represented by a matrix.

The matrix depends on the choice of basis.

If we change the basis to M , we change the matrix A to a similar matrix B .

Similar matrices represent the same transformation T with respect to different bases.

But this confirms that the dimension of B is equal to the dimension of A .

The set of linearly independent vectors in A are reduced to row echelon form by the multiplication of M and its inverse to get B . Thus, the basis of A and that of B are same.

Putting these things together, we get $M^{-1}AM$ and A have the same vectors, bases and dimension.