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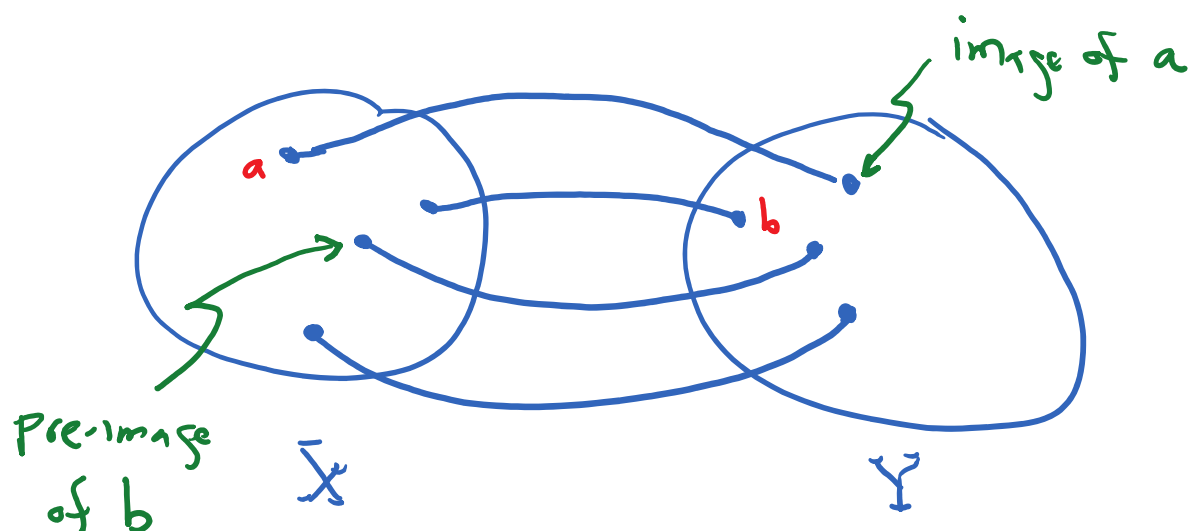
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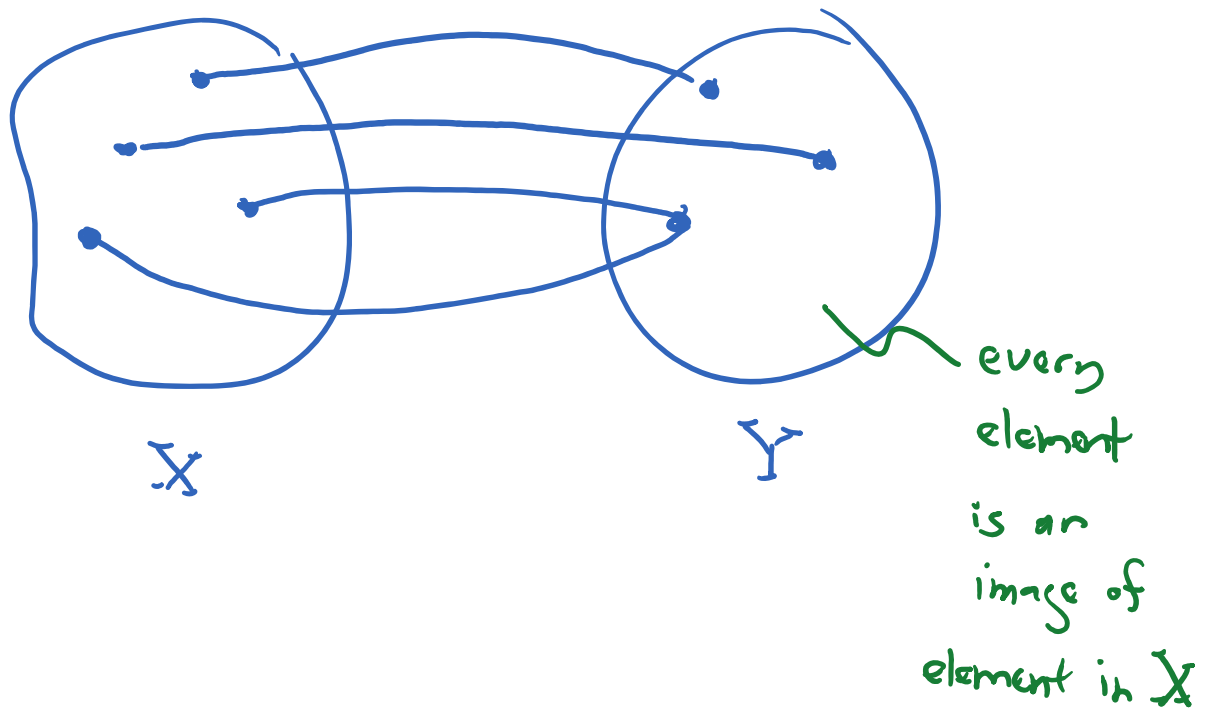
# Definitions

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Functions are **one-to-one** iff every element in  $X$  goes to a distinct element in  $Y$



Functions are **onto** iff every element of  $Y$  is an image of some element of  $X$  and thus  $\text{range}(f) = \text{codomain}(f)$



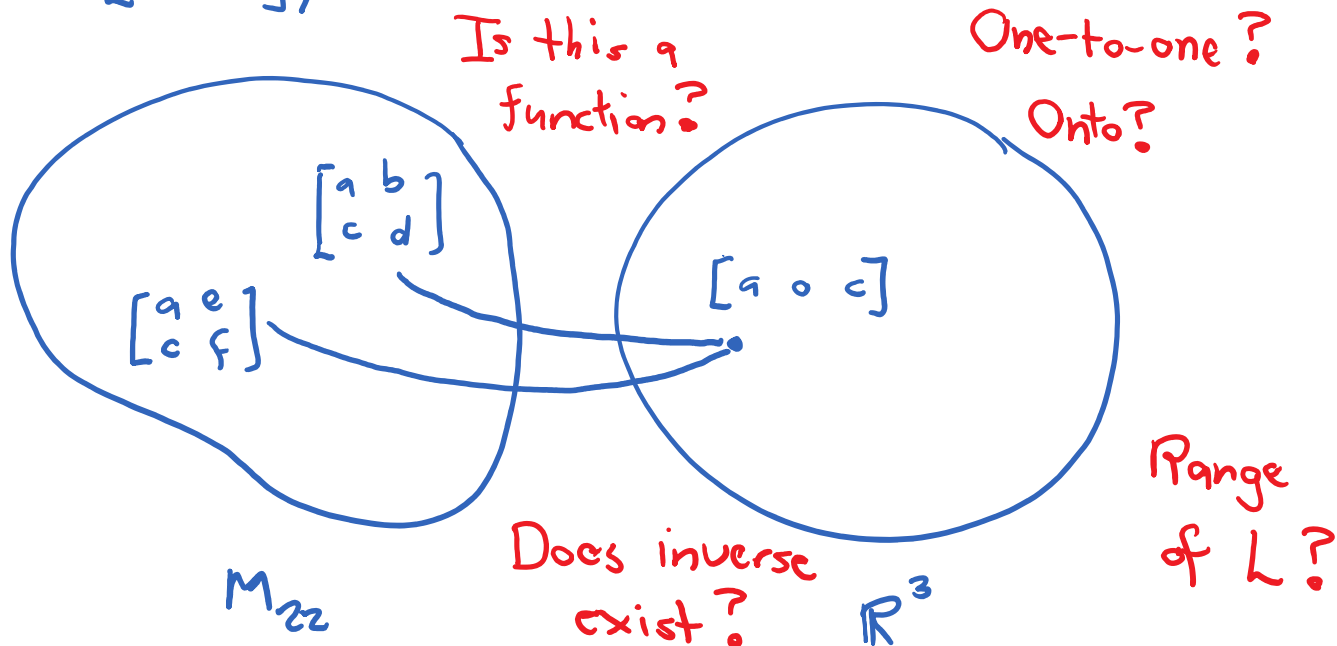
# Linear Transformation Example

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Example: Let  $L: M_{22} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (Linear Transformation)

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = [a, 0, c] \quad (\text{from last lecture})$$



$$\text{Let } \underline{M} = K_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + K_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + K_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + K_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use  $B_{11}, B_{12}, B_{21}, B_{22}$  as basis

$$\underline{M} = K_1 \underline{B}_{11} + K_2 \underline{B}_{12} + K_3 \underline{B}_{21} + K_4 \underline{B}_{22}$$

$$K_1 \underline{B}_{11} + K_2 \underline{B}_{12} + K_3 \underline{B}_{21} + K_4 \underline{B}_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore K_1 + K_4 = a, K_2 = b, K_3 = c, K_4 = d$$

$$\rightarrow K_1 = a - d$$

$$L(\underline{B}_{11}) = [1 \ 0 \ 0], \quad L(\underline{B}_{12}) = [0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$L(\underline{B}_{21}) = [0 \ 0 \ 1], \quad L(\underline{B}_{22}) = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$\underline{A} = [L(\underline{B}_{11})^T, L(\underline{B}_{12})^T, L(\underline{B}_{21})^T, L(\underline{B}_{22})^T]$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{K} = L(\underline{M})$$

$$(\underline{A} \underline{K})^T = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a-d \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} \right)^T$$

$$= [a \ 0 \ c]$$

# Four Subspaces of a Matrix

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Review Example:

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

Augmented  
matrix

Row reduce

pivots

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_1 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$0x_3 = 1 \leftarrow ???$$

This exists because:

a)  $\det(\underline{A}) = 0 \rightarrow \underline{A}^{-1}$  does not exist

b)  $\underline{A}$  has a non-trivial nullspace,  
where the nullspace of  $\underline{A}$  is all  
vectors  $\underline{v}$ , such that  $\underline{A}\underline{v} = \underline{0}$

Here, one finds

$$\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{A}\underline{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-1 \\ 2+1-3 \\ 1+1-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the columns of  $\underline{A}$  are not independent!

In addition to nullspace, it is useful to  
identify the column space of  $\underline{A}$ .

Altogether, there are four subspaces of a matrix:

(1) Column space

(2) Nullspace

(3) Row space

(4) Left nullspace

### Column Space

Recall that a matrix-vector product is simply a linear combination of the matrix columns:

$$\underbrace{A}_{\substack{\text{m} \times \text{n matrix} \\ \text{h}}} \underbrace{x}_{\substack{\text{n} \times 1 \text{ vector} \\ \text{h}}} = \underbrace{\left[ \underbrace{a_1}_{\text{m} \times 1 \text{ vector}}, \underbrace{a_2}_{\text{m} \times 1 \text{ vector}}, \dots, \underbrace{a_n}_{\text{m} \times 1 \text{ vector}} \right]}_{\text{m} \times \text{n matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{n} \times 1 \text{ vector}} = \underbrace{b}_{\text{m} \times 1 \text{ vector}}$$



$$\underline{b} = x_1 \underline{a}_1 + x_2 \underline{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \underline{a}_n$$

All possible vectors  $\underline{b}$  exist in the column space  $C(\underline{A})$  of the matrix

The column space is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

The column space is very important when solving  $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$

Theorem: The system  $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  has at least one solution iff  $\underline{b}$  is in the column space of  $\underline{A}$

Note: At least one solution!

Case 1:  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists

$$\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{b} \quad \text{with } \underline{b} \text{ in } C(\underline{A})$$

then  $\underline{x} = \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{b} \Rightarrow$  a solution  
 $\Rightarrow$  any  $\underline{b}$  is a valid  
right-hand side (rhs)

With  $\underline{A} \in M_{nn}$  (square matrix)

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists, then  $\underline{A}$  has  
 $n$  independent columns, which means  
it spans all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Example:

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

$\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists; all 3 columns are linearly  
independent; columns span all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Case 2:  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  does not exist

then  $\underline{b}$  must be in the column space  $C(\underline{A})$

to have a solution

Example:  $\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Only two  
independent  
columns;  
 $\underline{A}^{-1}$  does not  
exist

Can one write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Try  $x=1, y=1, z=a$

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ok} \checkmark$$

$\underline{b}$  is in the column space  $C(\underline{A})$

and has at least one solution,

actually an infinity of solutions

Example:  $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{c}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

changed only this element

Can one write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

Is  $\underline{c}$  in  $C(\underline{A})$ ? **No!**

No  $x, y, z$  to satisfy above equation

$\therefore$  No solution

## Nullspace

Another important subspace is the nullspace,  
given by  $N(\underline{A})$

The nullspace is all vectors  $\underline{v}$ , such that

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} = \underline{0}$$

Is this a vector space?

Let  $\underline{v} + \underline{w}$  be in  $N(\underline{A})$

$$(\underline{A} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \text{ and } \underline{A} \underline{w} = \underline{0})$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{A} (\underline{v} + \underline{w}) = \underline{A} \underline{v} + \underline{A} \underline{w} = \underline{0} + \underline{0} = \underline{0} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \underline{A} (c \underline{v}) = c (\underline{A} \underline{v}) = c \underline{0} = \underline{0} \quad \checkmark$$

Yes, the nullspace is a vector space

The nullspace is always non-empty;

$\underline{0}$  is always in the nullspace

$$\underline{A} \underline{0} = \underline{0}$$

If  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists, then

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{v} = \underline{A}^{-1} \underline{0} = \underline{0}$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  exists, then the only vector

in  $N(\underline{A})$  is  $\underline{0}$

If the nullspace has any vector in addition to  $\underline{0}$ , then  $\underline{A}^{-1}$  does not exist.

Example: To obtain  $N(\underline{A})$

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Solve } \underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

Two possibilities:

$$(1) \quad \underline{A} \text{ rref} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow N(\underline{A}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Only trivial  $N(\underline{A}) \Rightarrow \underline{A}^{-1}$  exists

$$(2) \quad \underline{A} \text{ rref} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ or something similar}$$

$$A \text{ rref} \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ or something similar}$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ rref

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

↑  
free  
column/variable

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let  $x_3 = c$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

or simply  $x_3 = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$x_1 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 2$$

$$\therefore \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in nullspace of } \underline{A}$$

$$\text{such that } \underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{0}$$

But so is

$$2\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, -3\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

Nullspace is not limited to square matrices

Example:

$$\underline{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 9 & 10 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$



Find  $N(\underline{A})$ : All vectors which  
Span  $N(\underline{A})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 10 \\ 3 & 9 & 10 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ rref

$$\begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1, x_3 \Rightarrow$  "fixed"

$x_2, x_4 \Rightarrow$  "free"

↑  
free  
column  
(variable)

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free  
column  
(variable)

To determine the nullspace, set one free  
variable to 1, the others to zero +  
find fixed variables ( $x_1, x_3$  here)

Set  $x_2=1, x_4=0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 1 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3 \\ x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = -3 \\ x_3 = 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in } N(\underline{A})$$

Set  $x_2 = 0, x_4 = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 1 \\ x_3 + 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 = -1 \\ x_3 = -1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in } N(\underline{A})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore N(\underline{A}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Recall, with span, any linear combination of these vectors is in  $N(\underline{A})$

## Matrix Subspaces: Recap

Let  $\underline{A} \in M_{mn}$   
# rows # columns

- ① Column Space  $C(\underline{A})$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  that is spanned by the columns of  $\underline{A}$ . (Also called the Range Space)

$$\underline{A} \underline{x} = \underline{b}$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $n$                        $m$

$\underline{b}$  is a linear  
 $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$

$$\begin{matrix} \underline{\quad} & \underline{\quad} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \underline{x} & \underline{h} \\ \in \mathbb{R}^n & \in \mathbb{R}^m \end{matrix}$$

$\underline{0}$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $\underline{A}$

- ② Nullspace  $N(\underline{A})$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is spanned by all vectors, which are solutions of  $\underline{A}\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ . (Also called the Kernel Space)

All matrices have a nullspace, because  $\underline{0}$  is always in  $N(\underline{A})$

$$\underline{A}\underline{0} = \underline{0}$$

- ③ Row Space  $C(\underline{A}^T)$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is spanned by the rows of  $\underline{A}$ .

- ④ Left Nullspace  $N(\underline{A}^T)$  is the subspace of

$\mathbb{R}^m$  that is spanned by all vectors, which are solutions of  $\underline{A}^T \underline{x} = \underline{0}$

Note that

$$\underline{A}^T \underline{x} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow (\underline{A}^T \underline{x})^T = \underline{0}^T$$

$$\underline{x}^T \underline{A} = \underline{0}^T$$

## Summary

Let  $\underline{A} \in M_{mn}$

<u>Matrix Subspace</u>	<u>Notation</u>	<u>Subspace of</u>
Column Space	$C(\underline{A})$	$\mathbb{R}^m$
Nullspace	$N(\underline{A})$	$\mathbb{R}^n$
Row Space	$C(\underline{A}^T)$	$\mathbb{R}^n$
Left Nullspace	$N(\underline{A}^T)$	$\mathbb{R}^m$