

1 Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

1.a Find a basis for each of  $\text{null}(A)$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$ , and state the dimension of each of these subspaces.

	<i>Bases :</i>
	$\text{null}(A) = \{ [-1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [\frac{2}{7} \ -\frac{4}{7} \ 0 \ 1]^T \}$
<i>Solutions :</i>	$\text{row}(A) = \{ [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ -\frac{2}{7}], [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ \frac{4}{7}] \}$
	$\text{col}(A) = \{ [1 \ 2 \ -1]^T, [4 \ 1 \ 3]^T \}$
	<i>Dimensions :</i>
	$\text{rank}(A) = \text{nullity}(A) = 2$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{rref}(A) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \therefore [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]^T &= [-\mathcal{S} + \frac{2}{7}\mathcal{T}, -\mathcal{S} - \frac{4}{7}\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}]^T \\
 &= \mathcal{S}[-1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0]^T + \mathcal{T}[\frac{2}{7} \ -\frac{4}{7} \ 0 \ 1]^T \\
 \implies \text{null}(A) &= \{ [-1 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0]^T, [\frac{2}{7} \ -\frac{4}{7} \ 0 \ 1]^T \} \\
 \implies \text{row}(A) &= \{ [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ -\frac{2}{7}], [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ \frac{4}{7}] \} \\
 \implies \text{col}(A) &= \{ [1 \ 2 \ -1]^T, [4 \ 1 \ 3]^T \} \\
 \implies \text{rank}(A) &= 2 \\
 \implies \text{nullity}(A) &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\text{row}(A)$  and  $\text{null}(A)$  are 2 dimensional subspaces of  $R^4$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$  is a 2 dimensional subspace of  $R^3$ . □

**1.b Is the vector  $\vec{b} = [4 \ 6 \ -2]^T$  in the column space of  $A$ ? If so, write  $\vec{b}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .**

Solution: Yes  $\vec{b} \in \text{col}(A) \wedge \vec{b} = \frac{20}{7}[1 \ 2 \ -1]^T + \frac{2}{7}[4 \ 1 \ 3]^T + (0)[5 \ 3 \ 2]^T + (0)[2 \ 0 \ 2]^T$

let  $\vec{c1} = [1 \ 2 \ -1]^T$ ,  $\vec{c2} = [4 \ 1 \ 3]^T$ , and let  $C = [\vec{c1} \ | \ \vec{c2}]$  we will show  $\vec{b} \in \text{col}(A) \implies \text{rank}(C) = \text{rank}(C \ | \ \vec{b})$

*Proof.*

$$[4 \ 6 \ -2]^T = k_1[1 \ 2 \ -1]^T + k_2[4 \ 1 \ 3]^T$$

which can be expressed as,

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1k_1 & + & 4k_2 = 4 \\ 2k_1 & + & 1k_2 = 6 \\ -1k_1 & + & 3k_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

whose augmented matrix has the reduced row echelon form

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{20}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

because  $\text{rank}(C) = 2$  and  $\text{rank}(C \ | \ \vec{b}) = 2$  the system is consistent, so  $\vec{b}$  is in the column space of  $A$ .  $\therefore \vec{b}$  as a linear combination of the columns of  $A$  can be expressed by the following,  
 $\vec{b} = \frac{20}{7}[1 \ 2 \ -1]^T + \frac{2}{7}[4 \ 1 \ 3]^T + (0)[5 \ 3 \ 2]^T + (0)[2 \ 0 \ 2]^T$  □