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```
function [column_space, row_space, left_null_space, right_null_space] =  
    fundamental_subspaces(A)  
  
%FUNDAMENTAL_SUBSPACES: Given an mxn matrix, calculate the basis for all 4 of  
    its fundamental subspaces  
%   Column Space  
%   Right Null Space  
%   Row Space  
%   Left Null Space  
m = size(A, 1);  
n = size(A, 2);
```

## ROW REDUCTION AND PROCESSING

compute the reduced row echelon form of A as E\_r, also get the pivot columns locations

```
[E_r, pivots] = rref(A);  
E_r  
  
% track the indices of the zero rows of E_r  
zero_rows = [];  
  
% select the nonzero rows of E_r as the basis of the row space  
non_zero_rows = [];  
for row_index = 1:m % loop over the rows  
    if E_r(row_index, :) == zeros(1,n);  
        zero_rows(end+1) = row_index;  
    else  
        non_zero_rows(end+1) = row_index;  
    end  
end
```

## ROW SPACE

find the possible nonzero span of the rows of A the row\_space is spanned by the nonzero rows of E\_r

```
row_space = E_r(non_zero_rows,:)'
```

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# COLUMN SPACE

find the possible nonzero span of the columns of A the columns space is spanned by the equivalent columns of A that hold the pivots when reduced to E\_r

```
column_space = A(:, pivots)
```

# LEFT NULL SPACE

find the vector space that is guaranteed to transform the rows of A to 0 to find the basis of the left null space, we can compute the reduced row echelon form of [A I], where the dimension of I is consistent with the rows of A

```
E_r_M = rref([A eye(m)]);  
left_null_space = E_r_M(zero_rows, n+1:end)'
```

# NUMERIC RIGHT NULL SPACE

find a numeric solution to the right null space MATLAB has a built in way to calculate the right null space of a matrix

```
right_null_space_numerical = null(A)
```

```
% unfortunately, this doesn't seem super exact, and also seems subject to  
% numerical approximation problems  
% instead, lets try to get an algebraic (and therefore exact) determination  
% of the null space:
```

# ANALYTIC RIGHT NULL SPACE

find the analytic solution to the right null space, non-numeric locate the non-pivot columns of A

```
A_non_pivots = A;  
% strip the pivots from A to leave only non-pivots  
A_non_pivots(:, pivots) = [];  
  
% locate the columns indexes of the non-pivot columns of A  
non_pivots = [];  
for col_index = 1:n  
    for non_pivot_index = 1:size(A_non_pivots,2)  
        if A(:, col_index) == A_non_pivots(:, non_pivot_index)  
            non_pivots(end+1) = col_index;  
        end  
    end  
end  
  
% strip the zero rows from E_r  
E_r_nonzero = E_r;  
E_r_nonzero(all(A == 0,2), :) = [];  
  
% construct an empty matrix of the appropriate dimensions (n x n)  
E_r_aug = zeros(n);  
  
% construct an empty matrix of the appropriate dimensions (n x (r-n))
```

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```

I_aug = zeros(n,size(non_pivots, 2));

% define some counters we will use to iterate over pivots/non-pivots
row_counter = 1;
I_column_counter = 1;

% loop over columns to select appropriate rows...
while row_counter <= n
    % columns are either pivots, in which case we add the appropriate row
    if find(pivots == row_counter)
        E_r_aug(row_counter, :) = E_r_nonzero(1, :);
        E_r_nonzero(1, :) = []; % remove added row, simplifies indexing
    end
    % or non-pivots, in which case we add an "identity" equation (x_y =
    % x_y)
    if find(non_pivots == row_counter)
        E_r_aug(row_counter, row_counter) = 1;
        I_aug(row_counter, I_column_counter) = 1;
        I_column_counter = I_column_counter + 1;
    end
    row_counter = row_counter + 1;
end

% concat the augmented E_r matrix with the augmented I matrix, row reduce
E_r_rns = rref([E_r_aug I_aug]);

% take the last r - n columns of the concatenated matrix
right_null_space = E_r_rns(:, end - size(non_pivots, 2) + 1:end)

```

## CONFIRMATION VIA DIMENSIONS

do some final checking to ensure all dimensions agree

```

if m ~= size(row_space, 2) + size(left_null_space, 2)
    fprintf('something is off, the row subspace dimensions do not agree with
    the matrix dimensions')
end

if n ~= size(column_space, 2) + size(right_null_space, 2)
    printf('something is off, the column subspace dimensions do not agree with
    the matrix dimensions')
end

end

```

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