

M341 H10 (S. Zhang) 3.4: 2, 5, 8, 10, 14

L 3.5: 1, 2, 5, 6

L 3.6: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8.

1. (3.4:2) Determine whether the following vectors form a basis in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(a) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(b) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(c) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(d) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(e) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

• **ans:** If the number of vectors is 3, we can compute the determinant. Otherwise they do not form a basis.

Note the difference between this problem, and the one finding a spanning set, or the one determining linear dependency.

- (a) A basis. The determinant is 1 (non zero). So they are linearly independent and $Ax = 0$ has a unique solution 0. In addition, we have precise 3 vectors.
 (b) Not a basis. Too many vectors (must be 3).
 (c) Not a basis. The vectors are linearly dependent, because the determinant is zero (in this case, $Ax = 0$ has non-zero solutions):

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- (d) Not a basis. The vectors are linearly dependent, because the determinant is zero:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- (e) Not a basis. Too few vectors (must be 3).

2. (3.4:5) Given

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Show that x_1, x_2, x_3 are linearly dependent.
 (b) Show that x_1, x_2 are linearly independent.

- (c) What is the dimension of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$?

- (d) Give a geometric description of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

• **ans:**

- (a) As we have precisely 3 vectors, we can simply check the determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-1)4 - 2(6)4 + 3(6)3 - 3(1)(4) + 2(1)(4) - 2(-1)(3) = -8 - 48 + 54 - 12 + 8 + 6 = 68 - 68 = 0$$

So the three vectors are linearly dependent.

- (b) We solve the homogeneous system, $Ax = 0$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & | & 0 \\ & -5/2 & | & 0 \\ & -1/2 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

So we have only zero solution $x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. So the two vectors are linearly independent.

- (c) By (a), the dimension of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is less than 3. By (b), as we found two linearly independent vectors in $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, the dimension of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is at least 2. So the dimension of $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ is 2.
 (d) By above work, we know the third vector is a linear combination of the first two vectors. The $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \text{Span}(x_1, x_2)$. All vectors in $\text{Span}(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ are in the format

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

for any real numbers a and b .

We can eliminate a and b by substituting the first and the second equation into the third equation. I.e., by adding -2 times the second equation to the first equation,

$$x - 2y = 5b$$

by adding 2 times the second equation to the first equation,

$$x + 3y = 5a$$

Put them into the third equation,

$$z = \frac{x + 3y}{5}(3) + \frac{x - 2y}{5}(4)$$

This is an equation for a plane in 3D, (must passing the origin).

$$7x + y - 5z = 0$$

(we can verify that the given three vectors all satisfy the plane equation.)

3. (3.4:8) Given

$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Do x_1 and x_2 span R^3 ?
 (b) Let x_3 be a third vector in R^3 and set $X = (x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3)$. What condition(s) would X have to satisfy in order for x_1, x_2, x_3 to form a basis for R^3 ?
 (c) Find a third vector x_3 that will extend the set $\{x_1, x_2\}$ to a basis for R^3 .

• **ans:**

- (a) No. $\dim R^3 = 3$. To span R^3 , a set must have at least 3 (linearly independent) vectors.
 (b) A simple condition is $\det X \neq 0$. In this case, the 3 column vectors of X are linearly independent. Any 3 linearly independent vectors would form a basis as $\dim R^3 = 3$.
 (c) We can do it by a simple inspection. Let $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Then

$$\det X = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \neq 0$$

So the three form a basis.

In general, for example, in R^4 or R^5 , it is not easy to do inspection. We can do it by adding a standard basis of R^3 to the set, then pare down the set to get a basis.

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{r_2 \leftrightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{4r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

We pick up the column vectors corresponding to the pivoting columns, so

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

form a basis.

4. (3.4:10) Given

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pare down the set to form a basis for R^3 .

• **ans:**

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 7 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

We pick up the column vectors corresponding to the pivoting columns (1, 2, 5), so

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

form a basis.

5. (3.4:14) In each of the following, find the dimension of

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the subspace of P_2 (all degree 2 or less polynomials) spanned by the given vectors.

- (a) $x, x - 1, x^2 + 1$.
 (b) $x, x - 1, x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1$
 (c) $x^2, x^2 - x - 1, x + 1$
 (d) $2x, x - 2$

• **ans:** If we do all the work for determining a spanning set, we can easily answer the question of dimension, which is simply the number of vectors in a spanning set.

But this problem can be done easier by inspecting linearly independent vectors.

- (a) $x, x - 1, x^2 + 1$. The set is linearly independent (can check Wronskian). So the dimension of the spanned subspace is 3.
 (b) $x, x - 1, x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1$. As we show the first three are linearly independent, so the dimension of the spanned subspace is 3 (the maximum dimension.)
 (c) $x^2, x^2 - x - 1, x + 1$. It is obvious that the third vector is the first one subtracting the second one. So the third one is redundant in spanning. The dimension is 2.
 (d) $2x, x - 2$. The two vectors are linearly independent, so the dimension is 2.

1. (3.5:1a,2a) Find the transition matrix from $[e_1, e_2]$ to $[u_1, u_2]$, then the transition matrix from $[u_1, u_2]$ to $[e_1, e_2]$.

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$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** A given vector can be written as linear combinations of different basis.

$$v = v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{e}_2 = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = u_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{u}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2] \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} I \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, from V to U , $S = U^{-1}V$. From $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$.

$$S = I^{-1}U = U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

From $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$,

$$S = U^{-1}I = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 1]'; \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = [-1 \ 1]'$$

$$U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2]$$

$$iU = \text{inv}(U)$$

2. (3.5:1b,2b) Find the transition matrix from $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$, then the transition matrix from $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** A given vector can be written as linear combinations of different basis.

$$v = v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{e}_2 = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = u_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{u}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2] \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} I \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, from V to U , $S = U^{-1}V$. From $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$.

$$S = I^{-1}U = U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

From $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$,

$$S = U^{-1}I = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [1 \ 2]'; \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = [2 \ 5]'$$

$$U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2]$$

$$iU = \text{inv}(U)$$

3. (3.5:1c,2c) Find the transition matrix from $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$, then the transition matrix from $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$.

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** A given vector can be written as linear combinations of different basis.

$$v = v_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + v_2 \mathbf{e}_2 = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2] \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v = u_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + u_2 \mathbf{u}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2] \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} I \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = S \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, from V to U , $S = U^{-1}V$. From $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$.

$$S = I^{-1}U = U = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

From $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2]$,

$$S = U^{-1}I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = [0 \ 1]'; \quad \mathbf{u}_2 = [1 \ 0]'$$

$$U = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \mathbf{u}_2]$$

$$iU = \text{inv}(U)$$

4. (3.5:5) Let $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 2, 2)^T$, $\mathbf{u}_3 = (2, 3, 4)^T$. Find the transition matrix corresponding to the change of basis from $[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3]$ to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3]$. Find the coordinates of each of the following vectors with respect to $[\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3]$.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** The transition matrix

$$S = U^{-1}I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_u = S\mathbf{v}_v = S \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

To check:

$$U\mathbf{v}_u = \mathbf{v}_v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_u = S\mathbf{v}_v = S \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_u = S\mathbf{v}_v = S \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$u_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1]'$; $u_2 = [1 \ 2 \ 2]'$;
 $u_3 = [2 \ 3 \ 4]'$; $U = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3]$
 $iU = \text{inv}(U)$
 $iU * [3 \ 2 \ 5; \ 1 \ 1 \ 2; \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]'$

5. (3.5:6) Let $u_1 = (1, 1, 1)^T$, $u_2 = (1, 2, 2)^T$, $u_3 = (2, 3, 4)^T$. Let $v_1 = (4, 6, 7)^T$, $v_2 = (0, 1, 1)^T$, $v_3 = (0, 1, 2)^T$. Find the transition matrix from $[v_1, v_2, v_3]$ to $[u_1, u_2, u_3]$. Find the coordinates of $x = 2v_1 + 3v_2 - 4v_3$ under the basis $[u_1, u_2, u_3]$

• **ans:** The transition matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= U^{-1}V \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_u &= S v_v \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

To check:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U v_u &= V v_v \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 11 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 11 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$u_1 = [1 \ 1 \ 1]'$; $u_2 = [1 \ 2 \ 2]'$;
 $u_3 = [2 \ 3 \ 4]'$; $U = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3]$
 $u_1 = [4 \ 6 \ 7]'$; $u_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 1]'$;
 $u_3 = [0 \ 1 \ 2]'$; $V = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3]$
 $iU = \text{inv}(U)$
 $uv = iU * V, \ v = [2 \ 3 \ -4]'$
 $uv * v$
 $U * \text{ans}, \ V * v$

1. (3.6:1a) Find a basis for the row space, a basis for the column space, and a basis for the nullspace.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We reduce A to upper triangular matrix, and identify the rows and columns of pivots, which will tell the independent rows and columns of the original A .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} &\xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\xrightarrow{-4r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &\xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now it is easy to do backward substitution to find the solution of homogeneous system $Ax = 0$. These solutions x form the nullspace. Here, we have x_3 as a free variable.

$$N(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Note that we do not do row permutations here. So the original first rows are linearly independent. A basis for the row space of A is

$$\{(1 \ 3 \ 2), (2 \ 1 \ 4)\}$$

A basis for the column space of A is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$A = [1 \ 3 \ 2; \ 2 \ 1 \ 4; \ 4 \ 7 \ 8]$
 $A(2, :) = A(2, :) - 2 * A(1, :)$
 $A(3, :) = A(3, :) - 4 * A(1, :)$
 $A(3, :) = A(3, :) - 1 * A(2, :)$

2. (3.6:1b) Find a basis for the row space, a basis for the column space, and a basis for the nullspace.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We reduce A to upper triangular matrix, and identify the rows and columns of pivots, which will tell the independent rows and columns of the original A . Not we try to avoid the row permutation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{3r_1} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & -3 & -6 \\ -3 & 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ -3 & 8 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 7 & 1 & -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now it is easy to do backward substitution to find the solution of homogeneous system $Ax = 0$. These solutions x form the nullspace. Here, we have x_4 free.

$$N(A) = \text{Span}\left\{C \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}\right\}, \dim N(A) = 1$$

A basis for the row space of A is

$$\{(-3 \ 1 \ 3 \ 4), (1 \ 2 \ -1 \ -2), (-3 \ 8 \ 4 \ 2)\}$$

A basis for the column space of A is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [-3 \ 1 \ 3 \ 4; 1 \ 2 \ -1 \ -2; -3 \ 8 \ 4 \ 2] \\ A(2, :) &= 3A(2, :) \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) + 1A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 1A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 1A(2, :) \end{aligned}$$

3. (3.6:1c) Find a basis for the row space, a basis for the column space, and a basis for the nullspace.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We reduce A to upper triangular matrix, and identify the rows and columns of pivots, which will tell the independent rows and columns of the original A . Not we try to avoid the row permutation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-3r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 11 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now it is easy to do backward substitution to find the solution of homogeneous system $Ax = 0$. These solutions x form the nullspace. Here, we have x_4 free. Let $x_4 = C$, then

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 13/20 \\ -21/20 \\ -3/4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} C$$

$$N(A) = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 13 \\ -21 \\ -15 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \dim N(A) = 1$$

A basis for the row space of A is

$$\{(1 \ 3 \ -2 \ 1), (2 \ 1 \ 3 \ 2), (3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6)\}$$

A basis for the column space of A is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [1 \ 3 \ -2 \ 1; 2 \ 1 \ 3 \ 2; 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6] \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) - 2A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 3A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 1A(2, :) \end{aligned}$$

4. (3.6:2a) Determine the dimension of the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by the given vectors.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We write the vectors together as a matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3]$. We then do row operations as if we find a basis for the column space of A .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -2 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{2r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \\ \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 12 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, the dimension is 3. (The dimension of $N(A)$ is 0.)

We note that in this case, we can compute $\det A = 24$ so the three vectors are linearly independent. So they span the whole R^3 space, and the dimension of span is 3.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [1 \ -2 \ 2; 2 \ -2 \ 4; -3 \ 3 \ 6]' \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) + 2 * A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 2 * A(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

5. (3.6:2b) Determine the dimension of the subspace of R^3 spanned by the given vectors.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We write the vectors together as a matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3]$. We then do row operations as if we find a basis for the column space of A .

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{-r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{-2r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the dimension is 3. (The dimension of $N(A)$ is 0.)

We note that in this case, we can compute $\det A = -3$ so the three vectors are linearly independent. So they span the whole R^3 space, and the dimension of span is 3.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [1 \ 1 \ 1; 1 \ 2 \ 3; 2 \ 3 \ 1]' \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) - 1 * A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 1 * A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 2 * A(2, :) \end{aligned}$$

6. (3.6:2c) Determine the dimension of the subspace of R^3 spanned by the given vectors.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We write the vectors together as a matrix $A = [\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4]$. We then do row operations as if we find a

basis for the column space of A .

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1+r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{r_2+r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the dimension is 2. (The dimension of $N(A)$ is 2.)

By the way, a basis for the $\text{Span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_4)$ is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [1 \ -1 \ 2; -2 \ 2 \ -4; 3 \ -2 \ 5; 2 \ -1 \ 3]' \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) + 1 * A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) - 2 * A(1, :) \\ A(3, :) &= A(3, :) + 1 * A(2, :) \end{aligned}$$

7. (3.6:45ab) Determine if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A and state whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. If the system is consistent, determine whether there will be one or infinitely many solutions.

$$(a) \ A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(b) \ A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

• **ans:** We need to solve the linear system $[A|\mathbf{b}]$. (a)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

We can find solutions. So the system is consistent and \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A . And there are infinitely many solutions.

(b)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{(-1/3)r_1+r_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 2/3 \end{array} \right)$$

There is no solution. So the system is inconsistent and \mathbf{b} is NOT in the column space of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= [1 \ 2; 2 \ 4]; \mathbf{b} = [4 \ 8]' \\ A &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) - 2 * A(1, :) \\ \mathbf{a} &= [3 \ 6; 1 \ 2]; \mathbf{b} = [1 \ 1]' \\ A &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ A(2, :) &= A(2, :) - 1/3 * A(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

8. (3.6:45c) Determine if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A and state whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. If the system is consistent, determine whether there will be one or infinitely many solutions.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **ans:** We need to solve the linear system $[A|b]$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{(-3/2)r_1+r_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 5/2 & 5/2 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

We can find a solution. So the system is consistent and \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A . And there is a unique solution, $(2, 0)^T$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= [2 \ 1; 3 \ 4]; \mathbf{b} = [4 \ 6]'; \\ \mathbf{A} &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ \mathbf{A}(2, :) &= \mathbf{A}(2, :) - 3/2 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

9. (3.6:45d) Determine if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A and state whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. If the system is consistent, determine whether there will be one or infinitely many solutions.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **ans:** We need to solve the linear system $[A|b]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow{-r_1+r_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{-r_1+r_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

There is no solution. So the system is inconsistent and \mathbf{b} is NOT in the column space of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= [1 \ 1 \ 2; 1 \ 1 \ 2; 1 \ 1 \ 2]; \mathbf{b} = [1 \ 2 \ 3]'; \\ \mathbf{A} &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ \mathbf{A}(2, :) &= \mathbf{A}(2, :) - 1 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \\ \mathbf{A}(3, :) &= \mathbf{A}(3, :) - 1 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

10. (3.6:45e) Determine if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A and state whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. If the system is consistent, determine whether there will be one or infinitely many solutions.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **ans:** We need to solve the linear system $[A|b]$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right)$$

It is easy to see there is a solution

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the system is consistent and \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A . The solution is unique.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= [\]; \mathbf{b} = [\]'; \\ \mathbf{A} &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ \mathbf{A}(2, :) &= \mathbf{A}(2, :) - 1 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \\ \mathbf{A}(3, :) &= \mathbf{A}(3, :) - 1 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

11. (3.6:45f) Determine if \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A and state whether the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent. If the system is consistent, determine whether there will be one or infinitely many solutions.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **ans:** We need to solve the linear system $[A|b]$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 10 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{-r_1+r_3} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see there is a solution

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So the system is consistent and \mathbf{b} is in the column space of A . However, the rank of matrix A is 1. We have infinitely many solutions. All solutions can be written as

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + C \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= [1 \ 2; 2 \ 4; 1 \ 2]; \mathbf{b} = [5 \ 10 \ 5]'; \\ \mathbf{A} &= [\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b}] \\ \mathbf{A}(2, :) &= \mathbf{A}(2, :) - 2 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \\ \mathbf{A}(3, :) &= \mathbf{A}(3, :) - 1 * \mathbf{A}(1, :) \end{aligned}$$

12. (3.6:8) Let A and B be 6×5 matrices. If $\dim N(A) = 2$, what is the rank of A ? If the rank of B is 4, what is the dimension of $N(B)$?

- **ans:** It holds that

$$\text{rank}(A) + \dim N(A) = n \quad (\text{the number of columns in } A)$$

So If $\dim N(A) = 2$, $\text{rank}(A) = 3$. If the rank of B is 4, $\dim N(B) = 1$.