

1. Answer the questions about $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ below. [10 points]

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

Performing elimination, $[A: \vec{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & b_2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{R_2} = \textcircled{R_2} - 4\textcircled{R_1} \\ \textcircled{R_3} = \textcircled{R_3} - 7\textcircled{R_1} \end{array} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & b_2 - 4b_1 \\ 0 & -6 & -12 & b_3 - 7b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{R_3} = \textcircled{R_3} - 2\textcircled{R_2} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 0 & -3 & -6 & b_2 - 4b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_1 - 2b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{R_2} = \textcircled{R_2} / -3 \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{b_2}{3} + \frac{4}{3}b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_1 - 2b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{R_1} = \textcircled{R_1} - 2\textcircled{R_2} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -\frac{5}{3}b_1 + \frac{2}{3}b_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -\frac{b_2}{3} + \frac{4}{3}b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 + b_1 - 2b_2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{pivot} \\ \leftarrow \text{rows} \end{array}$$

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pivot cols.

(a) Write a basis for $C(A)$. [2 points]

$$\text{Basis for } C(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

pivot cols. are cols 1 and 2
we therefore look at the
corresponding columns of A

(b) Write a basis for $C(A^T)$. [2 points]

$$\text{Basis for } C(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

we look for the pivot
rows in the reduced
row echelon form

(c) Write a basis for $N(A)$. [2 points]

We have 1 free column and hence one special solution

$$\text{special solution } \vec{s}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence, Basis for } N(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{we look for solutions to} \\ A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \\ \text{pivot vars. } x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \\ \text{free vars. } x_3 \\ \begin{array}{l} x_1 - x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{array} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{set } x_3 = 1 \\ \longrightarrow \\ x_1 = 1 \\ x_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

(d) Write a basis for $N(A^T)$. [2 points]

From the last row of the reduced row echelon form,

$$\text{we have (row 1)} - 2(\text{row 2}) + (\text{row 3}) = \text{zero row}$$

$$\text{Hence basis for } N(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{check that} \\ A^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right\}$$

(e) Fill in the blanks [0.5 points each]

i. The dimension of $C(A)$ is 2 (there are 2 vectors in basis for $C(A)$)ii. The dimension of $N(A^T)$ is 1 (there is 1 vector in basis for $N(A^T)$)

$$\text{iii. } N(A)^\perp = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y \perp N(A)\} = \underline{C(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}}$$

$$\text{iv. } N(A^T)^\perp = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y \perp N(A^T)\} = \underline{C(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \right\}}$$