

$$\text{nul}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^6$$

$$\text{col}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

MTH 261 – Mr. Simonds' class

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -4 & 3 & -2 & -5 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & -11 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 & -3 & -1 & 11 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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What are the dimensions of the null space and column space of  $A$  and how do you know. What do these dimensions sum to?

The dimension of a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is not necessarily  $n$ .  
 The dimension is the number of vectors in a basis of the subspace.

$A$  has three pivot columns, so  $\dim(\text{col}(A)) = 3$ .

[a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ ]

The solution set to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has three free variables ( $x_3, x_5$ , and  $x_6$ ) so  $\dim(\text{nul}(A))$  is three

$$3 + 3 = 6 \quad \dim(\text{col}(A)) + \dim(\text{nul}(A)) = \# \text{ of columns of } A$$

State bases for the null space and column space of  $A$ .

oops, already did that

The general solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is  $\begin{cases} x_1 = 2x_3 + x_5 - 2x_6 \\ x_2 = 0 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 = 3x_6 \\ x_5 \text{ is free} \\ x_6 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$

Solutions can be written as  $x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_6 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$\therefore$  A basis for  $\text{nul}(A)$  is:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Determine the dimension of  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -16 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 11 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Explain your thought

process!

The dimension is the number of vectors in a basis which determine by analyzing the column space of  $A$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -16 & 3 & 11 & -1 \\ -2 & 8 & -2 & -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & -4 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} A \text{ has two pivot columns,} \\ \text{so } \dim(\text{col}(A)) = 2 \end{array}$$

The span of the set is two-dimensional.

Any two vectors from that set form a basis for the span of the set, except  $\{\vec{c}_1, \vec{c}_2\}$  ( $\vec{c}_1$  and  $\vec{c}_2$  are multiples hence linearly dependent)

Find a basis for the null space of  $B$  where  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -i & 1 \\ -1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$ .

Solve  $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -i & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad iR_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} -i & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Clearly  $x_2 = ix_1$ . Letting  $x_1 = i$ ,

a basis for  $\text{nul}(B)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .