



LINEAR ALGEBRA

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Problem 1 (20%)

Column Space v.s. Nullspace

- a) Complete these sentences appropriately for a 3×3 matrix A .
- (2 pts.) If the column space is a (2-dimensional) plane, the nullspace is _____.
 - (2 pts.) If the column space is a (1-dimensional) line, the nullspace is _____.
 - (2 pts.) If the column space is \mathbb{R}^3 , the nullspace is _____.
 - (2 pts.) If the column space is the zero vector, the nullspace is _____.
- b) (12 pts.) Find a 7×7 matrix A whose column space equals its nullspace, or argue briefly such matrix does not exist.

Problem 2 (30%)

Applications of Echelon Matrix

Either construct a matrix A or argue that it is impossible, where the nullspace of A is exactly the multiples of $(2, 3, 4, 1)$ and

- a) (10 pts.) A is 2 by 4.
- b) (10 pts.) A is 3 by 4.
- c) (10 pts.) A is 4 by 4.

Problem 3 (20%)

Special Solutions

For matrix A below, find the special solutions by setting one of the free variables to 1 and all the other free variables to 0.

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

Problem 4 (30%)

Complete Solutions of $Ax = b$

Find the basis of $C(A)$ and $N(A)$, and the complete solutions to $Ax = b$, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$