

Here is a matrix  $A$  and its reduced row echelon form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 7/3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Give bases for  $\text{Null}(A)$  and  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

Do the dimensions of these subspaces add up to the correct total?

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

corresponding to pivot columns 1, 2 and 5.

$$\text{Basis for } \text{Null}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -7/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ since}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{3}x_3 + x_4 \\ x_2 = -\frac{7}{3}x_3 - x_4 \\ x_3 = x_3 \\ x_4 = x_4 \\ x_5 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ if } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in the Null space.}$$

$$\dim(\text{Col}(A)) + \dim(\text{Null}(A))$$

$$= 3 + 2$$

$$= 5$$

so yes, the dimensions add up to the correct total, the dimension of the domain.