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Worksheet and Quiz 6
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The matrix A has reduced row echelon form R :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Find a basis \mathcal{C} for the column space $\text{Col}(A)$.

2. Find the coordinates $[x]_{\mathcal{C}}$ for the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$.

3. What are the dimensions $\text{Dim}(\text{Col}(A))$ and $\text{Dim}(\text{Nul}(A))$?

Pivots are in columns 1, 3 and 4.

1. $\mathcal{C} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, columns 1, 3 and 4 of A .

2. $\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 12 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 8 \end{array} \right]$ gives $\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 &= 4 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 12 \\ x_1 &= 5 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$

so $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = 4 - x_1 = -1$ and $x_3 = 8 - 2x_1 - x_2 = 8 - 10 + 1 = -1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. $5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 12 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

3. $\text{Dim}(\text{Col}(A)) = 3$
(# vectors in \mathcal{C})

$\text{Dim}(\text{Nul}(A)) =$
 $5 - 3 = 2$

4. Find a basis \mathcal{N} for the null space $\text{Nul}(A)$.

5. Find the coordinates $[x]_{\mathcal{N}}$ for the vector $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

ORIGINAL
WRONG
VERSION

6. Find a matrix N with $\text{Col}(N) = \text{Nul}(A)$.

From the row reduced form we get that $Ax=0$ is the same as

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_5 &= 0 \\ x_3 - 2x_5 &= 0 \\ x_4 - 2x_5 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -2x_2 - 2x_5 \\ x_2 &= x_2 \\ x_3 &= 2x_5 \\ x_4 &= 2x_5 \\ x_5 &= x_5 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \mathcal{N} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$5. x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is impossible:
the left hand side is in \mathbb{R}^5
and the right hand side is in \mathbb{R}^4 .

$$6. N = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Find a basis \mathcal{N} for the null space $\text{Nul}(A)$.

5. Find the coordinates $[x]_{\mathcal{N}}$ for the vector $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

CORRECTED VERSION

6. Find a matrix N with $\text{Col}(N) = \text{Nul}(A)$.

From R we find that $Ax=0$ if

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$x_3 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$x_4 + 2x_5 = 0$$

$$\text{OR } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ +2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$4. \quad \mathcal{N} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$5. \quad \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -2 & -2 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \text{ gives } \begin{matrix} x_1 = 3 \\ x_2 = -1 \end{matrix}$$

and some harder to interpret equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{N}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$6. \quad \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

7. (Extra Credit) Can you find a matrix C with $\text{Nul}(C) = \text{Col}(A)$?

Yes. We have $b = Ax$, or $b \in \text{Col}(A)$ exactly when the row reduction

$[A | b] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & * \end{array} \right]$ ← produces 0 in the last entry. Do this with variable coefficients

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 3 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 0 & b_2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & b_3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 & b_4 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-3R_1 \\ -R_1 \\ -2R_1}} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 & b_2 - 3b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & b_3 - b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & b_4 - 2b_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{* \cdot 1/2}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & (3b_1 - b_2)/2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & b_3 - b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & b_4 - 2b_1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{+R_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_4 - 2b_1 + (3b_1 - b_2)/2 \end{array} \right]$$

So the condition for b in $\text{Col}(A)$ is that

$$b_4 - 2b_1 + \frac{3}{2}b_1 - \frac{b_2}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{OR } b_4 - \frac{1}{2}b_1 - \frac{1}{2}b_2 = 0$$

$$\text{OR } b_1 + b_2 - 2b_4 = 0$$

$$\text{OR } [1 \ 1 \ 0 \ -2] \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$C = [1 \ 1 \ 0 \ -2] : \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$