

II. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $PA = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the permutation matrix P for the PA given above.

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b) Find the matrix K which only adds five times the third row of A to the first row of A when KA is considered.

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) Let $B = A^T A$. Find the inverse of B if it exists.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{rank}(B) = 2$ (2 pivots); B is invertible

$$[B | I] \rightarrow [I | B^{-1}] \text{ gives}$$

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{46} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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IV. (a) The nullspace of a 4×5 matrix B is known to be a 3-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 . Find the rank of B . Justify your answer.

NO: we know that nullity $(B) = 3$
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rank $(B) + \text{nullity}(B) = 5$
 \Rightarrow rank $(B) = 2$ /100

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I. Find the rank of the coefficient and the augmented matrices of the system:
 $2u + 4v + 6w = -12, 3$

III. Given that $2u - 3v - 4w = 15$,
 $3u + 4v + 5w = -8$, and $y = 3$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$,
Let P and determine whether this system is consistent. If it is consistent, find all solutions.

The augmented matrix $[A | b]$

let W be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$.
(a) Find all values of k for which y is in W .

(b) Find $\dim W$.

\rightarrow Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $b = \begin{bmatrix} -12 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$
For P check when $y \in W$ when $4v + 6w = 13$
Rank $[A | b] = 3$
Rank $[A] = 2$
Morever $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ is consistent
has $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ soln.
[note that $\dim N(A^T) = 2$ rows of A - rank
 \Rightarrow Rank $[A] = 2$
 $\Rightarrow y \in W$ iff $k = 5$
 $k - 5 = 0$; $k = 5$.

(b) Rank $(A) = \dim W = 2$.

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1. Prove the following statements:

(a) Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be symmetric matrices. If \mathbf{AB} is also symmetric then $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$.

Solution:

\mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are symmetric means $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$ and $\mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{B}$. Also $(\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{AB}$. Now using all these:

$$\mathbf{AB} = (\mathbf{AB})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{BA}.$$

Proof is done.

(b) If $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$ and \mathbf{B} is invertible then $\mathbf{AB}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}$.

Solution:

We are given $\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA}$ and \mathbf{B} is invertible. Multiply this identity from both sides by \mathbf{B}^{-1} to obtain:

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{AB}\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{BA}\mathbf{B}^{-1} \iff \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{AB}^{-1}.$$

Proof is done.

2. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Show that \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are invertible matrices by finding their inverses explicitly.

Solution:

We construct the augmented matrices: $[\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{I}]$ and $[\mathbf{B} : \mathbf{I}]$ and apply elementary row operations:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{A} : \mathbf{I}] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{e_1: -r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{e_2: -2r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \\ &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[e_4: r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2]{e_3: -r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have found that:

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mathbf{B} : \mathbf{I}] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{f_1: -r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{f_2: -r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \\
&= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{f_3: r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have found that:

$$\mathbf{B}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are row equivalent to the 3×3 identity matrix, they are invertible matrices.

(b) Express \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} as a product of elementary matrices (Do not perform explicit matrix multiplication, but perform inversions, transpositions etc. whenever necessary).

Solution:

Let $\mathbf{E}_1, \mathbf{E}_2, \mathbf{E}_3$ and \mathbf{E}_4 be elementary matrices corresponding to the operations e_1, e_2, e_3 and e_4 , respectively. Similarly let $\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2$ and \mathbf{F}_3 be elementary matrices corresponding to the row operations f_1, f_2 and f_3 , respectively. Then in part (a) we have shown that: $\mathbf{E}_4\mathbf{E}_3\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{F}_3\mathbf{F}_2\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$. Elementary matrices are invertible and product of invertible matrices is invertible, which let us write:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{A} &= (\mathbf{E}_4\mathbf{E}_3\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{E}_1)^{-1} = \mathbf{E}_1^{-1}\mathbf{E}_2^{-1}\mathbf{E}_3^{-1}\mathbf{E}_4^{-1} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},
\end{aligned}$$

and also:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{B} &= (\mathbf{F}_3\mathbf{F}_2\mathbf{F}_1)^{-1} = \mathbf{F}_1^{-1}\mathbf{F}_2^{-1}\mathbf{F}_3^{-1} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are written as a product of elementary matrices.

In this solution we utilized the practical way of inverting elementary matrices.

(c) Express $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1}$ as a product of elementary matrices (Do not perform explicit matrix multiplication, but perform inversions, transpositions etc. whenever necessary).

Solution:

First we note $(\mathbf{AB})^{-1} = \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1}$. But inverses of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are just product of elemen-

tary matrices in the application order:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{AB})^{-1} &= \mathbf{B}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{F}_3\mathbf{F}_2\mathbf{F}_1\mathbf{E}_4\mathbf{E}_3\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{E}_1 \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the 4×5 matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 21 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 14 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 42 & -1 & 13 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find all solutions \mathbf{x} of the homogeneous linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ by obtaining the row-reduced echelon matrix \mathbf{R} of \mathbf{A} . What is the dimension of this solution space?

Solution:

By elementary row operations we pass to the unique row-reduced echelon matrix \mathbf{R} of \mathbf{A} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 21 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 14 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 42 & -1 & 13 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1/3 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 14 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 6 & 42 & -1 & 13 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -2r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3 \\ -6r_1+r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \end{array}} \\
 &\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2+r_4 \rightarrow r_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &\xrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} -r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \\ -r_3+r_4 \rightarrow r_4 \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 1^* & 7 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1^* & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1^* \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}.
 \end{aligned}$$

There are 3 pivots (leading 1s). If we rewrite the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ in its row equivalent form $\mathbf{Rx} = \mathbf{0}$ and back substitute the variables, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 + 7x_2 + 3x_4 &= 0, \\
 x_3 + 5x_4 &= 0, \\
 x_5 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Choosing $x_2 = s$ and $x_4 = t$ as free variables, the solutions of the homogeneous system are vectors of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -7s - 3t \\ s \\ -5t \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This shows dimension of the solution space of the homogeneous system associated with \mathbf{A} has 2 free parameters and hence its dimension is $2 = \dim \text{Null}(\mathbf{A})$.

(b) Find a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} .

Solution:

In \mathbf{R} we see that 1st, 3rd and 5th columns are linearly independent because they contain the pivot elements. Thus, the set of corresponding columns of \mathbf{A} :

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

constitutes a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} .

(c) Find a basis for the row space of \mathbf{A} .

Solution:

The last row is a zero row. Hence the first three rows of \mathbf{R} (or of \mathbf{A}) form a basis for the row space:

$$\{[1 \ 7 \ 0 \ 3 \ 0], [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 5 \ 0], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]\}.$$

(d) Regarding the matrix \mathbf{A} given in this question, fill in the blanks in the following statements explicitly:

• $\text{Row}(\mathbf{A})$ is a 3 dimensional subspace of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^5 .

• $\text{Col}(\mathbf{A})$ is a 3 dimensional subspace of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^4 .

• $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A})$ equals 3.

• $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution if \mathbf{b} is a linear combination of the basis vectors of $\text{Col}(\mathbf{A})$.

4. Let V_2 denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 2, and V_3 denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 3.

We define a transformation $T : V_2 \longrightarrow V_3$ by:

$$T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}x^3.$$

(a) Show that T is a linear transformation.

Solution:

Take two polynomials in V_2 : $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ and $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$ and a constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad T(p(x) + q(x)) &= (a_0 + b_0)x + \frac{a_1 + b_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2 + b_2}{3}x^3 \\ &= a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}x^3 + b_0x + \frac{b_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{b_2}{3}x^3 = T(p(x)) + T(q(x)). \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad T(cp(x)) = (ca_0)x + \frac{(ca_1)}{2}x^2 + \frac{(ca_2)}{3}x^3 = c \left(a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}x^3 \right) = cT(p(x)).$$

Hence T is linear.

Side Info: Note that T is an integration operator, but not indefinite. If it were so, i.e. $T(p(x)) = \int p(x) dx$, then $T(0) = \text{constant}$, not necessarily zero. Instead, the correct integral form of T is: $T(p(x)) = \int_0^x p(t) dt$ so that this integration constant is forced to be zero.

(b)[5] By finding their elements, describe the sets $U = \{p(x) \in V_2 \text{ such that } T(p(x)) = 0\}$ and $W = \{p(x) \in V_2 \text{ such that } T(p(x)) = 1\}$.

Solution:

$T(p(x)) = a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}x^3 = 0$ entails $a_0 = a_1 = a_2 = 0$ by the polynomial identity. Hence $U = \{0\}$.

$T(p(x)) = a_0x + \frac{a_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{a_2}{3}x^3 = 1$ cannot be satisfied for all x for any choice of the coefficients. Namely, no element in V_2 has the image 1: $W = \emptyset$.

(c) Let the set $\mathcal{B} = \{1 + x, x + x^2, 1 + x^2\}$ form a basis for V_2 (Do not show this). Find the matrix \mathbf{A} of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} .

Solution:

We simply find the images of each basis element via the transformation rule:

$$\begin{aligned}T(1 + x) &= x + x^2/2 \\T(x + x^2) &= x^2/2 + x^3/3 \\T(1 + x^2) &= x + x^3/3\end{aligned}$$

and express them in terms of the standard basis $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$ of V_3 as coordinate vectors:

$$\begin{aligned}T(1 + x) &= [0 \ 1 \ 1/2 \ 0], \\T(x + x^2) &= [0 \ 0 \ 1/2 \ 1/3], \\T(1 + x^2) &= [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1/3].\end{aligned}$$

We now place them column-wise to find \mathbf{A} to be:

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

as a 4×3 matrix.

(d) Find the image of $q(x) = 3 + 2x + x^2$ under T by using the transformation matrix \mathbf{A} .

Solution:

We first need to write $q(x) = 3 + 2x + x^2$ in the basis \mathcal{B} . This is to find numbers c_1, c_2 and c_3 so that:

$$3 + 2x + x^2 = c_1(1 + x) + c_2(x + x^2) + c_3(1 + x^2) = (c_1 + c_3) + (c_1 + c_2)x + (c_2 + c_3)x^2.$$

This is true for all x , hence is a polynomial identity. Comparing the coefficients of left- and right-hand sides, we reach a system of three nonhomogeneous linear equations:

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 + c_3 &= 3, \\c_1 + c_2 &= 2, \\c_2 + c_3 &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

This system can be solved by any means, for instance subtracting 3rd equation from the 2nd equation: $c_1 - c_3 = 1$. Adding this up to the 1st equation: $c_1 = 2$. Then $c_2 = 0$ and $c_3 = 1$. Thus, $q(x)$ has the coordinate vector $[2 \ 0 \ 1]$ in the basis \mathcal{B} .

Now, since $T(q(x))$ is a matrix multiplication, we have:

$$T(q(x)) = \mathbf{A}[2 \ 0 \ 1]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

This is to say that:

$$T(q(x)) = 3x + x^2 + x^3/3.$$

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1.) Let V be the subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 spanned by the vectors:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad z = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine the dimension and find a basis for V .

Solution:

Note that $x + y = z$ and y is not a multiple of x . It follows that $\{x, y\}$ is a basis for V and $\dim V = 2$.

2.)

(a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Determine A^T and find A^{-1} if it exists.

Solution:

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

To find the inverse, we apply Gauss-Jordan procedure

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{l} -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -7R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -7 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -8 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \frac{R_3}{2} \rightarrow R_3 & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and we find $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B be an $n \times m$ matrix and suppose $n < m$. Prove that the $m \times m$ matrix $C = AB$ is not invertible.

Solution:

If C is invertible, then $\text{rank } C = m$. On the other hand, $\text{Row}(C) \subset \text{Row } B$, therefore $\dim \text{Row } C \leq \dim \text{Row } B \leq n$. This implies $m = \text{rank } C = \dim \text{Row } C \leq n$, which is a contradiction.

3.) Suppose $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \\ 85 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) What is the rank of A ? Justify your answer.

Solution:

The matrix A is given in the LU form. Since it has 3 pivots, the rank of A is 3.

(b) Find a basis for the nullspace of A .

Solution:

The nullspaces of A and U are the same, if U is obtained by performing elementary row operations on A . So we want to find the solution set of $U\mathbf{x} = 0$, where

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix}$. Then x_3 and x_5 are the free variables. Let $x_3 = t$, $x_5 = w$. From the

last row, we have $x_4 + w = 0$, so $x_4 = -w$. From the second row, we have $x_2 + 2t + 2x_4 + w = 0$. Replacing x_4 with $-w$, we get $x_2 = -2t + w$. From the first row, we have $x_1 + x_3 + 4x_4 + 5x_5 = 0$. It follows that $x_1 = -t - w$. So the solution set is

$$\mathbf{x} = t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t, w \in \mathbb{R}.$$

So, the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the nullspace of A .

(c) Find the complete solution to $Ax = b$.

Solution:

We have already found the homogenous solution in part (b). We only need to find a particular solution. We set all the free variables to 0. We first solve $Lc = b$, and then $Ux = c$.

$$Lc = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \\ 85 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can easily find by forward substitution that $\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$.

We now solve for

$$Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

with $x_3 = x_5 = 0$. By back substitution, we find

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ -15 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

as a particular solution, so the general solution is

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -30 \\ -15 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad t, w \in \mathbb{R}.$$

4.)

(a) Determine whether the following matrices have the same row spaces:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 13 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:

Let us perform row operations on the given matrices:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{array}{l} -4R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -3R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{array}{l} -2R_2+R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ -R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{array}{l} -R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 13 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{array}{l} -2R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \begin{array}{l} -R_2+R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we see that A and B have exactly the same row spaces.

(b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. Determine whether b belongs to the column space of A . Does the linear system $Ax = b$ have at least one solution? Justify your answers.

Solution:

Let us perform Gaussian elimination on the augmented matrix $[A : b]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 7 & -5 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{l} -R_1+R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_1+R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 9 & -6 & -3 & 2 \end{array} \right] \\
 & \begin{array}{l} -3R_2+R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the system is inconsistent, b is not in the column space of A , and there exists no solution.

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1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + z, x + y, 2y + z)$.

- a) (5pnts) Write down what we must show to prove that T is a linear transformation
- b) (5pnts) What is the matrix representing this transformation in the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .
- c) (10pnts) Show that T is non-singular and find its inverse transformation!

Solution:

a) Must show $T(\alpha(x_1, y_1, z_1) + \beta(x_2, y_2, z_2)) = \alpha T(x_1, y_1, z_1) + \beta T(x_2, y_2, z_2)$.

b) $T\vec{i} = (1, 1, 0), T\vec{j} = (2, 1, 2), T\vec{k} = (1, 0, 1)$ implies matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

c) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b - a \\ a - 2b + c \end{pmatrix}$; 3 pivots imply non-singularity : T is invertible.

$\vec{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -2a + 4b - c \\ 2a_3b + c \\ -a + 2b - c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ implies $M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
and correspondingly $T^{-1}(x, y, z) = (-2x + 4y - z, 2x - 3y + z, -x + 2y - 1)$.

2. (30pnts) Show that the set $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the space spanned by the set

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Solution:

Linear independence: $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ implies $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ implies $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1/2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ implies $c_1 = c_2 = 0$.

Linear independence of the other 3 vectors:

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ implies $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b-a \\ 5a-4b+c \end{pmatrix}$, so $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

form a basis, i.e. $\dim = 2$.

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ implies $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b-a \\ 5a-4b+c \end{pmatrix}$, so $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$ is in the range
 $\Leftrightarrow 5a - 4b + c = 0$.

Since $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfy $5a - 4b + c$ they are in the span and since they are linearly independent and $\dim = 2$ they must form a base for the same space.

3. Given the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

a) (20pts) Find basis for the 4-fundamental subspaces associated with M.

b) (5pts) Why does the system $Ax = (1, 1, 1)^T$ has no solution? Explain!

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \text{ implies } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b-2a \\ c-2b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_4 = s, x_3 = -s, x_2 = t, x_1 = -3s + 2s - 2t = -s - 2t \text{ implies } x = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} +$$

$$t \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N(A) = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \text{ and } \eta = 2.$$

$$\text{Row Space} = \langle \vec{R}_1, \vec{R}_2 \rangle = \langle (1, 2, 2, 3), (2, 4, 1, 3) \rangle \text{ and } r = 2.$$

$$\text{Column Space} = \langle \vec{C}_1, \vec{C}_3 \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \text{ and } r = 2.$$

$$\text{Co-Kernel: } A\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \text{ has solutions } \Leftrightarrow c - 2b = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0a + 2b + 1c =$$

$$0 \Leftrightarrow (0 \ 2 \ -1) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = 0. \text{ So Co-Kernel} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \text{ and Co-rank} = 1$$

$(2 + 1 = 3).$

You can also get this form $2R_2 - R_3 = 0$.

4. (25pts) Use LU-decomposition to solve $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \\ 6 & 18 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 24 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \\ 6 & 18 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}; \text{ so } LUx = b$$

$$Ly = b : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 24 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix} \text{ implies } y_1 = 12, y_2 = 24 - 24 = 0,$$

$y_3 = -24$

$$Ux = y \text{ implies } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ -24 \end{pmatrix} \text{ implies } z = -\frac{24}{4} = -6, y = -z =$$

$6, x = 6 - y - z = 6 - 6 + 6 = 6.$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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1. For which value(s) of the real number k , does the following linear system has:

$$\begin{aligned}L_1 : x + y - z &= 1 \\L_2 : 2x + 3y + kz &= 3 \\L_3 : x + ky + 3z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

- (a) a unique solution
- (b) no solution

Solution:

First we find $-2L_1 + L_2$

$$\begin{aligned}-2L_1 : -2x - 2y + 2z &= 2 \\L_2 : 2x + 3y + kz &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Adding side by side we get $-2L_1 + L_2 : y + (k + 2)z = 1$

Next we find $-L_1 + L_3$

$$\begin{aligned}-L_1 : -x - y + z &= 1 \\L_3 : x + ky + 3z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Adding side by side we get $-L_1 + L_3 : (k - 1)y + 4z = 1$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned}L_1 : x + y - z &= 1 \\2L_1 + L_2 : y + (k + 2)z &= 1 \\-L_1 + L_3 : (k - 1)y + 4z &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Then we compute $(k - 1)(2L_1 + L_2) + (-L_1 + L_3)$

$$\begin{aligned}-(k - 1)(2L_1 + L_2) : -(k - 1)y - (k - 1)(k + 2)z &= 1 - k \\(-L_1 + L_3) : (k - 1)y + 4z &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Adding side by side we get $(k - 1)(2L_1 + L_2) + (-L_1 + L_3) : (-k^2 - k + 6)z = 2 - k$

OR we have $(k - 1)(2L_1 + L_2) + (-L_1 + L_3) : (6 - k - k^2)z = 2 - k$

So, $(k - 1)(2L_1 + L_2) + (-L_1 + L_3) : (3 + k)(2 - k) = 2 - k$

Therefore,

(a) If $k \neq 2, k \neq -3$, then the linear system has a unique solution.

(b) If $k = -3$, linear system has no solution.

2. For the vectors v_1 and v_2 in a vector space V , let $W = \text{Span}\{v_1, v_2\}$. Show that W is a subspace of V .

Solution:

First we will show that $\forall u, w \in W, u + w \in W$

Let $u, w \in W$ be arbitrary, then $u = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2$ and $w = c_3v_1 + c_4v_2$ for some $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$u + w = (c_1v_1 + c_2v_2) + (c_3v_1 + c_4v_2) = (c_1 + c_3)v_1 + (c_2 + c_4)v_2$$

by the axioms for vector spaces. So, $u + w \in W$.

Next we will show that $\forall u \in W$ and $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $cu \in W$.

Let $u \in W$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary, then $u = c_1v_1 + c_2v_2$ for some $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$cu = c(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2) = (cc_1)v_1 + (cc_2)v_2$$

by the axioms for vector spaces. So, $cu \in W$.

Hence, W is a subspace of V .

3. Let $M_{2 \times 2}$ be the vector space of all 2×2 matrices, and define $T : M_{2 \times 2} \mapsto M_{2 \times 2}$ by $T(A) = A + A^T$. Show that T is a linear transformation.

Solution:

First we will show that $\forall A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}, T(A + B) = T(A) + T(B)$

Let $A, B \in M_{2 \times 2}$ be arbitrary. Then,

$$T(A + B) = (A + B) + (A + B)^T = A + B + A^T + B^T = (A + A^T) + (B + B^T) = T(A) + T(B)$$

Next we will show that $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \in M_{2 \times 2}, T(cA) = cT(A)$

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A \in M_{2 \times 2}$ be arbitrary.

$$T(cA) = (cA) + (cA)^T = cA + cA^T = c(A + A^T) = cT(A)$$

Hence, T is a linear transformation.

4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ be 3×5 matrix

(a) Find a basis for the row space of A .

- (b) Find a basis for the column space of A.
(c) Find the dimension of the null space of A.
(d) Find the rank of A.

Solution:

$$A \xrightarrow{-1/3r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1/3 & -1/3 & 7/3 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1/3 & -1/3 & 7/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 5/3 & 10/3 & -10/3 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 5/3 & 10/3 & -10/3 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{3/5r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-2r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) A basis for row space $R(A)$ is $\{ [1 \ -2 \ 0 \ 1 \ 3], [0 \ -0 \ 1 \ 2 \ -2] \}$

(b) A basis for column space $C(A)$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(c) Dimension of Null space of A is $\dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n - r = 5 - 2 = 3$

(d) The rank of A is $\text{rank}(A) = 2$.

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1.) a) Find c such that the following set of columns is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 : $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{-r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & c+1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c+1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Hence}$$

$c \neq -1$, i.e., $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ the given set of columns is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b) Is the set of polynomials $S = \{1 - x, 1 + x, 1 - x^2\}$ linearly independent?

Solution:

Consider

$$a(1 - x) + b(1 + x) + c(1 - x^2) = 0$$

Then $-cx^2 = 0$ implies $c = 0$. So $a + b = 0$ and $-a + b = 0$ give that $a = 0, b = 0$. Thus S is linearly independent.

c) If a matrix A is $n \times (n - 1)$ and its rank is $(n - 2)$ what is the dimension of its null space?

Solution:

Since the dimension of the null space is the difference of the number of unknowns and the rank, we get

$$\dim(\text{Null}(A)) = (n - 1) - (n - 2) = 1$$

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

a) Find the LU decomposition of A .

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{-2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U, \text{ where}$$

$E_3E_2E_1A = U$, i.e., $A = E_1^{-1}E_2^{-1}E_3^{-1}U$. Writing explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b) Find a basis for the column space and the null space of A . What is the rank of A ?

Solution:

From U we see that pivots 1 and -5 appear in the first and second columns. Therefore $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the column space of A . To find a basis for the null space recall that $Ax = 0 \iff Ux = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ -5x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

implies $x_3 = -5x_2$ and $x_1 = 3x_2$, hence, $x = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the null space of A . Since rank equals to the dimension of the column space, $\text{rank}(A) = 2$.

c) Using the LU decomposition of A find the complete solution to

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

Setting $y = Ux$, $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ implies $Ly = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, since $Ax = LUx$. Then using L from part (a),

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 4 \\ 2y_1 + y_2 &= 3 \\ -y_1 - y_2 + y_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

entails $y_1 = 4$, $y_2 = -5$ and $y_3 = 0$. Now, $Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ gives that

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ -5x_2 - x_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

hence $x_1 = 3x_2 - 1$ and $x_3 = -5x_2 + 5$, i.e., $x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

3.) a) Let A be an $m \times n$ and B be an $n \times m$ matrix, and $m > n$. What can you say about the invertibility of AB ?

Solution:

We claim that AB is singular. Given $m > n$ there exists a nonzero solution to $Bx = 0$, i.e., $\exists x_0 \neq 0$ such that $Bx_0 = 0$. Then $(AB)x_0 = A(Bx_0) = 0$. But AB being an $m \times m$ matrix and $(AB)x_0$ being zero with $x_0 \neq 0$ implies $\dim(\text{Null}(AB)) \neq 0$, hence $\text{rank}(AB) \neq m$. Thus AB is not invertible.

b) Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Show that if A is singular then AB is also singular.

Solution:

Assume that A is singular. Then A^T is also singular, i.e., $A^T x$ has a non-trivial solution, say, $A^T x_0 = 0$ for some $x_0 \neq 0$. But then we get that $(AB)^T x_0 = B^T(A^T x_0) = 0$, so that $(AB)^T$ is singular. Thus AB is singular.

c) If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with $A^2 = A$ and $\text{rank}(A) = n$, find A .

Solution:

$\text{rank}(A) = n$ implies that A is invertible, i.e., A^{-1} exists. Then multiplying both sides of $A^2 = A$ by A^{-1} we get

$$A^2 A^{-1} = A A^{-1} = I$$

and so

$$A = I.$$

4.) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + z, x + y, 2y + z)$.

a) Write down what we must show to prove that T is a linear transformation. (Do not carry out the computations).

b) What is the matrix representing this transformation in the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

c) Show that T is non-singular and find its inverse transformation.

Solution:

a) We have to show that given two points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2) in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{aligned} T((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) &= T(x_1, y_1, z_1) + T(x_2, y_2, z_2), \\ T(c(x_1, y_1, z_1)) &= cT(x_1, y_1, z_1), \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Since $T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 0)$, $T(0, 1, 0) = (2, 1, 2)$ and $T(0, 0, 1) = (1, 0, 1)$, we get that the matrix representing T is

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

c) To show that T is non-singular, it suffices to show that A is row equivalent to $I_{3 \times 3}$. Using Gauss-Jordan method we get that

$$\begin{aligned} [A|I] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[2r_2 - r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{r_1 - r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow[r_1 - r_3 \rightarrow r_1]{r_2 - r_3 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 - 2r_2 \rightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] = [I|A^{-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, we get that

$$T^{-1}(x, y, z) = (x - z, -x + y + z, 2x - 2y - z).$$

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1. By Gauss-Jordan method compute the inverse of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, if exists. (12 points).

Solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 \leftrightarrow r_2, (-1)r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{(-1)r_4 + r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_3 \leftrightarrow r_4} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So the second part of the last matrix is $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

2. Given a 3×3 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, for which vectors X does there exist a scalar c such that $AX = cX$? (13 points)

Solution:

$$AX = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5x_1 = cx_1$$

$$x_1 + 5x_2 = cx_2$$

$$x_2 + 5x_3 = cx_3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (5 - c)x_1 = 0$$

$$x_1 = (c - 5)x_2$$

$$x_2 = (c - 5)x_3$$

Case 1: If $c = 0 \Rightarrow$ System is homogeneous and $\text{rank}(A) = 3 \Rightarrow X = 0$, unique solution.

Case 2: If $c \neq 0$ and $c \neq 5$, then $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$ implying $X = 0$, unique solution.

Case 3: If $c = 5 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$. There are infinitely many solutions.

Hence; for $X = 0$, c can be any real number; for $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $x_3 \neq 0$, c must be 5.

3. Decide whether the followings are TRUE or FALSE. If true prove; if false, give a counter example or explain. (Each 5 points)

i. Let A, X, Y be square matrices of the same size. Then $AX = AY$ implies $X = Y$.

$$\text{If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } X = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } AX = AY = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

But $X \neq Y$, so FALSE.

ii. The system

$$\begin{aligned} x - y + z &= 3 \\ -x + 2y + kz &= 5 \\ 2x - y + z &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

has a unique solution for each value of k .

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & k & \vdots & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow r_2 \text{ and } (-2)r_1 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 & \vdots & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & \vdots & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow{(-1)r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & \vdots & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & k+1 & \vdots & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & -k-2 & \vdots & -10 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So the system has a unique solution if $-k - 2 \neq 0$, i.e. if $k \neq -2$, so FALSE.

iii. $W = \left\{ x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is the only subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 of dimension 2.

There are other 2-dimensional subspaces like xz or yz planes, so FALSE.

iv. The subset $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = 1 \right\}$ of \mathbb{R}^3 is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is not an element of W since $0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 \neq 1$. So FALSE.

v. The nullity of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is 1.

$\text{Rank}(A) = 3 \Rightarrow \text{Nullity of } A = 3 - 3 = 0$, so FALSE.

vi. The left null space of a 4×6 matrix A with real entries is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^6 .

A is 4×6 matrix, so A^T is 6×4 matrix. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A^T) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^4 : A^T y = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$, so FALSE.

vii. Let A and B be invertible $n \times n$ matrices, then $(A + B)^{-1} = A^{-1} + B^{-1}$.

For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ both are invertible matrices. But $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is not invertible, so FALSE.

viii. If $\{u, v, w\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors in a vector space V then $\{u, u + v, u + v + w\}$ is also a linearly independent set of vectors.

Let α, β, γ be scalars so that $\alpha u + \beta(u + v) + \gamma(u + v + w) = 0 \Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)u + (\beta + \gamma)v + \gamma w = 0$. Then, since $\{u, v, w\}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors, each coefficient of the last equation should be zero, so

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$$

$$\beta + \gamma = 0$$

$$\gamma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0$$

Hence $\{u, u + v, u + v + w\}$ is also linearly independent set of vectors, so the statement is TRUE.

4.(i) Prove that the polynomials $1, x, \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x$ form a basis for P_4 , the vector space of all polynomials with degree at most 3. (10 points)

Solution:

$$\text{For } a, b, c, d \text{ reals let } a \cdot 1 + bx + c(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}) + d(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - \frac{c}{2}) + (b - \frac{3}{2}d)x + (\frac{3}{2}c)x^2 + (\frac{5}{2}d)x^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - \frac{c}{2} = b - \frac{3}{2}d = \frac{3}{2}c = \frac{5}{2}d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c = d = 0$$

So linear independence follows. Since $\dim P_4 = 4$ and there are 4 linearly independent polynomials, they form a basis for P_4 .

(ii) Can we find an $m \times n$ matrix A and vectors b and c so that $Ax = b$ has no solution and $A^T y = c$ has exactly one solution. (10 points)

Solution:

In order that $Ax = b$ has no solution, $r = \dim \mathcal{R}(A) = \text{rank}(A) < m$ must hold. i.e the column space $\mathcal{R}(A)$ of A cannot span \mathbb{R}^m .

But, for A^T is an $n \times m$ matrix, $A^T y = c$ has exactly one solution if $r = \text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A) = m$ must hold.

Clearly, we can not have both $r < m$ and $r = m$. So we have a contradiction.

5. Find LDU factorization of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, where L is a lower triangular, D is a diagonal and U is an echelon matrix. (15 points)

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{E_{32}(1)E_{21}(-2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{E_{32}(4)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = DU$$

So $E_{32}(4)E_{31}(1)E_{21}(-2)A = DU$

$$\text{Hence } L = E_{21}(2)E_{31}(-1)E_{32}(-4) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the required factorization.

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1. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and let R be its row-reduced echelon form.

a) Find all solutions of $Ax = 0$ by first finding R .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} A &\xrightarrow{E_1:r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2, E_2:-r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{E_3:\frac{1}{2}r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{E_4:-2r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{E_5:4r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1, E_6:-2r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= R. \end{aligned}$$

$Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow Rx = 0$, so

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 &= 0 \\ x_4 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Setting x_3 to be the free parameter, the complete solutions are

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} +3t \\ -2t \\ t \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

b) Find a 3×3 matrix S such that $SA = R$. (Hint: Think of the elementary matrices corresponding to the operations performed in part (a).)

Solution:

The row operations applied above corresponds to the following matrices E_i in 3×3 dimensions:

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & 4 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1/2 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A,$$

so $E_6 E_5 E_4 E_3 E_2 E_1 = S$.

Multiplying these elementary matrices we get S :

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & 4 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1/2 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & 4 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & 4 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & -1 & \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & \\ -1 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 & 4 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & \\ -1 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & -1 & 4 \\ 5/2 & 1/2 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = S.$$

You can always check your answer by explicit multiplication.

2. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) Give an LU-decomposition of A .

Solution:

$$A \xrightarrow{E_1: -2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2, E_2: -3r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= U$$

where $E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ -3 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

So $E_2 E_1 A = U$ implies $A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} U = LU$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ 3 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} U$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ 2 & 1 & \\ 3 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is the LU-decomposition.

b) Using the decomposition, solve $Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if and only if } LUx = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ say } Ux = y. \text{ Then } Ly = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 1 \\ 2y_1 + y_2 &= 3 \Rightarrow y_2 = 1 \\ 3y_1 + y_3 &= 4 \Rightarrow y_3 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we solve $Ux = y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ with the above U .

Back substitution gives:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 1 \\ x_3 &= 1 \\ x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + 2x_2 = -2x_1 = -2 - 2x_2. \text{ Letting } x_2 = t \text{ we get } x = \begin{pmatrix} -2 - 2t \\ t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

c) Is A invertible? Justify your answer (do not find A^{-1} , in case it exists!).

Solution:

No, A is not invertible. If A , being square, were invertible, $Ax = b$ would have a unique solution for every b . There might be other reasoning as well: if we go one step further

$$U \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not row-equivalent to I_3 , hence not invertible (There is a zero row).

3. Consider the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

a) Describe the null space $N(A)$ of A by giving a basis for it and finding its dimension.

Solution:

$$A \xrightarrow{-2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2, -3r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -9 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & -3 & -9 & -3 & -15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{3}r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -3 & -9 & -3 & -15 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_2+r_1 \rightarrow r_1, 3r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\frac{1}{3}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$N(A)$ is the set x such that $Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow Rx = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_3 + x_5 &= 0 & x_1 &= -2x_3 - x_5 \\ x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_5 &= 0 & \Rightarrow x_2 &= -3x_3 - 2x_5 \\ x_4 + x_5 &= 0 & x_4 &= -x_5. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } x \in N(A) \text{ then } x = \begin{pmatrix} -2t - s \\ -3t - 2s \\ t \\ -s \\ s \end{pmatrix}. \text{ A basis for } N(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

then $\dim N(A) = 2$.

- b) Give bases for and dimensions of the column space $C(A)$ and the row space $R(A)$ of A . Tell also which vector spaces they sit in, respectively.

Solution:

First, second and fourth columns of R contain leading 1s, so we choose first, second

and fourth columns of A as a basis for $C(A)$: a basis for $C(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

A basis for $R(A) = \{(1 \ 0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 1), (0 \ 1 \ 3 \ 0 \ 2), (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)\}$

$\dim C(A) = \dim R(A) = 3$. Lastly $C(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ and $R(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^5$.

- c) Find $\text{rank}(A)$. Is A of maximal rank? Explain.

Solution:

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim C(A) = \dim R(A) = 3.$$

Yes, A is of maximal rank, for $\text{rank}(A)$ is at most the minimum of row number (= 3) and column number (= 5), which is in this case 3.

4. Let $\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3\}$ be the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3

- a) Show that the set $B = \{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2, \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3, \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution:

$$\text{Solve } c_1(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2) + c_2(\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3) + c_3(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3) = 0.$$

Coefficient matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\xrightarrow{-r_3+r_1 \rightarrow r_1, r_3+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} I$$

$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$ has a unique solution $x = 0$.

$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ is the only solution.

B is a linearly independent set. Note that this suffices to say B is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 , as $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) =$ the number of vectors in $B = 3$.

b) If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the matrix of a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ in the standard basis, what is the matrix of T in the basis B ?

Solution:

We understand that

$$\begin{aligned} T(\epsilon_1) &= \langle 3, 1, 2 \rangle \\ T(\epsilon_2) &= \langle 0, -1, 2 \rangle \\ T(\epsilon_3) &= \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

In the new basis :

$$\begin{aligned} T(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2) &= T(\epsilon_1) + T(\epsilon_2) = \langle 3, 0, 3 \rangle \\ T(\epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3) &= T(\epsilon_2) + T(\epsilon_3) = \langle 0, -1, 2 \rangle \\ T(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3) &= T(\epsilon_1) + T(\epsilon_3) = \langle 3, 1, 3 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then the matrix in B is $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

c) Find the image of the point $(2, -1, 0)$ under T .

Solution:

$$T(2, -1, 0) = A \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Let V be a 3-dimensional vector space and let $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ be a basis for V . Let T be a linear transformation such that:

$$T(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2, T(\alpha_2) = \alpha_3, T(\alpha_3) = 0.$$

Show that $T^2 \neq 0$ but $T^3 = 0$. (T^n means n successive applications of T .)

Solution:

First we check the images of the basis elements:

$$T(\alpha_1) = \alpha_2 \text{ implies } T^2(\alpha_1) = T(\alpha_2) = \alpha_3 \text{ implies } T^3(\alpha_1) = T(\alpha_3) = 0$$

$$T(\alpha_2) = \alpha_3 \text{ implies } T^2(\alpha_2) = T(\alpha_3) = 0 \text{ implies } T^3(\alpha_2) = T(0) = 0$$

$$T(\alpha_3) = 0 \text{ implies } T^2(\alpha_3) = T(0) = 0 \text{ implies } T^3(\alpha_3) = 0 \text{ since } T \text{ is linear.}$$

$T^2 \neq 0$ since $T^2(\alpha_1) = \alpha_3 \neq 0$.

$T^3 = 0$ means $T^3(x) = 0$ for all $x \in V$.

$x \in V \Rightarrow x = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\alpha_3 \Rightarrow T^3(x) = c_1T^3(\alpha_1) + c_2T^3(\alpha_2) + c_3T^3(\alpha_3) = 0 \Rightarrow T^3(x) = 0$ for all $x \in V \Rightarrow T^3 = 0$.

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1.) a)[4] Find c such that the following set of columns is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 : $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ c \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{-r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & c+1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{2r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c+1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Hence}$$

$c \neq -1$, i.e., $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ the given set of columns is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b)[4] Is the set of polynomials $S = \{1 - x, 1 + x, 1 - x^2\}$ linearly independent?

Solution:

Consider

$$a(1 - x) + b(1 + x) + c(1 - x^2) = 0$$

Then $-cx^2 = 0$ implies $c = 0$. So $a + b = 0$ and $-a + b = 0$ give that $a = 0, b = 0$. Thus S is linearly independent.

c)[2] If a matrix A is $n \times (n - 1)$ and its rank is $(n - 2)$ what is the dimension of its null space?

Solution:

Since the dimension of the null space is the difference of the number of unknowns and the rank, we get

$$\dim(\text{Null}(A)) = (n - 1) - (n - 2) = 1$$

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

a) [10] Find the LU decomposition of A .

Solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[r_1+r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{-2r_1+r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2+r_3 \rightarrow r_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U, \text{ where}$$

$E_3 E_2 E_1 A = U$, i.e., $A = E_1^{-1} E_2^{-1} E_3^{-1} U$. Writing explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where $L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b) [6] Find a basis for the column space and the null space of A . What is the rank of A ?

Solution:

From U we see that pivots 1 and -5 appear in the first and second columns. Therefore $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the column space of A . To find a basis for the null space recall that $Ax = 0 \iff Ux = 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ -5x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

implies $x_3 = -5x_2$ and $x_1 = 3x_2$, hence, $x = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$. Thus $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the null space of A . Since rank equals to the dimension of the column space, $\text{rank}(A) = 2$.

c) [4] Using the LU decomposition of A find the complete solution to

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

Setting $y = Ux$, $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ implies $Ly = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, since $Ax = LUx$. Then using L from part (a),

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 4 \\ 2y_1 + y_2 &= 3 \\ -y_1 - y_2 + y_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

entails $y_1 = 4$, $y_2 = -5$ and $y_3 = 0$. Now, $Ux = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ gives that

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 4 \\ -5x_2 - x_3 &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

hence $x_1 = 3x_2 - 1$ and $x_3 = -5x_2 + 5$, i.e., $x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

3.) a) [6] Let A be an $m \times n$ and B be an $n \times m$ matrix, and $m > n$. What can you say about the invertibility of AB ?

Solution:

We claim that AB is singular. Given $m > n$ there exists a nonzero solution to $Bx = 0$, i.e., $\exists x_0 \neq 0$ such that $Bx_0 = 0$. Then $(AB)x_0 = A(Bx_0) = 0$. But AB being an $m \times m$ matrix and $(AB)x_0$ being zero with $x_0 \neq 0$ implies $\dim(\text{Null}(AB)) \neq 0$, hence $\text{rank}(AB) \neq m$. Thus AB is not invertible.

b) [6] Let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices. Show that if A is singular then AB is also singular.

Solution:

Assume that A is singular. Then A^T is also singular, i.e., $A^T x$ has a non-trivial solution, say, $A^T x_0 = 0$ for some $x_0 \neq 0$. But then we get that $(AB)^T x_0 = B^T(A^T x_0) = 0$, so that $(AB)^T$ is singular. Thus AB is singular.

c) [3] If A is an $n \times n$ matrix with $A^2 = A$ and $\text{rank}(A) = n$, find A .

Solution:

$\text{rank}(A) = n$ implies that A is invertible, i.e., A^{-1} exists. Then multiplying both sides of $A^2 = A$ by A^{-1} we get

$$A^2 A^{-1} = A A^{-1} = I$$

and so

$$A = I.$$

4.) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + z, x + y, 2y + z)$.

a) [2] Write down what we must show to prove that T is a linear transformation. (Do not carry out the computations).

b) [5] What is the matrix representing this transformation in the standard basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

c) [8] Show that T is non-singular and find its inverse transformation.

Solution:

a) We have to show that given two points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2) in \mathbb{R}^3

$$\begin{aligned} T((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) &= T(x_1, y_1, z_1) + T(x_2, y_2, z_2), \\ T(c(x_1, y_1, z_1)) &= cT(x_1, y_1, z_1), \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Since $T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 1, 0)$, $T(0, 1, 0) = (2, 1, 2)$ and $T(0, 0, 1) = (1, 0, 1)$, we get that the matrix representing T is

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

c) To show that T is non-singular, it suffices to show that A is row equivalent to $I_{3 \times 3}$. Using Gauss-Jordan method we get that

$$\begin{aligned} [A|I] &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[r_2 - r_3 \rightarrow r_3]{r_1 - r_2 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \\ &\xrightarrow[r_1 - r_3 \rightarrow r_1]{r_2 - r_3 \rightarrow r_2} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{r_1 - 2r_2 \rightarrow r_1} \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] = [I|A^{-1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Knowing $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, we get that

$$T^{-1}(x, y, z) = (x - z, -x + y + z, 2x - 2y - z).$$