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## Key Homework 15

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$A = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2; \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 3; \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 4]$

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

$R = \text{rref}(A)$

R =  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly the first three vectors are linearly independent, while the fourth vector is a linear combination of the first three.

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We find the dimension of the column space, which equals the rank of A.

$A = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0; \ -1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0; \ 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ 1; \ 0 \ 0 \ -1 \ 0 \ -1 \ -1]$

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

$R = \text{rref}(A)$

R =  
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

There are three pivot columns, so the dimension of the column space equals 3. This is easily verified using the MATLAB's **rank** command.

`rank(A)`

`ans =`  
3

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If a, d and f are all non-zero, then they are all pivots. This means that the reduced row echelon form of U is the identity matrix, which implies that U is invertible, which implies that  $Ux = 0$  has only the trivial solution, and therefore the columns of U are linearly independent.

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a)

`rref([1 2 3; 3 1 2; 2 3 1])`

`ans =`  
1      0      0  
0      1      0  
0      0      1

The vectors are linearly independent.

b)

`rref([1 2 -3; -3 1 2; 2 -3 1])`

`ans =`  
1      0      -1  
0      1      -1  
0      0      0

These vectors are linearly dependent.

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Let  $c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2 + c_3\vec{v}_3 = \vec{0} \Rightarrow c_1(\vec{w}_2 - \vec{w}_3) + c_2(\vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}_3) + c_3(\vec{w}_1 - \vec{w}_2) = \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow (c_2 + c_3)\vec{w}_1 + (c_1 - c_3)\vec{w}_2 + (c_1 + c_2)\vec{w}_3 = \vec{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow (c_2 + c_3) = 0, (c_1 - c_3) = 0, \text{ and } (c_1 + c_2) = 0$ , because the w vectors are linearly independent. We use MATLAB to show that this system has a non-trivial solution.

`A=[0 1 1; 1 0 -1; 1 1 0], R=rref(A)`

`A =`  
0      1      1  
1      0      -1  
1      1      0  
`R =`  
1      0      -1  
0      1      1  
0      0      0

Since the R matrix has a free column there are nontrivial solutions. One such solution is produced by the nulbasis command.

`dependency=nulbasis(A)`

```
dependency =  
  1  
 -1  
  1
```

This shows that  $\vec{v}_3$  equals  $\vec{v}_2$  minus  $\vec{v}_1$ .

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- a) ... because the maximum number of linearly independent vectors in  $R^3$  equals 3.
- b) ... if they are scalar multiples of each other.
- c) ... because  $0 \vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$ .

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- a) It's a line in  $R^3$ .
- b) It's a plane in  $R^3$ .
- c) It's a plane in  $R^3$ .
- d) It's all of  $R^3$ , because there exist three linearly independent vectors with positive components, and since the dimension of  $R^3$  equals 3, these vectors must span  $R^3$ .

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- a) ...  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .
- b) ...  $A^T\vec{y} = \vec{c}$
- c) False, the zero vector is part of any vector space, so the zero vector is always in the row space.

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`A=[1 1 0; 1 3 1; 3 1 -1], [L, U]=slu(A)`

```
A =  
  1  1  0  
  1  3  1  
  3  1 -1
```

Small pivot encountered in column 3.

```
L =  
  1  0  0  
  1  1  0  
  3 -1  1
```

```
U =  
  1  1  0  
  0  2  1  
  0  0  0
```

The dimension of column and row spaces of A and the column and row spaces of U all equal the rank of A, which equals the rank of U and clearly is 2. The row spaces of A and U are the same, the column spaces of A and U are different.

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- ... has dimension n
- ... are a basis
- ...  $m \geq n$

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- a)  $B = \{(1, 1, 1, 1)\}$
- b)  $B = \{(1, 0, 0, -1), (0, 1, 0, -1), (0, 0, 1, -1)\}$
- c)

$B = \text{nulbasis}([1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0; \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1])$

B =

-1	-1
1	1
1	0
0	1

- d) A basis for the column space is  $B = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  and a basis for the null space is

$B = \text{nulbasis}([1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1; \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0])$

B =

-1	0	-1
0	-1	0
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

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- a) Two vectors are linearly dependent if and only if one is a scalar multiple of the other. That is if the vectors are parallel.

First we graph two linearly dependent vectors

$v1 = [2; 1], v2 = -2*v1$

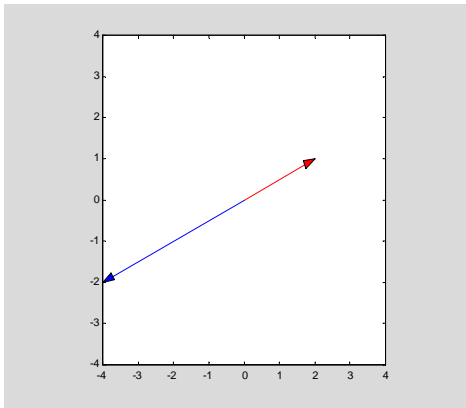
v1 =

2
1

v2 =

-4
-2

```
drawvec(v1, 'red', 4); hold on, drawvec(v2, 'blue', 4);
```

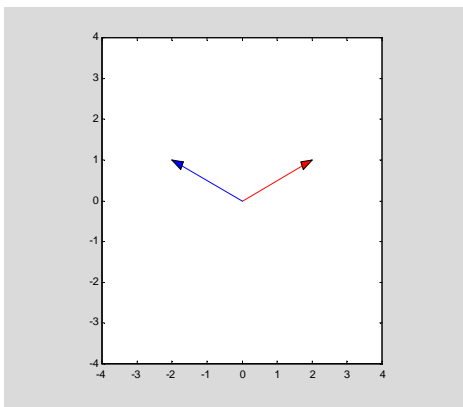


Then we graph two linearly independent vectors

```
v1=[2; 1], v2=[-2; 1]
```

```
v1 =  
    2  
    1  
v2 =  
   -2  
    1
```

```
drawvec(v1, 'red', 4); hold on, drawvec(v2, 'blue', 4);
```



- b)  $\vec{v}_3$  is a linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  if  $\vec{v}_3$  is in the plane spanned by  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$ .
- c) Three vectors in  $R^3$  are linearly dependent if they lie in the same plane.

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- a) The span of  $\vec{v}_1$  is a line through the origin parallel to  $\vec{v}_1$ .
- b) Then the span of  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$  is a plane through the origin.

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a)

- i) Compute the rank of V. If it equals k, then the vectors are linearly independent.
- ii) Compute the rank of V. If it equals n, then the vectors span the  $R^n$ .
- iii) Use the **partic** command to find the coefficients of a possible linear combination.
- iv) Apply the rowbasis command to V.

b)

$V=[2 \ 3 \ 3; -3 \ 4 \ 1; 0 \ 1 \ 3; -1 \ 2 \ -3]$ ,  $w1=[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]'$ ,  $w2=[1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]'$

V =

```
      2          3          3
     -3         4          1
      0          1          3
     -1         2         -3
```

w1 =

```
      1
      0
      0
      1
```

w2 =

```
      1
      1
      0
      1
```

i)

**rank(V)**

ans =  
 3

The vectors are linearly independent.

ii) The vectors do not span the  $R^4$ .

iii)

**coeff1=partic(V, w1), coeff2=partic(V, w2)**

coeff1 =

```
      []
```

coeff2 =

```
      1/8
      3/8
     -1/8
```

Clearly w1 is not a linear combination of the columns of V, w2 is a linear combination of those columns.  $\vec{w}_2 = \frac{1}{8}\vec{v}_1 + \frac{3}{8}\vec{v}_2 - \frac{1}{8}\vec{v}_3$ .

iv) The dimension of the span of the columns of  $V$  is the dimension of the column space of  $V$ , which equals the rank of  $V$ , which equals 3. A basis for this span is given by the column vectors of  $V$ .

c)

$V=[4 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1; \ 3 \ -4 \ -3 \ 2 \ 0; \ -1 \ -4 \ 1 \ 3 \ -1; \ 3 \ -3 \ 4 \ -2 \ 1], w1=[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]', w2=[1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]'$

```
V =
    4         2         3         2         1
    3        -4        -3        2         0
   -1        -4         1         3        -1
    3        -3         4        -2         1

w1 =
    1
    0
    0
    1

w2 =
    1
    1
    0
    1
```

i)

**rank(V)**

ans =  
4

The vectors are linearly dependent.

ii) The vectors do span the  $R^4$ .

iii) Since the column vectors of  $V$  span the  $R^4$ , both  $w1$  and  $w2$  must be linear combinations of these column vectors. Possible coefficients can be found as in part (b) of this problem.

**coeff1=partic(V, w1), coeff2=partic(V, w2)**

```
coeff1 =
    1/7
    0
    1/7
    0
    0

coeff2 =
    76/287
   -7/123
    4/313
    1/123
    0
```

iv) The span of the columns of  $V$  equals  $R^4$ . The dimension of this space is obviously 4, and a basis for it is given by the columns of the 4 by 4 identity matrix.

