

2.8 Subspaces of R^n .

Example: The **nullspace** of A is the solution set of $Ax = \mathbf{0}$. $= \text{nul}(A) = \text{null}(A)$

homogeneous = 0

homogeneous

coef

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2, R_3 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3, R_4 - R_1 \rightarrow R_4}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

REF

∞ # of solns

Nullspace of A = Solution space of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$

= solution space of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

↓ $R_1 - 2R_2$

= solution space of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

REF

Solve

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

x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 free

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_3 - 4x_4 \\ 0 \\ 1x_3 \\ 1x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

4 variables
⇒ solution set for $Ax=0$ will be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_3 - 4x_4 \\ 0 \\ 1x_3 \\ 1x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_3 \\ 0 \\ 1x_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -4x_4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

lin indep

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4$$

free variables

$$x_3 = x_3$$

$$x_4 = x_4$$

Nullspace of A

= solution set of $Ax = 0$

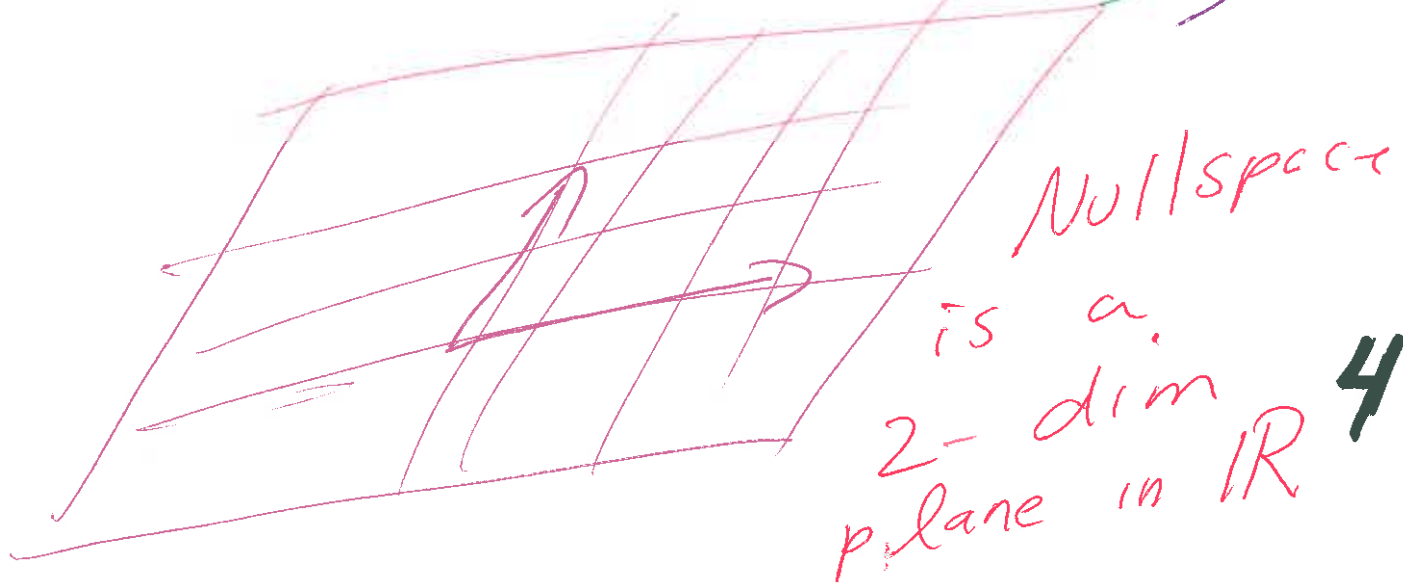
$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_4 \mid \begin{array}{l} x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \\ x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}$$

↳ set of all linear combinations of 2 vectors

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$x_3 = x_3$ $x_4 = x_4$

Basis for Null(A) = $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



note $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ since it has 4 coordinates

= span { }

v_1, v_2 are soln to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
 homo

Any linear combi of solns is also a soln to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$
 homo

Suppose $Av_1 = 0$ and $Av_2 = 0$, then $A(c_1v_1 + c_2v_2) = 0$

$$A(c_1\vec{v}_1 + c_2\vec{v}_2) = A(c_1\vec{v}_1) + A(c_2\vec{v}_2) = c_1A\vec{v}_1 + c_2A\vec{v}_2 = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

NOTE: Nullspace of $A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

2.8 Subspaces of R^n . = Vector space

Long definition emphasizing important points:

Defn: Let W be a nonempty subset of R^n . Then W is a subspace of R^n if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:

- i.) 0 is in W ,
- ii.) if v_1, v_2 in W , then $v_1 + v_2$ in W ,
- iii.) if v in W , then cv in W for any scalar c .

closed under linear combination

Short definition: Let W be a nonempty subset of R^n . Then W is a subspace of R^n if v_1, v_2 in W implies $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2$ in W ,

= span

Note that if S is a subspace, then

- if v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n in S , then $c_1v_1 + c_2v_2 + \dots + c_nv_n$ is in S .
- $0v = 0$ is in S .

Defn: Let S be a subspace of R^k . A set T is a basis for S if

- i.) T is linearly independent and
- ii.) T spans S .

but not overly large don't want extra vectors

large enough to span for span

A subspace is a vector space

EX: set of negative #'s
is closed under +

$$\text{neg} + \text{neg} = \text{neg}$$

They are not closed under \times

$$(-2)(-3) = +6$$

↑ not neg

Example of
closed under —

Any space that can be written as a span of vectors will be a vector space (subspace)

Examples: Nullspace and Column Space.

Let $A = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n]$, a $k \times n$ matrix.

Defn: The column space of $A = \text{span}\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\} = \text{col}(A)$

Thm: The column space of A is a subspace of R^k

Note: Suppose B is row equivalent to A , then the column space of B need not be the same as the column space of A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow R_2, R_3 - 3R_1 \rightarrow R_3, R_4 - R_1 \rightarrow R_4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 - R_2 \rightarrow R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Throw out free variable columns to get linear independence

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The column space of $A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

not simplified

pivot columns

∞ # of vectors

$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

simplified

Thus a basis for the column space of A is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

2 vectors

since 2 pivots

Don't need all 4 columns to specify the span
Only need pivot columns

Col space of A

col A = span of col of A

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↓ To find basis
throw out free variables

pivot columns
of A

span

l.i

Nul A = solution set $Ax = 0$

Solve $Ax = 0$
REF

Solution = linear comb of vectors
1 vector for each free variable

Solve to
find the
vectors that
span Nul A

Get lin indep
for free

pivot columns for simplified answer

Note we took the leading entry columns in the ORIGINAL matrix.

Why are we so interested in the column space?

Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ have a solution?

b in col A
 $\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$
 has a soln

Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} x_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 12 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} x_4 = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ have a sol'n?

free variable columns (extra) choose

Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ have a solution?

Is $\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$ in $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \text{column space of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} ?$

$x_3 = 0$
 $x_4 = 0$

$\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 22 \\ 31 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is in col A

pivot

Example 1: Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 22 \\ 31 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ have a sol'n?

YES

Example 2: Does $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ have a sol'n?

NO!

Long method for determining IF there is a solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 9 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 7 & 22 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 12 & 8 & 31 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 9 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & * & * \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & * & * \end{array} \right]$$

$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is not in col A

pivots

Shorter method for determining IF there is a solution WHEN you know a basis for the column space:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|cc} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 & 9 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 7 & 22 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 12 & 8 & 31 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 & 9 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_2 - 2R_1$
 $R_3 - 3R_1$
 $R_4 - R_1$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$0 \neq 1$ no soln

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

soln

not pivot

A basis for S consists of the fewest ~~most~~ vectors that describe S

2.9: Basis and Dimension

Defn: Let S be a subspace of R^k . A set T is a basis for S if

- i.) T is linearly independent and
- ii.) T spans S .

Simplified answer

NOT TOO LARGE (SIMPLIFY)

Examples

large enough to span S

a.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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b.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is NOT a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

TOO LARGE LIN DEP FREEVAR

NOT LIN IND

c.) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is NOT a basis for $\text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

DOES NOT SPAN

Defn: A vector space is called **finite-dimensional** if it has a basis consisting of a finite number of vectors. Otherwise, V is **infinite dimensional**.

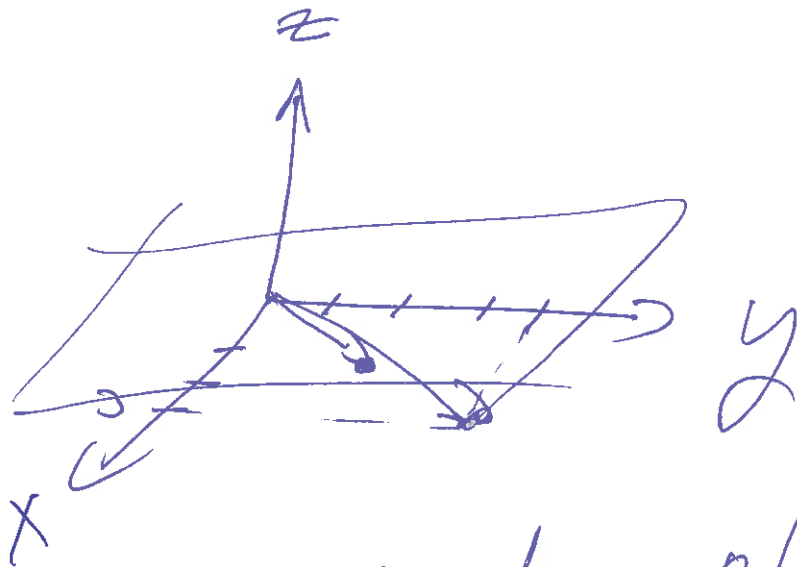
$\{1, t, t^2, t^3, \dots\}$

Thm: All basis for a finite-dimensional vector space have the same number of elements.

Defn: $\text{dim}(V)$ = the **dimension** of a finite-dimensional vector space V = the number of vectors in any basis for S . If $\text{dim}(V) = n$, then V is said to be n -dimensional.

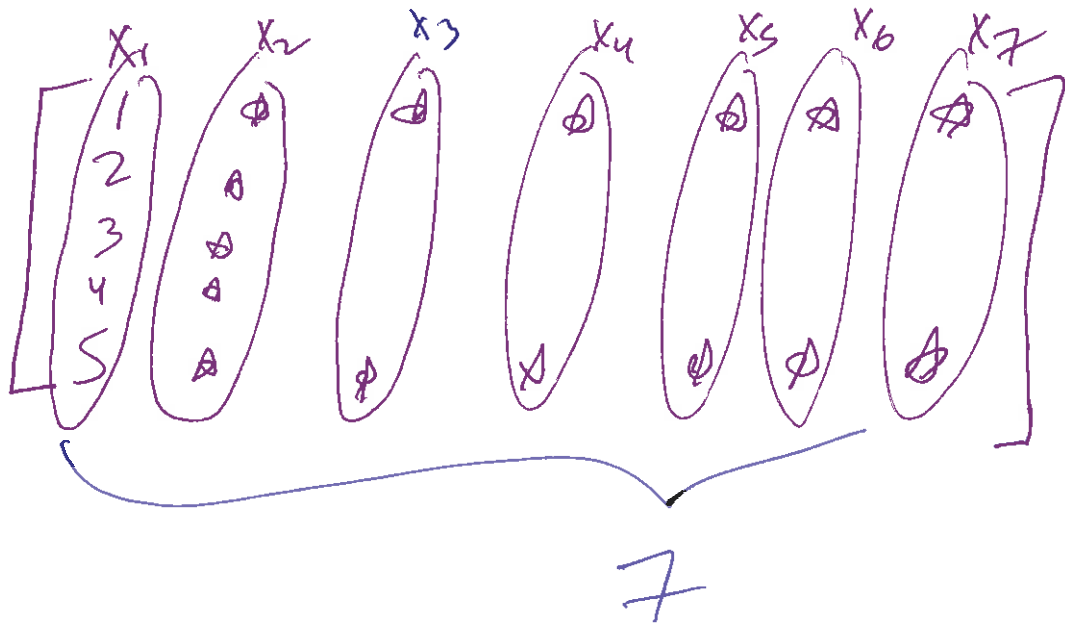
A basis for S is the smallest set of vectors needed to describe set S

$$\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



Span 2-dim plane
in \mathbb{R}^3 .

5 rows



$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ is a vector in \mathbb{R}^5

$A \vec{x} = 0$ A 5×7
 $(5 \times 7) (7 \times 1) = (5 \times 1)$

case RANK $A = 4$.

dim of Nul $A = \text{Nullity} = 3$

Nullspace is a 3-dim hyperplane living in \mathbb{R}^7

$$S \begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \\ x_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Null $A \subset \mathbb{R}^7$

Thm 8': If A is a **SQUARE** $n \times n$ matrix, then the following are equivalent.

- a.) A is invertible.
- b.) The row-reduced echelon form of A is I_n , the identity matrix.
- c.) An echelon form of A has n leading entries [I.e., every column of an echelon form of A is a leading entry column – no free variables]. (A square $\Rightarrow A$ has leading entry in every column if and only if A has leading entry in every row).
- d.) The column vectors of A are linearly independent.
- e.) $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution.
- f.) $Ax = b$ has at most one sol'n for any b .
- g.) $Ax = b$ has a unique sol'n for any b .
- h.) $Ax = b$ is consistent for every $n \times 1$ matrix b .
- i.) $Ax = b$ has at least one sol'n for any b .
- j.) The column vectors of A span R^n . [every vector in R^n can be written as a linear combination of the columns of A].
- k.) There is a square matrix C such that $CA = I$.
- l.) There is a square matrix D such that $AD = I$.
- m.) A^T is invertible.
- ~~n.) A is expressible as a product of elementary matrices.~~

$n \times n$ matrix A

o.) The column vectors of A form a basis for R^n .
[every vector in R^n can be written uniquely as a linear combination of the columns of A].

p.) $\text{Col } A = R^n$.

q.) $\dim \text{Col } A = n$.

r.) $\text{rank of } A = n$.

s.) $\text{Nul } A = \{0\}$,

t.) $\dim \text{Nul } A = 0$.

u.) A has nullity 0.

pivot in every row

of rows = n = # of columns

pivot in every column

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{0}$
is the only soln

solution set to $Ax=0$

$n - n = 0$
n col - n pivots

0-dim

Rank(A) + nullity(A) = Number of columns of A .

Ex. 2) Suppose A is a 9×4 matrix.

If $\text{Rank}(A) = 4$, then $\text{nullity}(A) = 4 - 4 = 0$

4 col. all pivots No f.v.

$Ax = 0$ has unique solutions. ($x=0$)

$Ax = b$ has _____ solutions.

If $\text{Rank}(A) = 3$, then $\text{nullity}(A) =$

$Ax = 0$ has _____ solutions.

$Ax = b$ has _____ solutions.