

Suppose  $A\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{0}$  and  $A\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $A(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) = \mathbf{0}$

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

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## 2.8 Subspaces of $R^n$ .

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.)  $\mathbf{0}$  is in  $W$ ,
  - ii.) if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  in  $W$ , then  $\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2$  in  $W$ ,
  - iii.) if  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $W$ , then  $c\mathbf{v}$  in  $W$  for any scalar  $c$ .
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Short definition: Let  $W$  be a nonempty subset of  $R^n$ . Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $R^n$  if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$  in  $W$  implies  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$  in  $W$ ,

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Note that if  $S$  is a subspace, then

if  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  in  $S$ , then  $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n$  is in  $S$ .

$0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$  is in  $S$ .

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Defn: Let  $S$  be a subspace of  $R^k$ . A set  $\mathcal{T}$  is a basis for  $S$  if

- i.)  $\mathcal{T}$  is linearly independent and
- ii.)  $\mathcal{T}$  spans  $S$ .

Subspace = Vector Space  
of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

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<sup>Defn</sup>  $S$  is a subspace (vector space)

if  $v_1, v_2$  in  $S$

$\Rightarrow c v_1 + c v_2$  in  $S$

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~~Defn~~

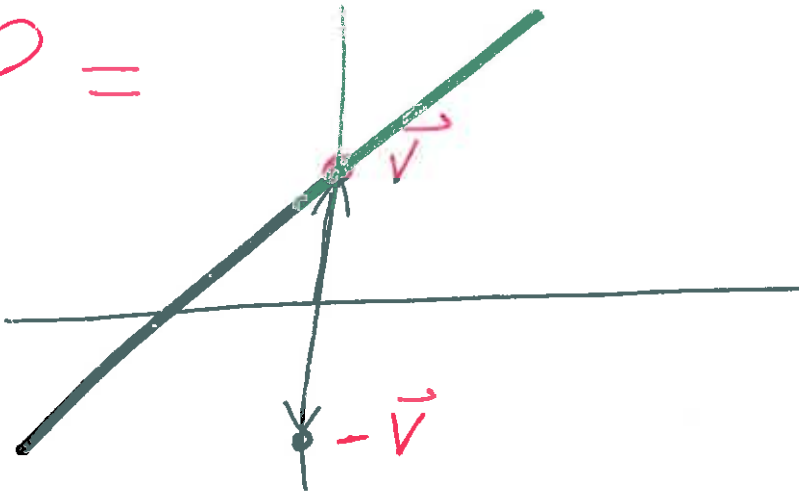
NOTE  $S$  is a subspace

$\Rightarrow 0 \in S$

$0 \vec{v} = \vec{0}$   
↑  
real #  
scalar      ↑  
                  vector

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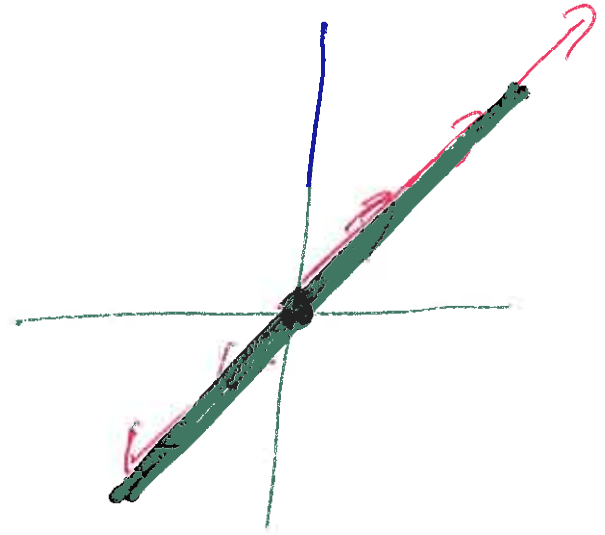
$P =$



NOT A SUBSPACE  
 $0$  is not on line ✓

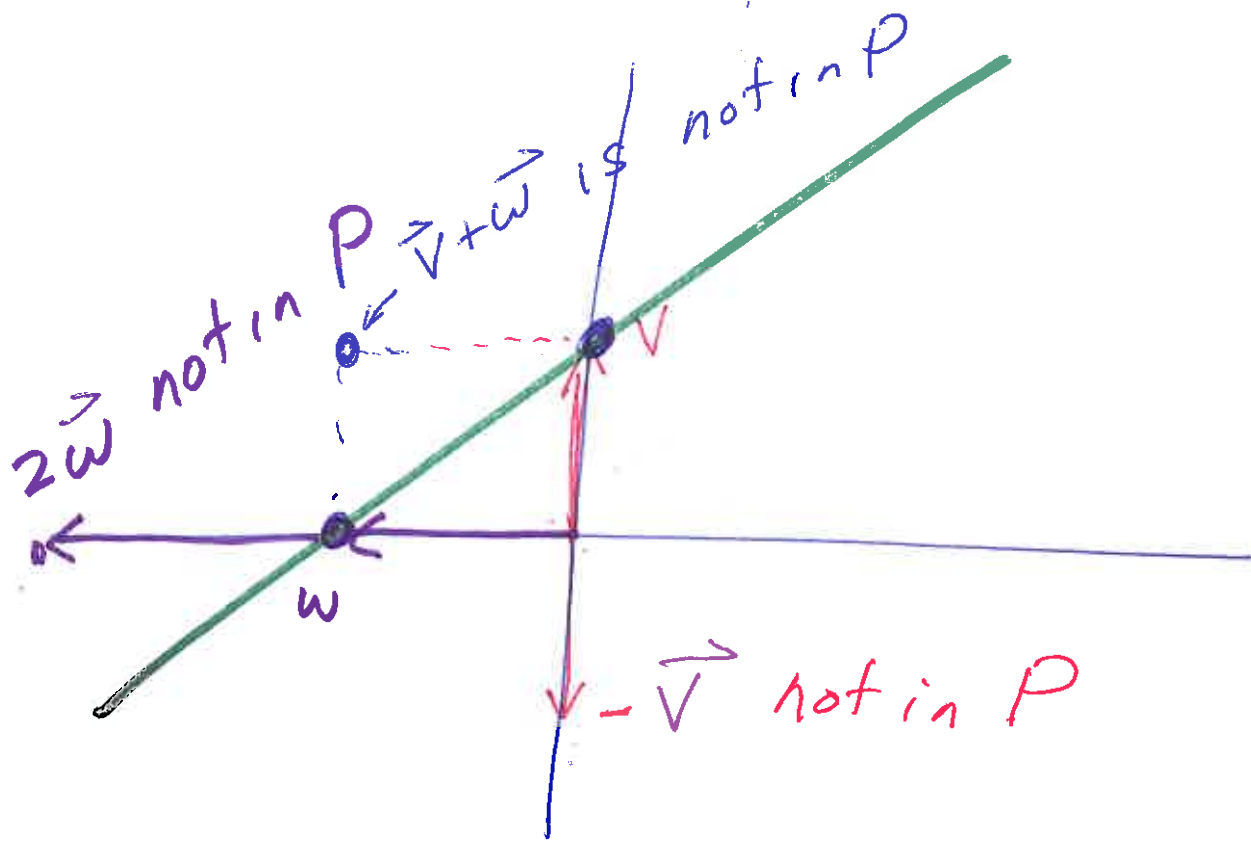
$v$  is in  $P$

$-v$  is not in  $P$



Subspace

$P$  is not a subspace



A basis is the smallest collection of vectors that span  $S$  not too large

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  $S$ . ← large enough to span  $S$

Examples

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

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, not lin indep

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

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~~ a smallest collection of vectors that span  $S$

Ex: Let  $S = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

The following are basis

$B_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  ~~✓~~

$B_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  ~~✓~~

$B_3 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  ~~✓~~

$$B_4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \pi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

is a basis  
for  $S$



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Not a basis for  $S$

$$A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\text{span}\{A\}$  is 1-dim

①  $A$  does not span  $S$

②  $A$  not lin indep

Not a basis for  $S$

$$C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{span } C \neq S$$

$C$  is a basis for  $\text{span } C$   
but  $C$  is NOT a basis for  $S$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $C$  but  
not in  $S$

from  $\mathbb{R}^4$   
 $S = xy\text{-plane}$   
in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



# of elements in basis for nullspace = # of free variables

2.8 Subspaces of  $R^n$ .

Example: The nullspace of  $A$  is the solution set of  $Ax = 0$ .

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

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

echelon form

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

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

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

REF

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 9 & 12 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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

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

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

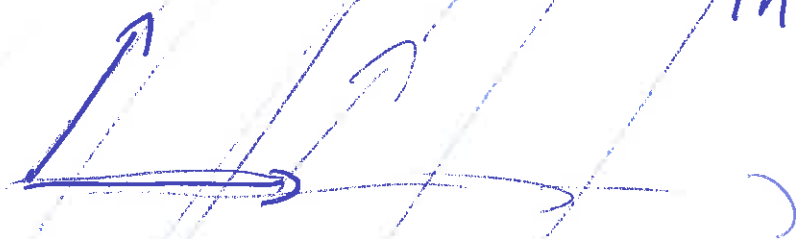
Nullspace of  $A$

= solution set  $Ax = 0$

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

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

= 2-dimensional plane living in  $\mathbb{R}^4$



Examples: Nullspace and Column Space.

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

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

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  $A$ .

*to find basis, remove un-needed vectors to make l.i.*

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

*pivot columns*

*free van columns*

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

*E.F.*

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

*Took pivot in columns original matrix A*

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

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

*pivot*

*to form basis*

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

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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?

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

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

*All have the same answer*

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:

*remove extra free variable columns*

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

*basis for col A*

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

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 2 & 9 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 22 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 & 31 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 9 & 4 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

*no sol'n*

pivot columns formed basis for Col A

rank A = Rank of a matrix A = dimension of Col A  
= number of pivot columns of A.

nullity of A = dimension of Nul A = number of free variables.

Basis theorem: Let H be a p-dimensional subspace of  $R^n$ . *Solved  $Ax=0$  rank basis using  $x_1 [ ] + x_2 [ ] + \dots$  sol'n which depends on free variables*

i.) If  $H = \text{span}\{w_1, \dots, w_p\}$ , then  $\{w_1, \dots, w_p\}$  is a basis for H. *get l.i. for free*

ii.) If  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  are linearly independent vectors in H, then  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is a basis for H. *get spanning for free*

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

Ex. 1) Suppose A is a  $5 \times 7$  matrix.

If Rank(A) = 4 then nullity(A) = 3 *7 - 4 = 3*

$Ax = 0$  has infinite # of solutions.

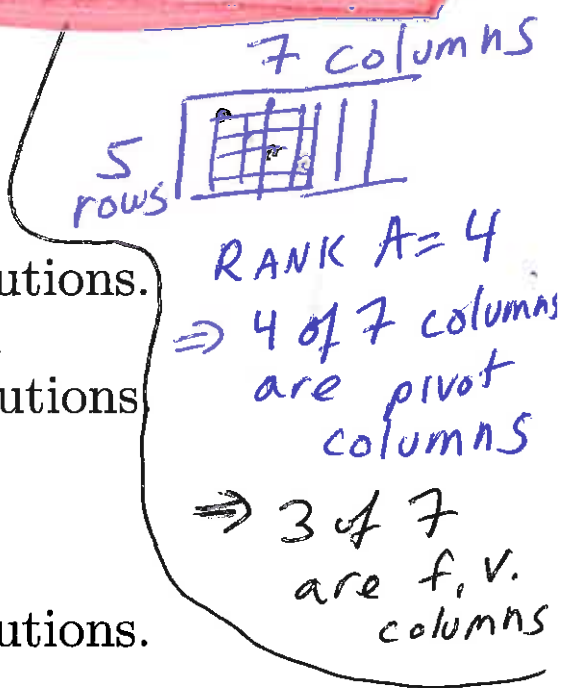
*5 rows 4 pivots*  $Ax = b$  has no sol'n or infinite # solutions

If Rank(A) = 5, then nullity(A) =

$Ax = 0$  has \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.

$Ax = b$  has \_\_\_\_\_ solutions.

If Rank(A) = 5, the column space of A =



$$[\text{RANK}(A)] + \text{nullity}(A) = \# \text{ of col of } A$$

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$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of pivot} \\ \text{columns} \end{array} \right) + \left( \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of} \\ \text{free variable} \\ \text{columns} \end{array} \right) = \# \text{ of} \\ \text{col of } A$$