

To receive credit, the solution to problems will be clearly presented. Partial credit will not be awarded for problems worked without comments. Unwanted work should be completely erased or clearly scratched out.

1.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 = R_3 + R_1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 & 14 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$ . What is  $\dim(\text{col}(A))$ ?  
 (b) Find a basis for  $\text{nul}(A)$ . What is  $\dim(\text{nul}(A))$ ?  
 (c) Find a basis for  $\text{row}(A)$ . What is  $\dim(\text{row}(A))$ ?

$$R_3 = R_3 + 2R_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_3 = -\frac{1}{3}R_3 \text{ then } r_i = R_i - 2R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7/3 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) A basis for  $\text{col}(A)$  are the pivots

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \dim(\text{col}(A)) = 2$$

(b) A basis for  $\text{row}(A)$  is  $\{ [1 \ 2 \ 4 \ 1], [2 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1] \} \dim(\text{row}(A)) = 2$

(c) The solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  is of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2/3c - 1/3d \\ -7/3c - 1/3d \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = c \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -7/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dim(\text{nul}(A))$

$$\text{A basis for nul}(A) \text{ is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 \\ -7/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1/3 \\ -1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

or we can take

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

2. Assume that  $A$  is a  $5 \times 9$  matrix. Justify your answers.

- (a) If  $A$  has two pivot columns, what is  $\dim(\text{col}(A))$  and  $\dim(\text{nul}(A))$ ?  
 (b) Is it possible for  $A$  to be onto? If no, explain why. If yes, what is  $\dim(\text{col}(A))$  and  $\dim(\text{nul}(A))$ ?  
 (c) Is it possible for  $A$  to be 1-to-1? If no, explain why. If yes, what is  $\dim(\text{col}(A))$  and  $\dim(\text{nul}(A))$ ?

(a)  $\dim(\text{col}(A)) = 2$  and  $\dim(\text{nul}(A)) = 9 - 2 = 7$

(b) onto  $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{col}(A)) = 5$  so  $\dim(\text{nul}(A)) = 9 - 5 = 4$

(c) 1-to-1  $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{nul}(A)) = 0 \Rightarrow \dim(\text{col}(A)) = 9$  NO the  $\dim$  of the codomain is only 5!

3. Bonus: Verify that the basis vectors found in 1(a) and 1(b) are linearly independent.