

## 4.1 Orthogonality of the Four Subspaces

Note Title

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3. Construct a matrix with the required property or say why that is impossible:

(a) Column space contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , nullspace contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(b) Row space contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , nullspace contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(c)  $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has a solution and  $A^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(d) Every row is orthogonal to every column ( $A$  is not the zero matrix)

(e) Columns add up to a column of zeros, rows add to a row of 1's.

$$(a) 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ so } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \perp \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ but } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \not\perp \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore$  impossible

$$(c) Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in col. sp. of } A.$$

$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  must be  $\perp$  to left nullspace of  $A$ .

$A^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [100]A = [000]$ , so  
[100] must be in left nullspace of  $A$ ,  
so  $[100] \perp \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , but they aren't  $\perp$ ,

$\therefore$  impossible.

(d).  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(e) Columns add up to a col. of zeros  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in nullspace

Rows add up to a row of 1's  $\Rightarrow [11\dots1]$  is  
in row space.

$\therefore$  The  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $[11\dots1]$  must be  $\perp$ ,

which is impossible because dot product  
equals  $1+1+1\dots+1 \neq 0$ .

5.

(a) If  $Ax = b$  has a solution and  $A^T y = 0$ , then  $y$  is perpendicular to \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) If  $A^T y = c$  has a solution and  $Ax = 0$ , then  $x$  is perpendicular to \_\_\_\_\_.

(a)  $A^T y = 0 \Rightarrow y^T A = 0, \therefore y^T (Ax) = (y^T A)x$

$$= (0)x = 0. \therefore 0 = y^T(Ax) = y^T(b), \text{ so } y \perp b.$$

$$(6) A^T y = c \Rightarrow y^T A = c^T \Rightarrow (y^T A)x = c^T x$$

$$\therefore y^T(Ax) = y^T 0 = 0, \text{ so } c^T x = 0,$$

$$\therefore x \perp c.$$

6. This is a system of equations  $Ax = b$  with *no solution*:

$$x + 2y + 2z = 5$$

$$2x + 2y + 3z = 5$$

$$3x + 4y + 5z = 9$$

Find numbers  $y_1, y_2, y_3$  to multiply the equations so they add to  $0 = 1$ . You have found a vector  $y$  in which subspace? Its dot product  $y^T b$  is 1.

$$[y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3] A = 0 \Rightarrow [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3] \text{ in } \underline{\text{left}}$$

nullspace of  $A$ . By inspection,  $[y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3] = [1 \ 1 \ -1]$

$$\text{And } [1 \ 1 \ -1] \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = 1 = y^T b.$$

9.

If  $Ax$  is in the nullspace of  $A^T$  then  $Ax = 0$ . Reason:  $Ax$  is also in the \_\_\_\_\_ of  $A$  and the spaces are \_\_\_\_\_. Conclusion:  $A^T A$  has the same nullspace as  $A$ .

$Ax$  is in the column space of  $A$ . Since Col. sp. of  $A$  is orthogonal to left nullspace of  $A$ ,

Then  $Ax$  is perpendicular to any element in left nullspace of  $A$ .

$\therefore$  If  $Ax \in$  nullspace of  $A^T$ , Then  $Ax \perp Ax$ .

$\therefore Ax = 0$ .

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Let  $x \in N(A)$ .  $\therefore Ax = 0$ , so  $A^T Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N(A^T A)$ .

Now suppose  $x \in N(A^T A)$ .  $\therefore A^T Ax = 0$ , so  $Ax \in N(A^T)$ , and from above  $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N(A)$ .

$\therefore N(A) = N(A^T A)$

10. Suppose  $A$  is a symmetric matrix ( $A^T = A$ ).

(a) Why is its column space perpendicular to its nullspace?

(b) If  $Ax = 0$  and  $Az = 5z$ , which subspaces contain these "eigenvectors"  $x$  and  $z$ ? Symmetric matrices have perpendicular eigenvectors.

(a) For  $A^T = A$ , column space = row space. Since  $N(A)$  is  $\perp$  row space, it is  $\therefore \perp$  col. space.

(b)  $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N(A)$ , and since  $N(A) \perp$  row

space, and row space = col. space, Then  
 $N(A) \perp C(A)$ . But  $Az = Sz \Rightarrow Sz$ , and  
 $\therefore z_1$  is  $\in C(A)$ .  
 $\therefore x \perp z$ , so  $x^T \cdot z = 0$

23. If a subspace  $S$  is contained in a subspace  $V$ , prove that  $S^\perp$  contains  $V^\perp$ .

Let  $v^T \in V^\perp$ ,  $v \in V$ .  $\therefore v^T \cdot v = 0$   
 If  $s \in S$ , then  $s \in V$ , since  $S \subset V$ .  
 $\therefore v^T \cdot s = 0 \Rightarrow$  every element of  $V^\perp$  is  
 perpendicular to every element of  $S$ .  
 $\therefore v^T \in V^\perp \Rightarrow v^T \in S^\perp$   
 $\therefore V^\perp \subset S^\perp$ .

25. Find  $A^T A$  if the columns of  $A$  are unit vectors, all mutually perpendicular.

Let  $a_i$  be any column of  $A$ . Then  $a_i \cdot a_i = 1$ ,  
 since the cols. are unit vectors.  
 Also,  $a_i \cdot a_j = 0$ , when  $i \neq j$ .

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow a_1 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow a_2 \rightarrow \\ \vdots \\ \leftarrow a_n \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \\ a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

30. Suppose  $A$  is 3 by 4 and  $B$  is 4 by 5 and  $AB = 0$ . Prove  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) \leq 4$ .

$$\dim N(A) = 4 - \text{rank}(A).$$

Since  $AB = 0$ , columns of  $B$  are in  $N(A)$ .  
 $\therefore \text{rank}(B) \leq \dim N(A)$

$$\therefore \text{rank}(B) \leq 4 - \text{rank}(A) \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) \leq 4$$