



MATH 124: Matrixology (Linear Algebra)
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University of Vermont, Spring 2015



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Sections covered: 3.6, 4.1, 4.2.

Some useful reminders:

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Textbook: "Introduction to Linear Algebra" (3rd or 4th edition) by Gilbert Strang (published by Wellesley-Cambridge Press).

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- All questions are worth 3 points unless marked otherwise.
 - Please use a cover sheet and write your name on the back and the front of your assignment.
 - You must show all your work clearly.
 - You may use Matlab to check your answers for non-Matlab questions (usually Qs. 1–8).
 - Please list the names of other students with whom you collaborated.

1. Find bases for the four subspaces associated with A , possibly known as Prince Humperdinck:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

You can do this most easily and most joyfully by finding the reduced row form of both A and A^T .

2. True or false (give a reason if true or a counterexample if false):
 - (a) If $m = n$ then the row space of A equals the column space.
 - (b) The matrices A and $-A$ share the same four subspaces.
 - (c) If A and B share the same four subspaces then A is a multiple of B .
3. Suppose the 3 by 3 matrix \mathbf{A} is invertible (hint: what will \mathbf{R}_A be?). Write down bases for the four subspaces of \mathbf{A} , and also for the 3 by 6 matrix $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{A} \ \mathbf{A}]$ (i.e., two copies of \mathbf{A} placed side by side).

4. Draw the 'big picture' for the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Hint: first find the rank r , and the dimensions and bases for all four subspaces.)

On your diagram, please indicate subspace name, dimensions, and indicate how a point in row space maps to column space.

Note: this is not the abstract big picture but rather the particular big picture of this A . So please sketch the actual subspaces of A .

5. If S is a subspace of a vector space V , then we use the notation S^\perp for its orthogonal complement.

(a) If S is the subspace of R^3 containing only the zero vector, what is S^\perp ?

(b) If S is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, what is S^\perp ?

(c) If S is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, what is S^\perp ?

6. Construct a matrix with the required property or explain why you can't:

(a) Row space contains $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, and nullspace contains $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ has a solution and $A^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

7. Find \vec{p} , the projection of \vec{b} onto the vector \vec{a} given

$$\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Also write down the error vector \vec{e} and check for orthogonality: $\vec{p}^T \vec{e} = 0$ (calculus notation: $\vec{p} \cdot \vec{e} = 0$).

8. (Q 3ish, Section 4.2)

For the preceding problem, find the projection 3×3 matrix $P = \vec{a}\vec{a}^T / (\vec{a}^T \vec{a})$. Verify that $P\vec{b} = \vec{p}$ and show that $P^2 = P$.

(The value in having P is that we can reuse it to project any \vec{b} . I know this is exciting for you.)

9. Matlab question:

Taking the same matrix from the previous assignment:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

use Matlab's `rref` command to find the following matrices along with a basis for the row space of each:

- (a) \mathbf{R}_A ,
- (b) \mathbf{R}_{AA^T} ,
- (c) $\mathbf{R}_{A^T A}$.

Optional: Note any connections between these bases. Can you explain them?

10. Matlab question:

Taking the transpose of the matrix in the preceding question

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

use Matlab's `rref` command to find a basis for the row space of \mathbf{A}^T by first finding the reduced row echelon form \mathbf{R}_{A^T} .

In terms of \mathbf{A} 's four fundamental subspaces, note which one this basis is for, and show its dimensions make sense with your knowledge of m , n , and r .

Optional: do you see any connection to the reduced row echelon forms in the preceding question?

11. (Bonus, 1 point)

What's the main ingredient in vegemite?