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last time

→ focused on basis for $R(\underline{A})$... i.e.
how do we construct one?

Prop. If the pivot columns of $\text{ref}(\underline{A}) = \underline{U}$ has indices $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r$, then the columns of $\underline{A}$ with indices $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r$ form a basis for $R(\underline{A})$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{span}(\{ \underline{A}(:, c_j) : j=1, \dots, r \}) = R(\underline{A}).$$

and $\{ \underline{A}(:, c_j) \}$ is a linearly independent set of vectors.

Fact. $N(\underline{A}) = N(\text{ref}(\underline{A}))$, so
a basis for $N(\underline{A})$ may be found
by solving

$$\text{ref}(\underline{A}) \underline{x} = \underline{U} \underline{x} = \underline{0}.$$

Ex: $\underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \underline{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Pivot columns have indices $c_1=1, c_2=2$,

so $\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \}$ is a basis for $R(\underline{A})$.

To compute a basis for $N(\underline{A})$, let's solve:

$$\underline{U} \underline{x} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = 0$$

$$\text{and } x_1 + x_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0.$$

$$\text{So } N(\underline{A}) = \{ \underline{0} \}.$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & \pi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & \pi-5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pivot column indices are $c_1=1, c_2=2$, so

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $R(\underline{A})$.

To compute a basis for $N(\underline{A})$, we solve:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & \pi-5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x_2 + (\pi-5)x_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{\pi-5}{2} x_3.$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 5x_3 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -x_2 - 5x_3 = \frac{5-\pi}{2}x_3 - \frac{5}{2}x_3 \\ = -\frac{(5+\pi)}{2}x_3.$$

So, an element in $N(\underline{A})$ takes the form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(5+\pi)}{2} \\ \frac{\pi-5}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$N(\underline{A}) = \text{span} \left(\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(5+\pi)}{2} \\ \frac{\pi-5}{2} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}}_{\text{basis!}} \right).$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \underline{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pivot column indices are $c_1=1, c_2=3$,

so a basis for $R(\underline{A})$ is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

To compute a basis for $N(\underline{A})$, we solve:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x_3 + 4x_4 = 0, \Rightarrow x_3 = -4x_4.$$

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -3x_2 - 2x_4,$$

So, an element in $N(\underline{A})$ looks like:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3x_2 - 2x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -4x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So a basis is } \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$