

Ex. 3

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 - 9x_5 = 17$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 - 3x_5 = 6$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 - 5x_5 = 8$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 - 8x_5 = 14$$

or $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{4,5}(\mathbb{R}),$$

(coefficient
matrix)

$$\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \text{ (unknown)}$$

$$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 6 \\ 8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ (constant vector)}$$

Plug it into Wolfram to get

$$B := \text{rref}(A|\vec{b}) =$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

independent variables / linearly dep. columns on the pivot cols.

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pivots

From this we see that a basis for the row space

is (ignoring the augmented part for now)

$$\beta_{\text{row space of } A} = (\vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2, \vec{B}_3)$$

$$= (\langle 1, 0, 2, 0, -2 \rangle, \langle 0, 1, -1, 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 0, 0, 1, -2 \rangle)$$

Also, columns $\vec{b}_1 = \vec{e}_1$, $\vec{b}_2 = \vec{e}_2$, $\vec{b}_4 = \vec{e}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ are linearly independent, ~~and~~

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{b}_3 &= 2\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2 \\ \vec{b}_5 &= -2\vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2 - 2\vec{b}_4 \end{aligned} \right\} \in \text{span}(\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3)$$

so the corresponding columns ^{in A} satisfy the same relations,

$$\vec{a}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{a}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{a}_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

are linearly indep., and

$$\vec{a}_3 = 2\vec{a}_1 - \vec{a}_2, \quad \vec{a}_5 = -2\vec{a}_1 + \vec{a}_2 - 2\vec{a}_4 \in \text{span}(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_4)$$

so a basis for the image of A is

$$B_{imA} = (\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_4) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

We could compute $P = E_p E_{p-1} \dots E_1 \in GL(4, \mathbb{R})$ by running through the row reduction of $(A|b)$, & doing this gives



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so, according to Wolfram,

$$P^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $\vec{p}_1 = \vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{p}_2 = \vec{a}_2 \quad \vec{p}_3 = \vec{a}_4 \quad \vec{p}_4 = \vec{e}_4$

Of course, we could've gotten the 1st 3 columns of P by noting

$$\begin{aligned} P\vec{b}_1 &= P\vec{e}_1 = \vec{p}_1 = \vec{a}_1 \\ P\vec{b}_2 &= P\vec{e}_2 = \vec{p}_2 = \vec{a}_2 \end{aligned}$$

but \vec{p}_4 , we can't get this way.

But as it turns out, we don't need \vec{p}_4 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{im } A &\ni \vec{y} = I_4 \vec{y} \\
 &= (P^{-1}P)(A\vec{x}) \\
 &= P^{-1}((PA)\vec{x}) \\
 &= (\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \vec{a}_4 \ \vec{p}_4) (B\vec{x}) \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \text{let's suppose unknown} \\
 &= (\vec{a}_1 \ \vec{a}_2 \ \vec{a}_4 \ \vec{p}_4) \begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{B}_2 \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{B}_3 \cdot \vec{x} \\ \vec{B}_4 \cdot \vec{x} \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow = \vec{0} \\
 &\quad \text{see } \vec{B}_4 = \vec{0} \\
 &= (\vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_1 + (\vec{B}_2 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_2 + (\vec{B}_3 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_4 \quad (+ \underbrace{0 \vec{p}_4}_{=\vec{0}})
 \end{aligned}$$

so again (but slightly differently),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{im } A &= \text{span}(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3) \leftarrow \text{very generally} \\
 &= \left\{ (\vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_1 + (\vec{B}_2 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_2 + (\vec{B}_3 \cdot \vec{x}) \vec{a}_4 \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

* Note that \vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2 & \vec{B}_3 span the row space of A , which is orthog. to $\ker A$, so any $\vec{x} \in \ker A$ automatically satisfies

$\vec{B}_i \cdot \vec{x} = 0$. Thus, only $\vec{x} \in \text{span}(\vec{A}_1, \dots, \vec{A}_4)$
 $= \text{span}(\vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2, \vec{B}_3)$,
 i.e. only \vec{x} of the form

$$\vec{x} = a\vec{B}_1 + b\vec{B}_2 + c\vec{B}_3, \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

are sent to a nonzero \vec{y} in $\text{im } A$, & so

$$\text{im } A = \left\{ (\vec{B}_1 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{a}_1 + (\vec{B}_2 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{a}_2 + (\vec{B}_3 \cdot \vec{x})\vec{a}_4 \mid \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ a\vec{a}_1 + b\vec{a}_2 + c\vec{a}_4 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span}(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_4)$$

and in fact we gain little by worrying about

\vec{B}_1, \vec{B}_2 & \vec{B}_3 dotting \vec{x} ! (Except understanding somewhat better why this is the case!)

Finally, the kernel: parametrize $x_3 = s, x_5 = t \Rightarrow$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -2s + 2t \\ x_2 = s - t \\ x_3 = 2t \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = s \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_1} + t \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\vec{u}_2}$$

so a basis for the kernel is

$$\beta_{\ker A} = (\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Since the solutions are merely a coset of $\ker A$ (a translation of $\ker A$ by a constant vector, $\vec{s}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^4$, ~~any~~ any particular solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$), we merely need to find \vec{s}_0 to complete the job. Now, ~~the~~ the last column in $\text{rref}(A|\vec{b})$ is

$$P\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and since we parametrized x_3 & x_5 , leaving x_1, x_2, x_4 ~~is~~ dependent on x_3 & x_5 , the 3 & the 1 go to the dependent x_1 & x_2 , while the 2 goes to x_4 , the third dep. variable, giving us

$$\vec{s}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^5$$

Let's verify that in fact $\vec{s}_0 \in S_{A,b}$:

$$A\vec{s}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 6+3+8 \\ 3+1+2 \\ 3+1+4 \\ 6+2+6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 6 \\ 8 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{b}$$



Thus,

$$S_{A,b} = \ker A + \vec{s}_0 \quad (= \{ \vec{x} + \vec{s}_0 \mid \vec{x} \in \ker A \})$$

$$= \text{span}(\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2) + \vec{s}_0$$

$$= \left\{ a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

