

**Math 20580 L.A. and D.E. Tutorial
Worksheet 4**

1. Given the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$, find a basis for $\text{Row}(A)$, $\text{Col}(A)$, $\text{Null}(A)$.

What are dimensions of $\text{Row}(A)$, $\text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Null}(A)$?

Hint: the first step is to row reduce A . Then, the non-zero rows will form a basis of $\text{Row}(A)$, and pivots will indicate which columns of A form a basis of $\text{Col}(A)$ (but we do not pick columns of a REF of A for a basis of $\text{Col}(A)$!). For $\text{Null}(A)$, augment A by zero and solve the resulting system.

Solution: Row reduce A

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We see that a basis for $\text{Row}(A)$ is $\{[1 \ -1 \ -2 \ -3], [0 \ 0 \ -1 \ 5], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 12]\}$. Thus, dimension of $\text{Row}(A)$ is 3, which is number of nonzero rows in REF of A . A basis for $\text{Col}(A)$ can be chosen as the first, the third and the fourth columns of A :

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Dimension of the $\text{Col}(A)$ is 3, same as for $\text{Row}(A)$. Thus, dimension of $\text{Null}(A)$ is $4-3=1$ (Rank Thm), or you can find it from a basis of $\text{Null}(A)$. For the null space,

augment A by zero and solve $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. The solution is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, a basis for $\text{Null}(A)$ can be chosen as $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

2. Let $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$; $\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ be two bases for \mathbb{R}^2 , find $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$.

Solution: To solve two systems simultaneously, augment the coefficient matrix by \mathbf{b}_1 and \mathbf{b}_2 :

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 3 & -6 & 3 \\ -4 & -5 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & \frac{27}{7} & \frac{-12}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{-23}{7} & \frac{11}{7} \end{array} \right]$$

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{27}{7} & \frac{-12}{7} \\ \frac{-23}{7} & \frac{11}{7} \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Let \mathcal{B} denote the basis of \mathbb{R}^3 given by $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and let \mathbf{v} denote the vector $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the coordinates $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ of \mathbf{v} with respect to \mathcal{B} .

Solution:

We have to solve the linear system with augmented matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ & \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/3 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$ is $\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$.

4. Suppose that $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$ and $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2\}$ are two bases for \mathbb{R}^2 . Also suppose that the change-of-coordinate matrix **from** \mathcal{B} **to** \mathcal{C} is given as $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. For $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}_1 - 3\mathbf{b}_2$, what is $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{C}}$, the \mathcal{C} -coordinate for \mathbf{v} ?

Solution:

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{b}_1 - 3\mathbf{b}_2 \text{ means that } [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So

$$[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. Find \mathcal{C} if $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ from Question 4.

Solution:

We want to find the vectors $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2$ in standard coordinates. Here are two solutions:

Solution 1: Perhaps you started by interpreting what the change-of-coordinate matrix $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ is doing. The matrix $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$ tells us that

- $\mathbf{b}_1 = 3\mathbf{c}_1 + 5\mathbf{c}_2$, and

$$\text{(Reason: } [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{b}_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{.)}$$

- $\mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{c}_1 + 2\mathbf{c}_2$.

$$\text{(Reason: } [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{b}_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{.)}$$

Now this is not super helpful since we are given $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2$ and we are trying to find $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2$, but the inverse of $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$, which is the change-of-coordinate matrix $P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$ from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{B} , will give us $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2$ as linear combinations of $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2$, i.e.

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = ?\mathbf{b}_1 + ?\mathbf{b}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = ?\mathbf{b}_1 + ?\mathbf{b}_2.$$

We compute the inverse of $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$:

$$(P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3(2) - 1(5)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$\bullet \mathbf{c}_1 = 2\mathbf{b}_1 - 5\mathbf{b}_2 = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\bullet \mathbf{c}_2 = -\mathbf{b}_1 + 3\mathbf{b}_2 = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution 2: We know that $[\mathbf{c}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and that $\mathbf{c}_1 = [\mathbf{c}_1]_{std} = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} [\mathbf{c}_1]_{\mathcal{C}}$, so we would be almost done if we could find the change-of-coordinate matrix $P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$ from \mathcal{C} to std .

Since $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, we have the change-of-coordinate matrix from \mathcal{B} to std :

$$P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We are also given the change-of-coordinate matrix from \mathcal{B} to \mathcal{C} :

$$P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So,

$$P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} P_{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} (P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1}.$$

We compute the inverse of $P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}$:

$$(P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3(2) - 1(5)} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we can compute $P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$:

$$P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{B}} (P_{\mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Finally, we can find \mathbf{c}_1 :

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} [\mathbf{c}_1]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is the first column of $P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$.

Similarly, \mathbf{c}_2 is

$$\mathbf{c}_2 = P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}} [\mathbf{c}_2]_{\mathcal{C}} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which is the second column of $P_{std \leftarrow \mathcal{C}}$.

6. Consider the basis $\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ for \mathbb{R}^3 . If $[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find \mathbf{x} .

Solution:

$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ means that the coordinates of \mathbf{x} relative to the \mathcal{B} basis is $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so

$$\mathbf{x} = -1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}.$$