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**Tutorial 6**

1. (a) Find a basis for the (i) row space; (ii) column space; (iii) nullspace of the following matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Verify the Dimension Theorem for matrices.  
(c) Extend the basis found in (a) for the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  to a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . (Extend means add vectors into the set of basis vectors).

2. Let  $H = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$  and  $K = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{u}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -12 \\ -28 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $H$  and  $K$  are both planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the origin and they intersect in a line  $L$  that passes through the origin. Find a basis for  $L$ .

3. Determine which of the following statements are true and which are false. Justify your answers.

- (a) If  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  is a homogeneous linear system and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $10 \times 12$  matrix, then it is possible that the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  can be represented by

$$n(\mathbf{A}) = \{k\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v} \text{ is a non-zero vector}, k \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

- (b) There is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\dim(\text{row space of } \mathbf{A}) = \dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{A}) = 3$  and row space of  $\mathbf{A} = \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$ .  
(c) There is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\dim(\text{row space of } \mathbf{A}) = \dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{A}) = 3$  and row space of  $\mathbf{A} \neq \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$ .

4. Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $n \times p$  matrix.

- (a) Show that  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ .  
(b) Hence, or otherwise, show that if  $\mathbf{P}$  is a  $m \times m$  invertible matrix, then  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{PA}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ .

5. Let  $G$  be a digraph of order  $n$ . Suppose the adjacency matrix of  $G$  is defined as follows:

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |i - j| \text{ is odd;} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Show that  $G$  has no cliques.