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**Tutorial 7**

1. Let  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 1, 0, -1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, -1, 0, 0, 3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 1, 3, -1, 1)$  and  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ .
  - (a) Show that  $S$  is a linearly independent set.
  - (b) Let  $W = \text{span}(S)$ . Find  $W^\perp$ . (See Example 14.6 for definition of  $W^\perp$ .)
  - (c) Find a basis for  $W^\perp$  and state the dimension of  $W^\perp$ .
  - (d) What do you observe about  $\dim(W) + \dim(W^\perp)$ ?
  
2. Let  $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 1, 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_2 = (4, 1, 3, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_3 = (2, 3, 1, -1)$  and  $V = \text{span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3)$ .
  - (a) Write down a homogeneous linear system with 2 equations and 4 unknowns such that the solution space is  $V$ .
  - (b) Find a basis for  $V$ .
  - (c) Find an orthonormal basis for  $V$ .
  - (d) Suppose the basis you found in (c) is  $S$ . Consider  $\mathbf{w} = (0, 1, 2, 3)$ . Determine if  $\mathbf{w} \in V$ . If yes, find  $(\mathbf{w})_S$  and if not, find the projection of  $\mathbf{w}$  on  $V$ .
  
3. Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 1 & -9 & -11 & -13 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ .
  - (a) We have already seen that elementary row operations preserve the row space of a matrix but not the column space. Do elementary row operations preserve the nullspace of a matrix?
  - (b) Show that  $(-1, 2, -1, 0, 1)^T$ ,  $(0, 2, 0, -1, 1)^T$  and  $(-3, 0, -2, 1, 1)^T$  form a basis for the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
  
4. Let  $\mathbf{w}_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_2 = (1, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{w}_3 = (1, 2, -1)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $S_1 = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (b) Using  $S_1$ , find an orthonormal basis  $S'_1$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (c) Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{A}$  is invertible.
  - (d) Show that  $S_2 = \{\mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{w}_3\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (e) Using  $S_2$ , find another orthonormal basis  $S'_2$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (f) Find an orthogonal matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  such that

$$\mathbf{P}[\mathbf{w}]_{S'_2} = [\mathbf{w}]_{S'_1}$$

for all  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .