

## Complete Solutions to Exercises 5.3

1. (a) We need to find the kernel, range and dimensions of the given transformation. Let

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) For  $\ker(T)$  we need to find  $x$  and  $y$  values which produce the zero vector under the linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$ :

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have the simultaneous equations

$$x + 2y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 2y = 0$$

This gives  $x = -2y$  and let  $y = r$  where  $r$  is any real number then  $x = -2r$ .

The vector which gives the zero vector after transformation is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -2r \\ r \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{Hence } \ker(T) = \left\{ r \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid r \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(ii) What does  $\text{nullity}(T)$  mean?

It is the dimension of  $\ker(T)$ . How can we find the dimension of

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ r \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid r \in \mathbb{R} \right\}?$$

The dimension is the number of vectors in a basis for  $\ker(T)$ . What is a basis for  $\ker(T)$ ?

$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\ker(T)$ . Since there is **only** one vector in the basis therefore

$$\text{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T)) = 1$$

(iii) How do we find the range of the given linear transformation

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}?$$

Writing out the equations we have

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + 2y \\ x + 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

Both the entries in the vector belonging to the range are identical, that is

$$\text{range}(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(iv) What does  $\text{rank}(T)$  mean?

It is the dimension of the range of the transformation. Since  $\text{range}(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

therefore a basis for this space is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  which means it has dimension of 1 because we only have one vector in the basis. Thus

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\text{range}(T)) = 1$$

(b) In this case we have  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  because  $\mathbf{v}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(i) To find the kernel of the given transformation we substitute the above into  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

Opening up this matrix gives  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$  and  $z=0$ . Thus the kernel is the zero vector, that is  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

(ii) What does the term *nullity*( $T$ ) mean?

It is the dimension of  $\ker(T)$ . What is the dimension of  $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ?

Zero because the definition of dimension of the zero vector is 0. Thus  $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$ .

(iii) What is the range of the given linear transformation?

We have

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

The arbitrary vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  maps to  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$  under the transformation  $T$  therefore  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(iv) The rank is the dimension of  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}^3$ . Hence

$$\text{rank}(T) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$$

(c) We are given  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 4 & 12 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}.$$

(i) For the kernel of the linear transformation we have

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 4 & 12 & 20 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Labelling rows and using row operations we have

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 12 & 20 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 - 4R_1 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad (*)$$

From the first row we have  $x + 3y + 5z = 0$  which gives  $x = -3y - 5z$ . This means we have 2 free variables,  $y$  and  $z$ . Let  $y = s$  and  $z = t$  then  $x = -3s - 5t$ . Thus the kernel of the transformation is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3s - 5t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } \ker(T) = \left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

(ii) What is  $\text{nullity}(T)$  equal to?

It is dimension of  $\ker(T)$  found in part (i). What is the dimension of this space?

2 because a basis for  $\ker(T)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ , that is we need 2 basis vectors for the kernel

of the given linear transformation. Thus  $\text{nullity}(T) = 2$ .

(iii) What is the range of the given linear transformation?

By using (\*) in the above part (i) we have

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + 3y + 5z \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $x, y$  and  $z$  are real numbers. Since  $x, y$  and  $z$  are any real numbers therefore the range is the set of all real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ , that is  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}$ .

(iv) What is the rank of the linear transformation?

Rank is the dimension of the  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}$  which is 1. Thus  $\text{rank}(T) = 1$ .

(d) We need to find the kernel, range and dimensions of these spaces for the given linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{p}) = x\mathbf{p}'$ . Let  $\mathbf{p} = p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ .

(i) Remember the kernel of a transformation is the set which is transformed to the zero vector, that is  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{p}) &= x(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d)' \\ &= x(3ax^2 + 2bx + c) \\ &= 3ax^3 + 2bx^2 + cx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  and  $c = 0$  gives  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$ . This means that

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T) &= \{ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a = b = c = 0\} \\ &= \{d\} = \{d \mid d \in \mathbb{R}\} = P_0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the set of constant polynomials  $P_0$  is the kernel of  $T$ .

(ii) The nullity( $T$ ) is the dimension of the kernel of  $T$ . What is the dimension of  $\ker(T) = P_0$ ?

A basis for  $\ker(T) = P_0$  is  $\{1\}$  therefore  $\dim(\ker(T)) = 1$  because a basis contains only one vector.

(iii) What is range of the linear transformation?

The range is the set of vectors given by  $T(\mathbf{p})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{p}) &= x(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d)' \\ &= x(3ax^2 + 2bx + c) \\ &= 3ax^3 + 2bx^2 + cx \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T(\mathbf{p}) = 3ax^3 + 2bx^2 + cx$  is a cubic polynomial but excludes the constants. We have  $\text{range}(T) = \{dx^3 + ex^2 + fx \mid d \in \mathbb{R}, e \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } f \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

(iv) Rank( $T$ ) is the dimension of  $\text{range}(T) = \{dx^3 + ex^2 + fx\}$ . Remember from our earlier work on basis, a basis for  $\{dx^3 + ex^2 + fx\}$  is  $\{x, x^2, x^3\}$ . This means the dimension of  $\text{range}(T)$  is 3 because we have 3 basis vectors. Thus Rank( $T$ ) = 3.

(e) Let  $\mathbf{p} = p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  because we are given  $T: P_3 \rightarrow P_2$  where  $P_3$  is the set of polynomials of degree 3 or less. The given transformation is defined as  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}'$ .

(i) The kernel of the transformation  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}'$  is the set of constant polynomials, that is  $\ker(T) = \{c \mid c \in \mathbb{R}\} = P_0$ .

(ii) The dimension of the kernel is 1 because a basis for  $\ker(T) = P_0$  is  $\{1\}$ .

(iii) What is the range of the given linear transformation?

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{p}) &= (ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d)' \\ &= 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \end{aligned}$$

The range is the vector space  $\{3ax^2 + 2bx + c \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$  which is the set of polynomials of degree 2 or less. Thus  $\text{range}(T) = P_2$ .

(iv) The rank of the given transformation is the dimension of the  $\text{range}(T) = P_2$ . What is the dimension of this space?

3 because  $\dim(P_k) = k + 1$  so  $\dim(P_2) = 3$ . Hence rank( $T$ ) = 3.

(f) We are given  $T: P_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$ . Let

$$\mathbf{p} = p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \quad [\text{Cubic Polynomial}]$$

(i) What is the kernel of this linear transformation?

The set of vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\mathbf{p}) &= \int_0^1 [ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d] dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{ax^4}{4} + \frac{bx^3}{3} + \frac{cx^2}{2} + dx \right]_0^1 \quad [\text{Integrating}] \\
 &= \frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{3} + \frac{c}{2} + d = 0 \quad [\text{Substituting limits}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the last line by 12 gives

$$3a + 4b + 6c + 12d = 0$$

$$a = -\frac{4}{3}b - 2c - 4d$$

$$\text{Hence } \ker(T) = \left\{ ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a = -\frac{4}{3}b - 2c - 4d \right\}.$$

(ii) The nullity( $T$ ) is the dimension of  $\ker(T)$ . What is the dimension of the kernel?

Since the variables  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are free in the above derivation:

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \mid a = -\frac{4}{3}b - 2c - 4d \right\}$$

Therefore  $\dim(\ker(T)) = 3$ .

[Alternatively if we want to find a basis for this then a lot more work is required as the following shows:

Substituting the above  $a = -\frac{4}{3}b - 2c - 4d$  into  $p(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x) &= ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \\
 &= \left( -\frac{4}{3}b - 2c - 4d \right) x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d \\
 &= \underbrace{\left( -\frac{4}{3}x^3 + x^2 \right)}_{\text{Factorising into } b, c \text{ and } d} b + (-2x^3 + x)c + (-4x^3 + 1)d \\
 &= \left( x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 \right) b + (x - 2x^3)c + (1 - 4x^3)d
 \end{aligned}$$

A basis for  $\ker(T)$  is  $\left\{ \left( x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 \right), (x - 2x^3), (1 - 4x^3) \right\}$ . This confirms the above that  $\dim(\ker(T)) = 3$ .

(iii) What is the range of the given linear transformation  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Range}(T) = T(\mathbf{p}) &= \int_0^1 p(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{a}{4} + \frac{b}{3} + \frac{c}{2} + d \quad [\text{By part (i)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are arbitrary real numbers therefore  $\text{range}(T)$  is the set of **all** real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . We have  $\text{range}(T) = \mathbb{R}$ .

(iv) What does the term rank of a linear transformation mean?

It is the dimension of the range which in this case is  $\text{range}(T) = \square$ . What is the dimension of  $\square$ ?

1. Thus  $\text{rank}(T) = 1$ .

(g) The given linear transformation  $T: M_{22} \rightarrow P_1$  is

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a+c)x + (b+d).$$

(i) What is the kernel of this transformation?

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  then the kernel is the set of matrices  $M_{22}$  which are transformed to the zero vector, that is  $T(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a+c)x + (b+d) = 0$$

This gives  $a+c=0$  and  $b+d=0$ . We have  $c=-a$  and  $d=-b$ . Hence the kernel of  $T$  is given by

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -a & -b \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

(ii) The nullity of  $T$  is the dimension of the kernel. How can we evaluate the dimension of the kernel?

By using row operations we have

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -a & -b \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 + R_1 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A basis for  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the set  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . What is the dimension of the kernel,

$$\ker(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -a & -b \end{pmatrix} \right\}?$$

2 because we only need 2 matrices in a basis for  $\ker(T)$ . Thus  $\text{nullity}(T) = 2$ .

(iii) What is the range of the given transformation  $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a+c)x + (b+d)$ ?

It is vectors  $T(\mathbf{v})$  which is same as the above

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a+c)x + (b+d)$$

The range is  $\{(a+c)x + (b+d)\}$  which is the set of linear polynomials, that is  $\text{range}(T) = P_1$ .

(iv) What is  $\text{rank}(T)$  equal to?

It is the dimension of the  $\text{range}(T) = P_1$ . Thus  $\text{rank}(T) = 2$  because  $\dim(P_k) = k+1$ .

2. (a) We are given  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . What is the dimension of the domain  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

The dimension of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is 2. We have  $n = 2$ . By solution to question 1(a) parts (ii) and (iv) we have

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

This verifies  $\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = n$ .

(b) For  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  we have the dimension of

the domain  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is 3, that is  $n = 3$ . What is the  $\text{nullity}(T)$  and  $\text{rank}(T)$  equal to in this case?

By solution to question 1(b) parts (ii) and (iv) we have

$$\text{nullity}(T) = 0 \text{ and } \text{rank}(T) = 3$$

Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 0 + 3 = 3 = n$$

(c) For  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 4 & 12 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$  we need to verify the

dimension theorem. What is the dimension,  $n$ , of the domain  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$n = 3$ . What is the  $\text{nullity}(T)$  and  $\text{rank}(T)$  equal to in this case?

By solution to question 1(c) parts (ii) and (iv) we have

$$\text{nullity}(T) = 2 \text{ and } \text{rank}(T) = 1$$

Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 2 + 1 = 3 = n$$

(d) We are given  $T: P_3 \rightarrow P_3$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = x\mathbf{p}'$ . What is the dimension,  $n$ , of the domain  $P_3$ ?

Since we need 4 vectors to form a basis for  $P_3$  therefore  $n = 4$ . What is the  $\text{nullity}(T)$  and  $\text{rank}(T)$  equal to?

$\text{nullity}(T) = 1$  and  $\text{rank}(T) = 3$ . Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 1 + 3 = 4 = n$$

(e) We have  $T: P_3 \rightarrow P_2$  given by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{p}'$ . What is the dimension,  $n$ , of the domain  $P_3$ ?

$n = 4$ . What is the  $\text{nullity}(T)$  and  $\text{rank}(T)$  equal to?

$\text{nullity}(T) = 1$  and  $\text{rank}(T) = 3$ . Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 1 + 3 = 4 = n$$

(f) We have  $T: P_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $T(\mathbf{p}) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$ . What is the dimension,  $n$ , of the domain  $P_3$ ?

$n = 4$ . What is the nullity( $T$ ) and rank( $T$ ) equal to?

nullity( $T$ ) = 3 and rank( $T$ ) = 1. Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 3 + 1 = 4 = n$$

(g) The given linear transformation  $T : M_{22} \rightarrow P_1$  is

$$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\right) = (a+c)x + (b+d)$$

What is the dimension,  $n$ , of the domain  $M_{22}$ ?

$n = 4$ . What is the nullity( $T$ ) and rank( $T$ ) equal to?

nullity( $T$ ) = 2 and rank( $T$ ) = 2. Thus

$$\text{nullity}(T) + \text{rank}(T) = 2 + 2 = 4 = n$$

3. (i) The kernel is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  because  $\mathbb{R}^5$  is the domain of  $T$ . How do we find a basis for  $\ker(T)$ ?

We need to place the above matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  into (reduced) row echelon form  $\mathbf{R}$  and then solve  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . The general solution  $\mathbf{x}$  gives a basis for the kernel.

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & -7 & -2 & 5 \\ 4 & 12 & 6 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & 0.4 & 1.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.4 & -0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the first two rows of  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  we have simultaneous equations:

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 9x_3 + 0.4x_4 + 1.8x_5 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$x_3 + 0.4x_4 - 0.2x_5 = 0 \quad (2)$$

From the bottom equation (2) we have  $x_3 = -0.4x_4 + 0.2x_5$ . Let  $x_4 = s$  and  $x_5 = t$  where  $s$  and  $t$  are any real numbers. We have  $x_3 = -0.4s + 0.2t$ . Substituting  $x_4 = s$ ,  $x_5 = t$  and  $x_3 = -0.4s + 0.2t$  into the top equation (1) gives

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 9(-0.4s + 0.2t) + 0.4s + 1.8t = 0$$

$$x_1 = -3x_2 + 3.6s - 1.8t - 0.4s - 1.8t$$

$$= -3x_2 + 3.2s - 3.6t$$

Let  $x_2 = r$  where  $r$  is any real number. We have

$$x_1 = -3r + 3.2s - 3.6t$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3r + 3.2s - 3.6t \\ r \\ -0.4s + 0.2t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = r \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 3.2 \\ 0 \\ -0.4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3.6 \\ 0 \\ 0.2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus a basis  $B$  for the kernel of  $T$  is given by

$$B = \left\{ (-3 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)^T, (3.2 \ 0 \ -0.4 \ 1 \ 0)^T, (-3.6 \ 0 \ 0.2 \ 0 \ 1)^T \right\}$$



(ii) A basis  $B'$  for the range of  $T$  can be found by determining the reduced row echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}^T$  (matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  transposed). The non-zero rows of this reduced row echelon form gives a basis for the range of  $T$ . We have

$$\mathbf{A}^t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 & 12 \\ 4 & -7 & 6 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}'$$

The first two rows of the reduced row echelon form matrix  $\mathbf{R}'$  is a basis for the range of  $T$ :

$$B' = \left\{ (1 \ 0 \ 8/3)^T, (0 \ 1 \ 2/3)^T \right\}$$

4. We need to prove for a linear transform  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  that

$$\text{range}(T) = \text{column space of matrix } \mathbf{A}$$

*Proof.*

The range of  $T$  is the actual arrival space in the codomain. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a  $m$  by  $n$  matrix and

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1 \ x_2 \ \cdots \ x_n)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} &= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= x_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} a_{13} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m3} \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + x_n \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_{13} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m3} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$  are the column vectors of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and (\*) is a

linear combination of these which means it is the column space of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence we have our result. ■