

1. Let  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be orthogonal projection onto the line containing  $\vec{v}$ .

(a) Find the matrix for  $T$ .

(b) Is the matrix for  $T$  invertible?

$$a) \frac{1}{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}} \vec{v} \vec{v}^T = \frac{1}{4+9+0} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [2 \ 3 \ 0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{13} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) No. Many ways to see this:

—  $T$  sends several several inputs to the same output

—  $\ker(T)$  includes  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

— RREF of matrix of  $T$  only has 2 pivots

— RREF of matrix of  $T$  has a row of all zeros.

—  $\text{im}(T) \neq \mathbb{R}^3$  (see p. 118 of textbook)

2. Consider the following matrix and its reduced row-echelon form:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad RREF(M) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find a basis for  $\ker M$

(b) Find three different bases for the image of  $M$ .

a) If  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \in \ker(M)$ , then  $\begin{matrix} x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Basis:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  (or:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , or  $2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , etc)

b)  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\},$

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  (RREF(M) tells us column 1 + 2 \* column 2 = column 3)

3. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for  $\ker A$ .

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow A \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \vec{0}$$

so  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \ker A$ . Similarly,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \ker A$ ,

Q Do  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\ker(A)$ ?

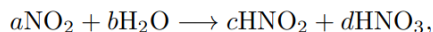
$\text{Im}(A)$  contains  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $\text{im}(A) \neq 0$ . Thus  $\dim(\text{im}(A)) \geq 1$ .

By rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim(\ker A) = \# \text{cols} - \dim(\text{im}(A))$

So  $\dim(\ker A) \leq 2$ . So  $\ker(A)$  is spanned by 2 vectors or fewer. Yes!

**Question 2** (10 points)

Consider the chemical reaction



where  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$  are unknown positive integers. The reaction must be **balanced**; that is, the number of atoms of nitrogen (N), oxygen (O), and hydrogen (H) must be the same before and after the reaction. The term  $b\text{H}_2\text{O}$  refers to  $b$  water molecules, which consists of  $2b$  hydrogen and  $b$  oxygen atoms. As customary, give the smallest possible positive integer solution.

- (a) (4 points) Set up a system in the unknowns.
- (b) (2 points) Label each equation with a unit. (What type of thing is being equated to what?)
- (c) (4 points) Solve the system to balance the reaction.

System (including “=” and right-hand side)

$$\begin{aligned} a &= c + d \\ 2a + b &= 2c + 3d \\ 2b &= c + d \end{aligned}$$

Units

$$\begin{aligned} \text{N atoms} \\ \text{O atoms} \\ \text{H atoms} \end{aligned}$$

Balanced reaction:

$$a = 2 \quad b = 1 \quad c = 1 \quad d = 1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$a = 2d, \quad b = d, \quad c = d$$

**Question 2** (11 points)

(a) (5 points) Determine if the vectors below are linearly independent.

$$\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (6 points) Let  $\vec{w}$  be the vector below, and let  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_3$  be as above. For which value(s) of  $b$  are the vectors  $\vec{v}_1$ ,  $\vec{w}$ , and  $\vec{v}_3$  linearly *dependent*?

$$\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ b \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$