

9. Find a basis for the vector space spanned by

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show your work. Check your answer.

We need a basis for the column space of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_3 \rightarrow -R_3$   
 $R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 - R_3$   
 $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The null space is all  $x = x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Cols 1, 2, 3 have pivots so  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  are a basis for the vector space spanned by  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$

The fact that  $\begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -2 \\ 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in the null space tells us that

$$v_4 = 8v_1 + 2v_2 - 5v_3. \quad \text{This is true } 8 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8-5 \\ 2 \\ 8 \\ 2-5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = v_4$$

This equation explains why  $v_4$  is not part of the basis.