

# HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT 3

Due: Monday Feb 24

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## PROBLEM 1: STRANG 3.1 #9, #10 PAGE 128

This problems tests your understanding of vector spaces and subspaces.

- (1) Find a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for which  $x+y$  stays in the set but  $\frac{1}{2}x$  may be outside for some  $x$  in the set.
- (2) Find a set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (other than two quarter-planes) for which every  $cx$  stays in the set but  $x+y$  may be outside.
- (3) Is the set of vectors  $(b_1, b_2, b_3)$  with  $b_1 = b_2$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ? Briefly explain why or why not.
- (4) Same as above, the set of vectors with  $b_1 b_2 b_3 = 0$ .
- (5) Same as above, the set of vectors with  $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3$ .

- Ans:
- 1)  $S = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \text{ are integers}\}$ , then  $x = (1, 0) \in S$ , but  $\frac{1}{2}x \notin S$
  - 2)  $S = \{(x, y) \mid x=0 \text{ or } y=0\}$ . then  $x = (1, 0), y = (0, 1) \in S$ ,  $x+y \notin S$ .
  - 3) Yes
  - 4) No.  $x = (1, 0, 0)$   $y = (0, 1, 1) \in S$ ,  $x+y = (1, 1, 1) \notin S$
  - 5) No.  $x = (1, 2, 3) \in S$ ,  $-x = (-1, -2, -3) \notin S$ .

Note: There can be quite different constructions for 1) and 2)

## PROBLEM 2: STRANG 3.4 #1 PAGE 163

Describe the column space and null space of  $A$ . Also compute the complete solution to  $Ax = b$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans:  $A \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

so  $C(A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ .

first we compute  $N(A) = \left\{ (x, y, z, w) \mid \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

note  $z, w$  are free. we get  $N(A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

a special solution is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  so a general solution is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} z + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} w$ .

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## PROBLEM 3: STRANG 3.4 #8 PAGE 164

Which vectors  $[b_1, b_2, b_3]$  are in the column space of  $A$ ? Which combinations of rows of  $A$  give the zero row? Answer these questions separately for these two choices of  $A$ :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ans:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $C(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $C(A) = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ .

## PROBLEM 4: STRANG 3.4 #18 PAGE 165

Compute the ranks of  $A$  and  $A^T$  (these might depend on  $q$ ). Show your work!

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & q \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ans:  $A \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & q-1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & q-2 \end{bmatrix}$

so if  $q=2$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T) = 2$

if  $q \neq 2$ ,  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T) = 3$ .

PROBLEM 5: STRANG 3.5 #2 PAGE 178

Find the largest possible number of linearly independent vectors among

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, v_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Explain how you found this number.

Ans:

$v_1, v_2, v_3$  are linearly independent, as can be seen by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is already in full-rank.}$$

now  $v_4 = v_2 - v_1, v_5 = v_3 - v_1, v_6 = v_3 - v_2.$

so the maximal number of linearly independent vectors is 3.

PROBLEM 6: STRANG 3.5 #25 PAGE 179

Decide the dependence or independence of

- (1) the vectors (1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3) and (3, 2, 1),
- (2) the vectors (1, -3, 2), (2, 1, -3) and (-3, 2, 1).

Again, explain your answers.

Ans:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 \\ 0 & -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{18}{5} \end{pmatrix}.$$

so they are all independent.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & -7 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

in fact.  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$ . so they're linearly dependent

PROBLEM 6: NOT FROM STRANG

The vector  $b = (4, 20, 14)$  equals  $-3u + v + 5w$  where  $u = (2, 4, 1)$ ,  $v = (0, 2, 2)$  and  $w = (2, 6, 3)$ . Can we do any better? Does  $b$  lie in the span of  $u$  and  $v$  alone? Explain why or why not.

Ans:

$u, v$  are linearly independent.

but  $w = u + v$ .

$$\text{so } b = -3u + v + 5w$$

$$= -3u + v + 5(u + v)$$

$$= 2u + 6v.$$

therefore we only need to use  $u, v$  to express  $b$ .

PROBLEM 7: STRANG 3.5 #20 PAGE 180

Find a basis for the plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then find a basis for the intersection of that plane with the  $xy$  plane. (Hint: both problems can be expressed in terms of finding nullspaces of certain matrices).

Ans:

$$(1 -2, 3) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

$y, z$  are free. we get  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as basis.

now if further we need  $z = 0$ . that is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad \text{we see } y \text{ is free.}$$

this leads to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  as a basis.

PROBLEM 8: NOT IN STRANG

All you know about a  $3 \times 5$  matrix  $A$  is that it has rank 2. Compute  $\dim N(A) - \dim N(A^T) + \dim C(A) - \dim C(A^T)$ . Explain how you got your answer.

Problem 8:

A is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix with rank 2.

Compute  $\dim N(A) - \dim N(A^T) + \dim C(A) - \dim C(A^T)$ .  
explain why.

By the fundamental theorem of linear algebra.

$$\dim N(A) = 5 - r(A) = 5 - 2 = 3$$

$$\dim C(A) = r(A) = 2$$

$$\dim N(A^T) = 3 - r(A^T) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

$$\dim C(A^T) = r(A^T) = 2$$

$$\text{so. our sum} = 3 - 1 + 2 - 2 = 2.$$

PROBLEM 9: STRANG 3.6 #3 PAGE 191

Find bases for each of the four fundamental subspaces associated with  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ans:

base for  $C(A)$  = pivot column in RREF =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

base for  $C(A^T)$  = pivot row in RREF =  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

For  $N(A)$ , note  $(x, y, z, w, u)$ , we have

$x, z, u$  are free variable. so a base is by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $N(A^T)$ , we compute  $M^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

the null-row in RREF correspond to the 3rd row in  $M^T$ . which is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

so  $N(A^T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$