

1. Find a basis for the row space of A where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

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$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 - R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ 3R_1 - R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ 2R_1 - R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & -8 & 24 & -5 \\ 0 & -5 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 8R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ 5R_2 + R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{3}{5}R_3 - R_4 \rightarrow R_4 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Therefore B is a basis for the row space of A .

2. Let $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

(a) Find the distance between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\| = \sqrt{5^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{74}$$

(b) Find the cosine of the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\|} = \frac{-14}{\sqrt{5}\sqrt{41}}$$

3. If possible, find a and b so that $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ is orthogonal to both $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

We want $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ to equal 0 and $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ to equal 0.

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0 \Rightarrow a + 2b + 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \Rightarrow a - b + 2 = 0$$

Subtracting the two equations gives $2b = 0$ and hence $b = 0$. Plugging back in and solving for a gives

$$a = -2.$$