

1. Find a basis for the span of $\{(1, 2, 3, 1), (2, 0, 1, -1), (3, 2, 4, 0), (1, -2, -2, -2)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & -5 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so $\text{Span}(\{(1, 2, 3, 1), (2, 0, 1, -1), (3, 2, 4, 0), (1, -2, -2, -2)\})$ has basis $\{(1, 2, 3, 1), (0, -4, -5, -3)\}$.

2. Find a basis for the span of $\{(1, 2, 4, 2), (2, 0, 1, 4), (3, 1, 4, 1), (2, 1, 1, 2)\} \subset (\mathbb{Z}_5)^4$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

so $\text{Span}(\{(1, 2, 4, 2), (2, 0, 1, 4), (3, 1, 4, 1), (2, 1, 1, 2)\}) \subset (\mathbb{Z}_5)^4$ has basis $\{(1, 2, 4, 2), (0, 1, 3, 3), (0, 0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 0, 2)\}$; also, since the span has dimension 4, the original spanning set is also a basis.

3. Find the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{4,5}(\mathbb{R})$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 1 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 11 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \\ & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Since the rank of a matrix is the dimension of its row space, this matrix has rank 4.

4. Find the dimension of $S \cap T \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ where

$$S = \text{Span}((1, 1, 2, 1), (0, 1, -1, 1)) \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \quad \text{and} \quad T = \text{Span}((-1, 1, 1, 0), (0, 3, 2, 2)) \subset \mathbb{R}^4.$$

dim(S):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in echelon form} \Rightarrow \dim(S) = 2.$$

dim(T):

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is in echelon form} \Rightarrow \dim(T) = 2.$$

dim(S + T):

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

so $\dim(S + T) = 3$ and we have $\dim(S \cap T) = \dim(S) + \dim(T) - \dim(S + T) = 2 + 2 - 3 = 1$. Thus S and T are two planes in \mathbb{R}^4 which intersect in a line.