

# Math 22: Final Exam

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**Instructions:** This is a closed book, closed notes exam. **Use of calculators is not permitted.** Unless otherwise stated, you must justify all of your answers to receive credit - please write in complete sentences in a paragraph structure. You may not give or receive any help on this exam and all questions should be directed to Professor Pauls.

You have **3 hours** to work on all **9** problems. Please do all your work in this exam booklet.

The Honor Principle requires that you neither give nor receive any aid on this exam.

Not (1) (10 points) Complete the following definitions - remember, state definitions of the terms, not properties of the terms. To get credit, your answers must make sense as English sentences.

(a) A set of vectors is linearly independent if ...

when you put them in a matrix  $A$  the equation  $Ax=0$  only has the trivial solution

(b) A map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation of vectors spaces if ...

$$T(u+w) = T(u) + T(w)$$

$$T(cu) = cT(u)$$

(c) A matrix  $A$  is invertible if ...

$$\det(A) \neq 0$$

(d) Let  $B$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then, a vector  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  if ...

$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \text{ for some real number } \lambda$$

(e) A set of vectors  $\mathcal{B} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\} \subset V$  is a basis for the vector space  $V$  if ...

It's a set of LI vectors that spans

(f) A matrix  $C$  is an orthogonal matrix if ...

$$C^T = C^{-1} \text{ (or its columns are orthonormal vectors)}$$

(g) A Markov chain is ...

A set of unit vectors and a matrix whose columns are unit vectors such that

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k$$

(h) Let  $D$  be a square matrix. Then, the characteristic polynomial of  $D$  is ...

$$\det(D - \lambda I)$$

(i) The rank of a matrix is ...

The dimension of the column space.

(j) The least squares solution to the matrix equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is ...

◦ a solution to  $A^T A x = A^T b$

◦ The closest solvable problem  $Ax = b$

(2) (35 points total, 5 points each) For each question, explain your process and write clearly. All answers must be fully justified, especially answers to yes or no questions.

(a) Let  $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find all solutions to the matrix equation  $A_1 \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  or show that no solutions exist.

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 8 & -8 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 29 & 29 & -5 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & -4 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & -1 & 10 & 9 & -5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 \end{array} \right)$$

System is inconsistent.

- (b) Let  $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Show that the columns of  $A_2$  are either linearly dependent or linearly independent. What does this say about the dimension of  $\text{Col } A$ ? Does this imply anything about the dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$ ? If so, what and why?

$$A_2 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{no pivot in last} \\ \text{column} \Rightarrow \text{LD} \end{array}$$

$$\dim(\text{Col}(A)) = \# \text{ of pivots} = 2$$

$$\dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = \# \text{ of free variables} = 1$$

because of the rank-nullity theorem

(c) Let  $A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 7 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a basis for  $Nul A_3$ . What is the rank of  $A_3$ ? Is  $A_3$  invertible?

$$A_3 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & -7 \\ 0 & -13 \\ 0 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A_3$  has no free variables

$$\Rightarrow Nul(A_3) = \{0\}$$

$\text{rank}(A_3) = 2$ ,  $A_3$  is not invertible b/c it's not square.



(d) Let  $A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a basis for ~~Nul~~  $\text{Row } A_4$ . What is the rank of  $A_4$ ?  
 What is the dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

$$A_4 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8/5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Basis for Row}(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 8/5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1/5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = 2, \quad \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 3 - 2 = 1$$

(e) Let  $A_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a basis for  $\text{Col } A_5$ . What is the rank of  $A_5$ ?

$$A_5 \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 10 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Basis} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \text{rank} = 3$$

(f) Let  $A_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 13 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & 13 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . Compute the determinant of  $A_6$ . Is  $A$  invertible?

$$2 \begin{vmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 13 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 13 & 2 \\ -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 13 & -5 \\ -5 & 13 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 2(-10 - 26) - 2(26 + 10) + 5(169 - 25) =$$

$$= -72 - 72 + 5 \cdot 144 = 970 - 144 = 826$$

$A$  is invertible

(g) Let  $A_7 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{13}{6} & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{13}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{10}{6} \end{pmatrix}$ . The eigenvalues of this matrix are 1, 2 and 3. Find all the eigenvectors of  $A_7$ . Is  $A_7$  diagonalizable? If so, give the diagonalization.

$$A_7 - I = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{6} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 12 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_7 - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{6} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & -24 & 12 \\ 0 & 12 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \sim$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_7 - 3I = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{5}{6} & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{6} & -\frac{5}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{8}{6} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -5 & 2 \\ -5 & -5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) (10 points) Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) Compute the reduced singular value decomposition of  $B$ . Does  $B$  have a trivial or non-trivial null space? What is the rank of  $B$ ?

$$B^T B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B^T B - \lambda I = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(B^T B - \lambda I) = (1-\lambda)[(1-\lambda)^2 - 1] \\ = (1-\lambda)[\lambda^2 - 2\lambda]$$

$$B^T B - I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, 1, 2 \Rightarrow \sigma = 0, 1, \sqrt{2}$$

$$B^T B - 2I = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow z_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B^T B - 0I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = (v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{Bv_1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{Bv_2}{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$B$  has a non-trivial null space, it's already in row-reduced form and  $\text{Nul}(B) = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$ .

Rank  $B = \#$  of non-zero singular values = 2

(b) Find the pseudo-inverse of  $B$ .

$B^+ = V_r D^{-1} U_r^T$ , where  $V_r, U_r$  are the parts of  $V, U$  associated to nonzero singular values.

$$U_r = U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_r = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow B^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

NEX (4) (10 points) Let  $Q$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix and  $A$  an  $n \times m$  matrix. Show that  $A$  and  $QA$  have the same singular values.

$$\text{Let } A = U \Sigma V^T$$

Then  $QA = QU \Sigma V^T = U' \Sigma V^T$  is a SVD for  $QA$ ,  
where  $U' = QU$  is the matrix of left singular  
vectors.

But this shows that the <sup>nonzero</sup> singular values of  $QA$   
coincide with those of  $A$ .

Since  $QA$  and  $A$  also have the same size, they  
will also have the same number of zero singular  
values.

- (5) (10 points) Let  $C$  be a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix with orthogonal diagonalization given by  $C = PDP^{-1}$  where the columns of  $P$  are  $\{\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_n\}$  and the nonzero entries of the matrix  $D$  are  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r > 0$  where  $r < n$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  denote the basis of eigenvectors of  $C$ .

NET

- (a) What is the change of basis matrix from the standard basis to  $\mathfrak{B}$ ? What is the change of basis matrix from  $\mathfrak{B}$  to the standard basis (do not just state this as an inverse of another matrix)?

$$P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathfrak{B}} = \left( [\vec{p}_1]_{\mathcal{E}} \quad \dots \quad [\vec{p}_m]_{\mathcal{E}} \right) \quad \text{If } \mathcal{E} \text{ is the standard basis,}$$

$$P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathfrak{B}} = \left( [\vec{p}_1]_{\mathcal{E}} \quad \dots \quad [\vec{p}_m]_{\mathcal{E}} \right) = \left( \vec{p}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vec{p}_m \right) = P$$

$$P_{\mathfrak{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}} = \left( P_{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathfrak{B}} \right)^{-1} = P^{-1} = P^T \quad \text{b/c } P \text{ is orthogonal.}$$

Note that  $\mathfrak{B} = \{\vec{p}_1, \dots, \vec{p}_m\}$  by definition of the orthogonal diagonalization.



NET (b) What is  $[C]_{\mathcal{B}}$ ? Justify your answer.

$$[C]_{\mathcal{B}} = \underset{\mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}}{P} [C]_{\mathcal{E}} \underset{\mathcal{E} \leftarrow \mathcal{B}}{P} = P^{-1} C P = D$$

(6) (5 points) Let

NER

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$D$  has a  $QR$  decomposition given by

$$D = QR = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{10} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{10} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{6} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{5}}{10} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Using the  $QR$  factorization, find the least squares solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  where

$$\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using  $QR$ , the least squares solution is

$$\hat{x} = R^{-1}Q^T B \quad \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 1/2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 3\sqrt{5}/2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6}/2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim$$

$$\sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & 0 & 0 & 1 & -3\sqrt{5}/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1/\sqrt{5} & 2/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/\sqrt{5} & -3/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{array} \right)$$

$$R^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & -1/2\sqrt{5} & 1/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{5} & -3/\sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

and compute  $R^{-1}Q^T b$

(8) (10 points) Consider the following data series:

x	1	2	3	4	5
y	0	2	1	4	5

Suppose we wish to construct a general linear model of the form  $y = \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^3$ .

What are the design matrix, observation vector and parameter vector for this model?

Write down the normal equations for this model but do not solve them.

$$X\beta = y \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 8 \\ 3 & 27 \\ 4 & 64 \\ 5 & 125 \end{pmatrix} \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The eqn is  $X^T X \beta = X^T y$ .

(9) (10 points) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that  $\text{Nul } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and that  $\text{Row } A$  is its orthogonal complement.

NEX

To see that  $\text{Nul}(A)$  is a subspace we need to check  $0 \in \text{Nul}(A)$  and  $c u + d v \in \text{Nul}(A)$  if  $u, v$  were in it.

But  $\text{Nul}(A) = \{x \text{ such that } Ax = 0\}$ , so

$A \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in \text{Nul}(A)$  and if  $Au = 0, Av = 0$  then

$$A(cu + dv) = A(cu) + A(dv) = c(Au) + d(Av) = c \cdot 0 + d \cdot 0 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow cu + dv \in \text{Nul}(A)$ .

$\text{Row}(A) = \text{Nul}(A)^\perp$  because if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$  then

$$Ax = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^T x \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T x \\ a_n^T x \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x \in \text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}^\perp = \text{Row}(A)^\perp$$