

1. Find a basis for  $NS(A)$ , where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrix row reduces as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & 2 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 6 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus we can think of the last two columns as corresponding to free variables. If we parametrize these free variables by  $2s$  and  $t$ , we get

$$NS(A) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -5s + 2t \\ 4s - 2t \\ s - t \\ 2s \\ t \end{pmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Therefore a basis is given by  $\{(-5, 4, 1, 2, 0)^T, (2, -2, -1, 0, 1)^T\}$ .

2. Find a basis for the subspace  $T = \{f \in P_3 \mid f'(2) = 0\}$  of  $P_3$ .

Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$ . Then  $f'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2$ , and  $f \in T$  if and only if

$$0 = f'(2) = a_1 + 4a_2 + 12a_3,$$

or if  $a_1 = -(4a_2 + 12a_3)$ . Therefore

$$T = \{a_0 - (4a_2 + 12a_3)x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 \mid a_0, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and a basis for  $T$  is given by

$$\{1, x^2 - 4x, x^3 - 12x\}.$$

Alternatively, we can start with the basis  $\{1, x - 2, (x - 2)^2, (x - 2)^3\}$  of  $P_3$ . The three polynomials  $1$ ,  $(x - 2)^2$ , and  $(x - 2)^3$  are in  $T$ , so they must form a basis of  $T$  since they are linearly independent and  $\dim T \leq 3$ .