

4.6 Rank

If A is $m \times n$, $\dim \text{Col } A = \text{rank } A = \# \text{ of pivot columns} = \# \text{ basic variables}$
Variables

$\dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ free variables}$

$\dim \text{Col } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$ (The Rank Theorem)

what about the row space of A (Row A)?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -16 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \sim B$$

row space of A : subspace spanned by rows of A

A and B above have the same row space.

We obtained B by row reductions, so rows of B are linear

combos of rows of A , which means row space of B is

contained in row space of A . But row operations are reversible,

so we could have gotten A from B by doing ERO's.

Rows of A are therefore linear combos of rows of B . So row space of A is contained in row space of B . But if two spaces are contained within each other, they must be the same.

If $A \sim B$, then $\text{Row } A = \text{Row } B$

The basis vectors of row space of either are the non zero rows of the echelon matrix. *Not from the original matrix*

because row operations can change linear dependence.

here, the basis of Row A or Row B is $\{(1, 0, -5, 5), (0, -2, 3, -6)\}$

If we want to know which rows of A are basis vectors of Row A , we can find the ~~Col~~ basis of $\text{Col } A^T$.

here, the first two rows of B are linearly independent,

but this does NOT mean the first two rows of A are linearly independent.

the above implies that $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A = \dim \text{Row } A$
 $= \dim \text{Col } A^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \sim B$$

Is $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$? Yes, 3 pivots, 3 linearly independent columns of 3 elements each, so they must form basis of \mathbb{R}^3 . basis for $\text{Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Does $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ always have a solution for some \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Yes, because $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$ so any \vec{b} in \mathbb{R}^3 is a linear combo of columns of A .

basis for $\text{Row } A = \{ (1, 0, 9, 0), (0, 1, -5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1) \}$

(same dimension as $\text{Col } A$)

If A is 4×5 and $\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$. Is $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \square & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \square & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \square & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5$

2 free variables

3 pivot columns, $\text{rank } A = 3$

no, $\text{Col } A \neq \mathbb{R}^3$ because \mathbb{R}^3 vectors look like $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

Is $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ always consistent?

no, because we need 4 basis vectors/columns to have $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^4$ (which guarantees $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is always consistent)

but we only have 3.

Can a 6×9 matrix have a two-dimensional null space?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

2 free variables

7 basic "

but only 6 rows here,
can't place all 7

What's the relationship between Row A, Col A, Nul A, and Nul A^T ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis for Nul A: x_3 free $x_2 = -3x_3$, $x_1 = -2x_3$

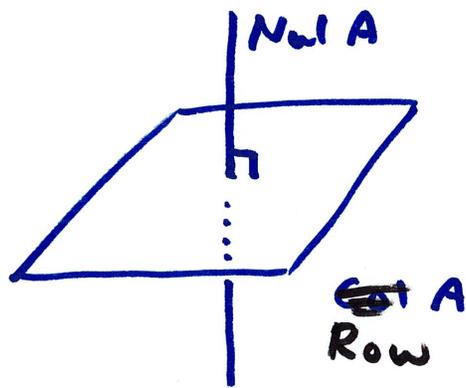
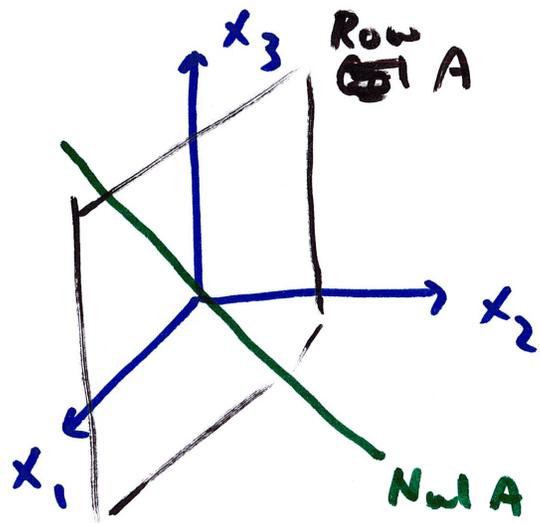
$$\text{Nul } A = \left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{Nul } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Col } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Row } A = \text{span} \left\{ (1, 0, 2), (0, 1, 3) \right\}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 12 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Nul } A^T = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5/6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



$$\text{Nul } A \perp \text{Col } A \text{ Row}$$

