

4.6: RANK and SYSTEMS

$$A = m \times n$$

(A) Row(A)

$$\text{Ex } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow 4 \text{ row} \\ \leftarrow \text{vectors} \\ \leftarrow (\text{in } \mathbb{R}^3) \end{array} \right.$$

$\text{Row}(A) =$ row space of A

$=$ Span (row vectors)
all linear combos

is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n (here, \mathbb{R}^3)

To find a basis for Row(A)

$A \xrightarrow{\text{EROs}} B$ (any row-echelon shape)

Take the nonzero row vectors from B . "Pivot rows"

In Ex

$$A \sim B = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & \boxed{3} \\ \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} & \boxed{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Basis for $\text{Row}(A) = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 4)\}$

$$\dim(\text{Row}(A)) = 2$$

Why?

If you switch rows...

If $A \xrightarrow{\text{EROs}} B$, then $\text{Row}(A) = \text{Row}(B)$
 EROs do not disturb the row space.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \vec{r}_1 \\ \leftarrow \vec{r}_2 \end{array}$$

The easy answer here:
 neither is a multiple of the other

Why is $\{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2\}$ guaranteed to be LI?
 2 vectors (not \parallel)
 or

I need c_1 to be 0 to "kill" the 1. The 0 here doesn't help. L4-226: reinvent idea

$$\begin{aligned} & c_1 [1 \ 2 \ 3] \\ + & c_2 [0 \ 1 \ 4] \\ \hline & = [0 \ 0 \ 0] \\ & \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ & \text{So, } c_1 = 0 \quad \text{So, } c_2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $c_1 = 0$, the first line dies

By definition, $\text{Span}(\{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2\}) = \text{Row}(B) = \text{Row}(A)$

So, $\{\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2\}$ is a basis for $\text{Row}(A)$

② Analyzing $\text{Span}(S)$

Ex Let $S = \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -15 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 5 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{in } \mathbb{R}^3} \right\}$

What is the dimension of $\text{Span}(S)$?
("How big?"), and

Find a basis for $\text{Span}(S)$.

Solution

Write the vectors as rows of A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & -15 & 3 \\ 8 & 5 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Span}(S) = \underbrace{\text{Row}(A)}_{\text{find a basis}}$$

(row-echelon shape.)

$$A \stackrel{\text{ERO}}{\sim} B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & -9 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{Grab the nonzero} \\ \text{rows.} \end{array}$$

Many possible.

Basis for $\text{Span}(S)$ \leftrightarrow Basis for $\text{Row}(A)$

$$= \{(1, 4, 3), (0, -9, -2)\} \quad (\rightarrow \text{efficient description of } \text{Span}(S))$$

 $\dim(\text{Span}(S))$

$$= \dim(\text{Row}(A))$$

$$= 2$$

The 4 given vectors span a 2-dim plane in \mathbb{R}^3 .

© Col(A)

Ex $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ (same as in (A))

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 3 column vectors
 (in \mathbb{R}^4)

$\text{Col}(A)$ = column space of A

$$= \text{Span}(\text{column vectors})$$

all linear combos

is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m (here, \mathbb{R}^4)

To find a basis for Col(A)

Method 1 $Col(A) = Row(A^T)$
find basis

Method 2

$A \xrightarrow{EROs} B$ (row-echelon shape)

Identify the columns of B with $\textcircled{1}$'s
 (pivot columns of B).

Take the corresponding columns from A.
 (EROs may change the column space!)

In Ex

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \sim B = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

↑
 Take cols.
 1, 2 from A

↑ ↑
 Pivot cols.
 are cols. 1, 2

← (works, because EROs preserve the dependency relationships among the columns)

Basis for Col(A) =

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$\dim(Col(A)) = 2$
 Col(A) is a 2-dim subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

Book does
 in HW
 Basis tends to
 be nice. Leading Ps
 Book also
 shows

Why?
 complicated

EROs
 preserve sub
 set of (A's)
 i.e. dependency
 relationships
 among the
 cols, but not
 col space.
 ex: $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 = \vec{v}_3$
 Take a look at
 B, there's no
 way we can
 get linear
 combos of cols
 that have
 non-0 entries
 in the 3rd, 4th
 components,
 but in A
 ex $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

A bonus from Method 2 (though Method 1 often gives nicer bases with leading 1s):

Also, $\text{Row}(A)$ basis = $\{\text{pivot rows from } B\}$
(nonzero)
 $= \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 4)\}$

Benefit of using Method 2 can analyze $\text{Row}(A)$, also Method 1 - nicer basis - leading 1s

Is that a coincidence? No! ... of \mathbb{R} what?

$$\dim(\text{Row}(A)) = 2$$

$\text{Row}(A)$ is a 2-dim subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

lowercase it's a #

① rank(A)

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{Row}(A)) = \dim(\text{Col}(A))$$

= # of \textcircled{PP} s in any row-echelon shape of A

In Ex $(A \sim B = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix})$

$\text{rank}(A) = 2$

② $N(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} N(A) &= \text{the nullspace of } A \\ &= \{\vec{x} \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\} \\ &= \text{sol'n set (space) of } A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \\ &\text{is a subspace of } \mathbb{R}^n. \end{aligned}$$

The nullity of $A = \dim(N(A))$

Ex $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Find a basis for $N(A)$
and nullity (A)

Solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

As you perform
EROs, will
this column
of zeros
ever
change?

EROs
Gauss-Jordan

never
changes

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{RRE form}$$

x_2, x_4
free

→ System

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 3x_3 - x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

free

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -3x_3 + x_4 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 \end{cases}$$

Worth reviewing;
people tended
not to do it
my way on
Mid 1

Parametrization

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x_3 &= t \\ x_4 &= u \end{aligned}$$

Sol'n Space $N(A)$ in Parametric Form

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = -3t + u \\ x_2 = -2t \\ x_3 = t \\ x_4 = u \end{cases} \quad t, u \text{ are any real \#s}$$

→ Vector Notation

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

\downarrow coeffs. of t \downarrow coeffs. of u
 \vec{v}_1 \vec{v}_2

$\rightarrow \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$
 \rightarrow are LI

The only way we can get $\vec{0}$ is if t, u are 0.

So we're talking about all LGS

= the span of \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 ?

t, u are any real #s

So, $N(A) = \text{Span}(\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\})$
subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

A basis for $N(A) = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$

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

nullity $(A) = 2$

$$\textcircled{F} \text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n$$

\uparrow # pivot cols \uparrow # nonpivot cols \uparrow # cols in A

Old Ex

$$[A | \vec{0}]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow

2 pivot cols 2 nonpivot cols.

$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 2$ \Rightarrow 2 free vars.
 $(\Rightarrow N(A) \text{ is 2-dim.})$
 $\Rightarrow \text{nullity}(A) = 2$

You can have diff #s.

Always

$$(\# \text{ pivot cols.}) + (\# \text{ nonpivot cols.})$$

$$= \text{total \# cols. in } A$$

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A)$$

$$= n$$

⑥ Systems (of Linear Eqs.)

Homogeneous: $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

Sol'n set is a subspace, namely $N(A)$.

Nonhomogeneous: $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ($\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$)

Sol'n set is not a subspace.
 $\vec{0}$ is not in it, since $A\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

Ex Solve $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ where

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

same as before

will change

↓ Gauss-Jordan

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Same RREF form
as before

↑ not a pivot col.
→ consistent

What's an easy
way of seeing

Same A as
before

doesn't have
a leading
non-0 entry

Sol'n Set in Parametric form

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - 3t + u \\ x_2 = 2 - 2t \\ x_3 = t \\ x_4 = u \end{cases} \quad \text{same as for } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

t, u are any real #s

→ Vector Notation pushes $N(A)$ away from $\vec{0}$ (origin)

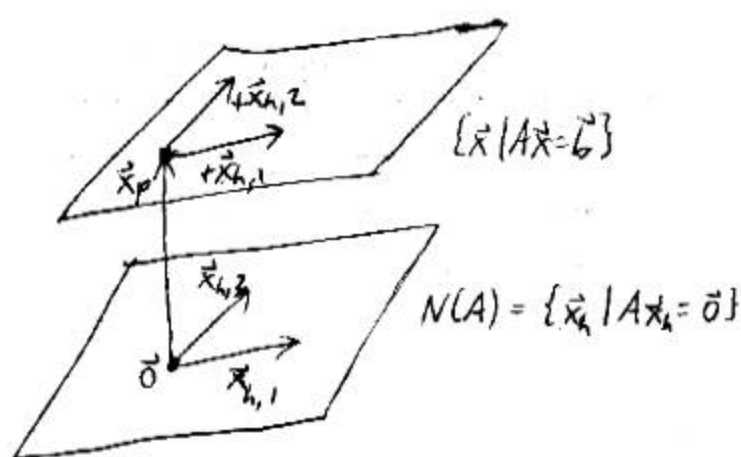
$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\vec{x}_p, \\ \text{a particular} \\ \text{sol'n of} \\ A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \\ (t=0, u=0)}} + t \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + u \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

constant terms

sweep out $N(A)$
(t, u are any real #s)
 $= \{ \vec{x}_h \mid A\vec{x}_h = \vec{0} \}$

If consistent,

Sol'n set for $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is "||" to $N(A)$.



(H) $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent $\leftrightarrow \vec{b}$ is in $\text{Col}(A)$

Why?

$$\leftrightarrow A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \text{ consistent}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b}$$

weights

$$\stackrel{\text{just me}}{\Leftrightarrow} x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$$

a linear combo of
the cols. of A

$\rightarrow \vec{b}$ is in $\text{Span}(\{\text{cols. of } A\})$
 $\text{Col}(A)$

(old)
Ex

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & -2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ \begin{array}{c} \vec{a}_1 \quad \vec{a}_2 \quad \vec{a}_3 \quad \vec{a}_4 \end{array} \end{array} \quad \vec{b}$$

One sol'n was $\vec{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$(x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + x_3 \vec{a}_3 + x_4 \vec{a}_4)$$

$$= 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} } + 0 \begin{bmatrix} }$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b} !!$$

We're going
to weight
the cols of A
by the coords
of the sol'n.