

Column space, row space
and null space.

(12-1)

A $m \times n$ matrix

Def. The column space of A
(also called the image of A , $\text{im}(A)$)

is $\text{im}(A) = \text{Span} \{ c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \}$
" $\text{Col}(A)$ " column vectors

Recall : Ax , $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear comb of columns

Def The row space of A is

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$$\text{Row}(A) = \text{Span} \{ r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m \}$$

where $\{ r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m \}$ are rows of A

Def. The null space of A (also the kernel of A) is

$$\text{Null}(A) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0 \}$$

"
" $\text{ker}(A)$

Theorem $\text{Null}(A)$ is a subspace
in \mathbb{R}^n

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Proof 1. $0 \in \text{Null}(A)$

2. $v, u \in \text{Null}(A) \Leftrightarrow Av = Au = 0$

so $A(v+u) = 0 \quad v+u \in \text{Null}(A)$

3. $v \in \text{Null}(A) \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad Av = 0$

$A(cv) = c(Av) = c \cdot 0 = 0 \quad cv \in \text{Null}(A)$

Basis for $\text{Null}(A)$

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Ex.

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

$$\rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\text{Null}(A)$ does not change
under elementary transformations
(operations)

$\text{Null}(A) =$ the set of solutions of the
homogeneous system

$$\text{Null}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -r-t \\ -r+2t \\ r \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid r, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \quad (12-5)$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

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basis as it is L.I.

Basic solutions are the (12-6)
basis vectors of $\text{Null}(A)$.

Theorem (Rank-Nullity)

~~The~~ $\dim(\text{Null}(A)) + \text{rank}(A) = n.$

Proof ...

Inhomogeneous Systems

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[A|b] \rightsquigarrow \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF}$$

$$\text{Gen Solution is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4-r-t \\ 3-r+2t \\ r \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid r, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

That is

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$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid r, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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extra solution. Null space.

= One solution + all solutions from Null(A).