

## Rank and Solvability.

- first of all. for Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

rank must satisfy . rank  $\leq m$ . rank  $\leq n$ .

- Case 1 if rank = n . full column rank (1.  $\infty$  solution)

$$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = 0 \text{ which means } \text{Nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

Recall <sup>(all)</sup> complete solution is  $\vec{X} = \vec{X}_{\text{spec}} + \vec{X}_{\text{nul}}$   $\leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Nul}(A) \text{ is } \{\vec{0}\}, \\ \text{if exist special solution,} \\ \text{you can only have 1 solution.} \end{matrix}$

but you may also don't have a special solution.  $\Rightarrow$  0 solution or 1 solution

example  $\begin{cases} x = 1 \\ 2x = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Case 2 if rank < n.  $\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = n - \text{rank} > 0$  (0,  $\infty$  solution)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Nul}(A) = \text{span} \{ \vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_{n-r} \} \quad \vec{x}_1 \dots \vec{x}_{n-r} \text{ is basis of } \text{Nul}(A)$$

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$$a_1 \dots a_{n-r} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\rightarrow$  solution

① if exist  $x_{\text{spec}}$  (special solution), then  $\vec{X}_{\text{spec}} + a_1 \vec{x}_1 + \dots + a_{n-r} \vec{x}_{n-r}$

are all solution

② There don't exist  $x_{\text{spec}}$ . example  $\begin{cases} x + 0y = 1 \\ 2x + 0y = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Case 3 if rank = m. Full Row Rank.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dim(\text{Col}(A)) = m \\ \text{Col}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

(in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , 2-(linear independent) vectors can span whole  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

Similarly, in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , m-(linear independent) vectors can span whole  $\mathbb{R}^m$

$\Rightarrow$  For any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .  $b \in \text{Col}(A)$  so  $Ax = b$  must have a solution (1.  $\infty$  solution)

### Example.

1.  $\text{rank} = m = n$ .

Full row rank  $\Rightarrow$  at least one solution  
Full Column rank  $\Rightarrow$  at most one solution

}  $\Rightarrow$  must have 1 solution

$\Rightarrow$  Matrix is invertible.

2.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 5}$   $\text{rank}(A) = 4$

A full row rank  $\Rightarrow Ax=b$  at least one solution  
 $\text{rank} = 4 < n = 5 \Rightarrow Ax=b$  have 0 or  $\infty$  solutions

}  $\Rightarrow Ax=b$  must have  
 $\infty$  solutions.