

## Row Space of a Matrix :

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be an arbitrary  $m \times n$  matrix over a field  $K$ . Then row of  $A$ ,

$R_1 = (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n})$ ,  $R_2 = (a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2n})$ , ...,  $R_m = (a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn})$   
may be viewed as vector in  $K^n$ .

Hence they span a subspace of  $K^n$  called row space of  $A$ . denoted by "rowsp( $A$ )".

$$\text{i.e. } \text{rowsp}(A) = \text{span}(R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m)$$

Analogously, the column of  $A$  may be viewed as vectors in  $K^m$  called column space of  $A$  and denoted by  $\text{colsp}(A)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We observe that } \text{colsp}(A) &= \text{rowsp}(A^T) \\ \text{rowsp}(A) &= \text{colsp}(A^T) \end{aligned}$$

Result : Row equivalent matrices have the same row space.

Result : Suppose  $A$  &  $B$  are in row-reduced echelon form.  
Then  $A$  &  $B$  have same row space iff they have same non-zero rows.

Result : Elementary row operations do not change the row space of a matrix.

Remark : The elementary row operations CHANGE the column space of a matrix -

Example  
let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row echelon form of A OR (Use elementary row operation)

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B \text{ (say)}.$$

Column space of A = set of all scalar multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Column space of B = set of all scalar multiple of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\text{cl.space}(A) \neq \text{cl.sp.}(B)$ .

But We have the following relation :-

Thm :- Let A & B are row equivalent matrices, Then :

- (a) A given set of column vectors of A is linearly independent if and only if the corresponding column vectors of B are linearly independent.
- (b) A given set of column vectors of A form a basis for the column space of A if and only if the corresponding column vectors of B form a basis for the column space of B.

Example: Consider the following two sets of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

$$u_1 = (1, 2, -1, 3), \quad u_2 = (2, 4, 1, -2), \quad u_3 = (3, 6, 3, -7)$$

$$w_1 = (1, 2, -4, 11), \quad w_2 = (2, 4, -5, 14)$$

Let  $U = \text{span}(u_i)$ ,  $V = \text{span}(w_i)$

Show that  $U = V$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: There are two ways to show  $U = V$

(a) Show that each  $u_i$  is a linear combination of  $w_1$  &  $w_2$ .  
and show that each  $w_i$  is a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ .

Observe that, we have to solve the six system of linear eqn. are consistent.

(b) From the matrix  $A$ , whose rows are  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  and row reduce  $A$  to row reduced echelon form, and form the matrix  $B$  whose rows are  $w_1$  &  $w_2$  and reduce  $B$  to row reduced echelon form.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 11 \\ 2 & 4 & -5 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -4 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Because, the non-zero rows of the matrices in row-reduced form are identical. The row space of  $A$  &  $B$  are equal.

$$\therefore U = V.$$

## Rank of Matrices:-

Definition:- The <sup>row</sup>rank of a matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{rank}(A)$ , is equal to the maximum no. of l.i rows of  $A$ .

or equivalently, the dimension of the row space of  $A$ .

Thm:- The maximum no. of linearly independent rows of any matrix is equal to the maximum number of linearly independent column of  $A$ .

Thus,  $\dim \text{rowsp}(A) = \dim \text{colsp}(A)$

### → Basis finding Problem:-

Here, one will see how an echelon form of any matrix  $A$  gives us the solution to certain problems about  $A$  itself.

Specifically, let  $A$  &  $B$  be the following matrices, where the echelon matrix  $B$  (whose pivot are circled) is an echelon form  $A$ :-

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 & 5 & 6 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 7 & 6 & 11 & 6 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 10 & 8 & 9 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 & 11 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Find a basis of the row space of  $A$ .

Ans:- We are given that  $A$  &  $B$  are row equivalent, So, they have same row space.



Moreover, "B" is in echelon form, so its non-zero rows are linearly independent & hence form a basis of the row space of B.

Thus, they also form a basis of the row space of A.

i.e. Basis of  $\text{rowsp}(A)$ :  $(1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2)$ ,  $(0, 1, 3, 1, 2, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2)$

(b) Find each column  $C_k$  of A that is a l. combination of preceding columns of A.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: (i)  $C_3$  is a l.c. of  $C_1, C_2$

(ii)  $C_5, C_6$  are l. combination of preceding column of A.

$$\text{Let } M_k = [C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k]$$

$$\text{Rank}(M_2) = \text{rank}(M_3) = 2$$

$$\text{Rank}(M_4) = \text{rank}(M_5) = \text{rank}(M_6) = 3.$$

(c) Find the basis of the column space of A.

Since the column  $C_1, C_2, C_4$  are l.i. Thus, they form a basis.

i.e. basis of  $\text{colsp}(A)$ :  $[1, 2, 3, 1, 2]^t$ ,  $[2, 5, 7, 5, 6]^t$ ,  $[3, 6, 11, 8, 11]^t$

Observe that,  $C_1, C_2, C_4$  may also be characterized as those column of A that contains the pivot in any echelon form of A.

(4) Find the rank of A:

Here, we see that three definitions of the rank A yield same value.

1. There are three pivot in B, which is an echelon form of A.
2. The three pivot in B correspond to the non-zero rows of B, which form a basis of the row space of A.
- 3) The three pivot in B correspond to the columns of A, which form a basis of the column space of A.

Thus,  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ .

Ex:- Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  spanned by the following vectors:-

$$u_1 = (1, 2, 1, 3, 2), u_2 = (1, 3, 3, 5, 3), u_3 = (3, 8, 7, 13, 18)$$

$$u_4 = (1, 4, 6, 9, 7), u_5 = (5, 13, 13, 25, 19)$$

Find a basis of  $W$  consisting the original given vectors and find  $\dim W$ .

Ans:- Form a matrix whose column are given vectors, reduce  $M$  to echelon form

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 & 4 & 13 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 & 6 & 13 \\ 3 & 5 & 13 & 9 & 25 \\ 2 & 3 & 18 & 7 & 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 1 & 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\{c_1, c_2, c_4\}$  form a basis.

$$\dim W = 3.$$

Given a matrix  $A_{m \times n}$ , One can define the linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$T(x) = Ax^t, \quad x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

or

$$T(x) = Ax \quad \forall \quad x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]^t$$

Now,

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax \in \text{span}(\text{column of } A)$$

$$\text{Range of } T = \text{span}(\text{column of } A)$$

→ Converse is also true. We will see later.  
i.e. Every linear map can be represented by a matrix.

→ We denote this map by  $A$  itself as  $A(x) = Ax$

Again, if  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ , Then  $A^t \in M_{n \times m}(\mathbb{F})$

Thus,  $A^t: \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^m \\ \mathbb{F}^m \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^n \\ \mathbb{F}^n \end{matrix}$

Again, we can talk about the  $\text{range}(A^t)$ ,

For  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$A^t(y) \in \text{span}(\text{columns of } A^t)$

$A^t(y) \in \text{span}(\text{rows of } A)$

$$\text{range}(A^t) = \text{span}(\text{rows of } A).$$

→ Since, <sup>A matrix</sup>  $A \in M_{n \times m}$  can be represented by a linear transformation.

So, we can talk about null space of  $A$ .

- Null space of  $A$ , denoted  $\text{null}(A)$ , is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , consisting of the  $\text{sol}^n$ s of the homogeneous linear system  $AX=0$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \text{null}(A) = \{ x \in \mathbb{F}^n : Ax=0 \}$$

- Column space of  $A$ , denoted  $\text{col}(A)$ , is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  spanned by columns of  $A$ .

$$\text{i.e. } \text{col}(A) = \text{range of } A = \text{span}(\text{columns of } A)$$



## Method of finding Basis for the row space, the nullspace and the column space of a matrix:-

• Let "A" be a given matrix and let R be the reduced row echelon form of A.

\*1) Use the non-zero row of R to form a basis of  $\text{Rowsp}(A)$ .

(2) Use the column of A that corresponds to the column's of R containing the leading 1's to form a basis of  $\text{Colsp}(A)$ .

OR Find a basis for  $\text{rowsp}(A^t)$  that will also be a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$

(3) For null space:-

1) Find free variables.

2) Solve the leading variables of  $Rx=0$  in terms of the free variable.

3) Set the free variables equal to parameters, substitute back into  $x$ .

4) Write the result as a linear combination of  $k$  vectors (where  $k$  is the no. of free variables)

These  $k$  vectors form a basis for null A.

Ex: Find a basis for the row space, column space, and the null space of the matrix given below

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 & 7 \\ 1 & -5 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The row reduced form of A is  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

\* basis for  $\text{Rowsp}(A)$  is the non-zero rows of R

i.e.  $\{ (1, 0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1) \}$

\* basis for  $\text{colsp}(A)$  — The column, which contains leading coefficient 1.

i.e.  $\{ (3 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1)^t, (4 \ -5 \ 4 \ -1)^t, (0 \ 2 \ 0 \ 2)^t \}$

\* null space:

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ , consider the system  $Rx = 0$ .

(i) find free variable:  $x_4$  is the only free variable.

(ii) Solve other variable in terms of free variable  
 $Rx = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = -x_4, x_2 = -x_4, x_3 = -x_4$

(iii) let  $x_4 = k$ , where  $k$  is a parameter. Thus we have

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (-k, -k, -k, k) = k(-1, -1, -1, 1)$$

Thus, basis of null A =  $\{ (-1, -1, -1, 1) \}$

$$\text{Row sp}(A) = \text{Range}(A^t) = \text{span}(\text{Row of } A)$$

- Dimension of the  $\text{Row}(A)$  is called the row rank of  $A$ .
- dimension of  $\text{col sp}(A)$  is called the column rank of  $A$ .

Thm: ① Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a Linear Transformation.  
 $B, B$

$$T(x, y, z) = (x+y, y+z, \underline{z+x})$$

$$T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 1) = 1e_1 + 0e_2 + 1e_3$$

$$T(0, 1, 0) = (1, 1, 0) = 1e_1 + 1e_2 + 0e_3$$

$$T(0, 0, 1) = (0, 1, 1) = 0e_1 + 1e_2 + 1e_3.$$

$$[T]_{B, B} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} Te_1 & Te_2 & Te_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

②  $T: V \rightarrow W$

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x, y+z, 0)$$

Let  $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$  form a basis of  $V \& W$

$$[T]_{B, B} \quad T(1, 0, 0) = (2, 0, 0) = \alpha_1(1, 0, 0) + \beta_1(0, 1, 0) + \gamma_1(1, 1, 1) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$T(0, 1, 0) = (0, 1, 0) = \alpha_2(1, 0, 0) + \beta_2(0, 1, 0) + \gamma_2(1, 1, 1) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$T(1, 1, 1) = (2, 2, 0) = \alpha_3(1, 0, 0) + \beta_3(0, 1, 0) + \gamma_3(1, 1, 1) \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 \\ \gamma_1 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



①  $\Rightarrow$

$$2 = \alpha_1 + \gamma_1$$

$$0 = \beta_1 + \gamma_1$$

$$0 = \gamma_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta_1 = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma_1 = 0}$$

②  $\Rightarrow$

$$0 = \alpha_2 + \gamma_2$$

$$1 = \beta_2 + \gamma_2$$

$$0 = \gamma_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha_2 = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta_2 = 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma_2 = 0}$$

③  $\Rightarrow$

$$2 = \alpha_3 + \gamma_3$$

$$2 = \beta_3 + \gamma_3$$

$$0 = \gamma_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha_3 = 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta_3 = 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\gamma_3 = 0}$$