

Lecture 18

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Recall

THEOREM 5.5.4

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

THEOREM 5.5.5

If A and 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 forms 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 .

Since two matrices are row equivalent if one can be obtained from the other by using EROs, any matrix is row equivalent to its row-echelon forms.

From the above we get

THEOREM 5.6.1

If A is any matrix, then the row space and column space of A have the same dimension.

R.E Form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof Let R be any row-echelon form of A . It follows from Theorem 5.5.4 that

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

and it follows from Theorem 5.5.5b that

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

Thus the proof will be complete if we can show that the row space and column space of R have the same dimension. But the dimension of the row space of R is the number of nonzero rows, and the dimension of the column space of R is the number of columns that contain leading 1's (Theorem 5.5.6). However, the nonzero rows are precisely the rows in which the leading 1's occur, so the number of leading 1's and the number of nonzero rows are the same. This shows that the row space and column space of R have the same dimension. ■

The theorem above justifies using the term "rank" for both the dimension of the row space and the column space!

THEOREM 5.6.2

If A is any matrix, then $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$.

This is a fairly simple and obvious theorem.

Proof

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{row space of } A) = \dim(\text{column space of } A^T) = \text{rank}(A^T).$$

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We now come to the essential result often called the Dimension Theorem (which was stated last time)

THEOREM 5.6.3

Dimension Theorem for Matrices

If A is a matrix with n columns, then

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity}(A) = n \quad (4)$$

$$Ax = \underline{0}$$

Diagram illustrating the system $Ax = \underline{0}$ where A is an $m \times n$ matrix, x is an $n \times 1$ column vector, and $\underline{0}$ is an $m \times 1$ column vector of zeros. The matrix A has m rows and n columns, with entries labeled a_{ij} . The vector x has n components x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . The equation $Ax = \underline{0}$ is shown as a linear combination of the columns of A with coefficients from x , resulting in a vector of zeros.

Proof Since A has n columns, the homogeneous linear system $Ax = \underline{0}$ has n unknowns (variables). These fall into two categories: the leading variables and the free variables. Thus

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{number of leading} \\ \text{variables} \end{array} \right] + \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{number of free} \\ \text{variables} \end{array} \right] = n$$

But the number of leading variables is the same as the number of leading 1's in the reduced row-echelon form of A , and this is the rank of A . Thus

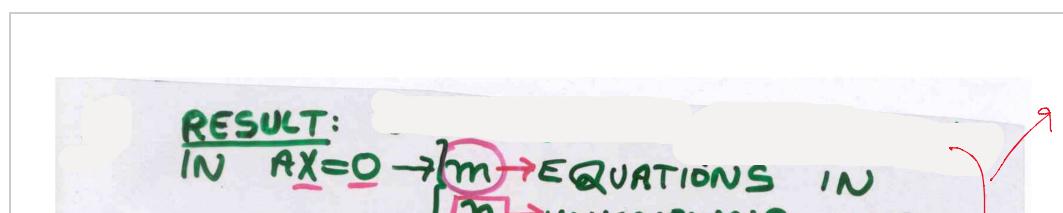
$$\text{rank}(A) + \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{number of free} \\ \text{variables} \end{array} \right] = n$$

The number of free variables is equal to the nullity of A . This is so because the nullity of A is the dimension of the solution space of $Ax = \underline{0}$, which is the same as the number of parameters in the general solution [see 3, for example], which is the same as the number of free variables. Thus

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

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Now we see some examples of the reasoning presented above and in the previous lecture in action!



same as above

RESULT:

IN $\underline{AX=0} \rightarrow$ $m \rightarrow$ EQUATIONS IN
 $n \rightarrow$ UNKNOWN WITH
 $m < n$, AND IF THERE ARE
 r NONZERO ROWS IN THE
REDUCED ROW-ECHELON FORM
OF THE AUGMENTED MATRIX
THEN NUMBER OF FREE VARIABLES
ARE = $n - r$. LEADING VARIABLES
 $= r$.

EXAMPLE:

WE PROVED
THAT FOR THE FOLLOWING MAT-

RIX

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & -1 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

REDUCED ROW-ECHELON FORM

IS

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

WHICH CONTAINS TWO NON-ZERO ROWS $\Rightarrow r = 2$

HERE $m = 3 < 4 = n$

$\therefore n - r = 4 - 2 = 2$, THEREFORE

NUMBER OF FREE VARIABLES

$$= n - r_c = 4 - 2 = 2.$$

AS WE SAW THAT

$x_3 = t$ AND $x_4 = s$ WERE FREE
VARIABLES AND THEIR NO. = 2

ALSO x_1 AND x_2 WERE
LEADING VARIABLES GIVEN BY

$$x_1 = -t - s$$

$$x_2 = s - 2t$$

AND ARE $= r_c = 2 = \text{RANK}$
WHERE r_c INDICATES NONZERO
ROWS IN THE REDUCED ROW-
ECHELON FORM OF THE AUGMENTED

MATRIX OF $\underline{AX = 0}$.

ANOTHER METHOD TO FIND
THE BASIS FOR THE ROW
SPACE OF A MATRIX.

IN ORDER TO DO THIS WE
REFER TO THE FOLLOWING
THEOREM:

(5.5.6)

THE NONZERO ROW VECTORS
IN ANY ROW-ECHELON FORM

THE NONZERO ROW VECTORS
IN ANY ROW-ECHELON FORM
OF A MATRIX FORM A BASIS
FOR THE ROW SPACE OF THAT
MATRIX.

EXAMPLE: ∵ THE REDUCED
ROW ECHELON FORM OF

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$
 IS GIVEN
BY

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
, ∵ ACCORDING
TO THE ABOVE

THEOREM THE TWO NONZERO
ROW VECTORS IN R FORM THE
BASIS FOR THE ROW SPACE
OF A AND R , THEREFORE
THE BASIS FOR THE ROW

SPACE OF R AND A IS
GIVEN BY

$$\{(1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2, -1)\}$$

BECAUSE ACCORDING TO
THEOREM 5.5.4 (P. 251 8TH ED.)

OR THEOREM (5.5.4) (P. 263 7TH ED.)

ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS

DO NOT CHANGE THE ROW
SPACE OF A MATRIX,

{IF \boxed{A} IS AN $m \times n$ MATRIX,
AND \boxed{B} IS ROW EQUIVALENT TO \boxed{A} ,
THEN (i) ROW SPACE IS A SUBSPACE
OF \mathbb{R}^n }

(ii) IF THE ROW OPERATION IS
A ROW INTERCHANGE, THEN
 \boxed{B} AND \boxed{A} HAVE SAME ROW
VECTORS

(iii) IF THE ROW OPERATION
IS MULTIPLICATION OF A ROW
BY A NONZERO SCALAR OR
THE ADDITION OF A MULTIPLE
OF ONE ROW TO ANOTHER,
THEN THE ROW VECTORS

$\underline{g'_1}, \underline{g'_2}, \dots, \underline{g'_m}$ OF \boxed{B} ARE $\boxed{L^q}$
LINEAR COMBINATIONS OF
 $\underline{g_1}, \underline{g_2}, \dots, \underline{g_m}$; THUS, THEY
LIE IN THE ROW SPACE OF \boxed{A} ,
 \therefore ROW SPACE (SUBSPACE OF
 R^n) IS CLOSED UNDER ADDI-
TION AND SCALAR MULTIPLI-
CATION.

METHOD TO FIND THE BASIS
FOR THE COLUMN SPACE
OF AN $m \times n$ MATRIX \boxed{A} . 5.5.6
FOR THIS WE REFER TO THE

WHICH STATES THAT
IF \boxed{A} IS AN $m \times n$ MATRIX AND
 \boxed{R} IS ITS ROW-ECHELON FORM
THEN THE COLUMN VECTORS
WITH THE LEADING 1's OF
THE ROW VECTORS FORM A
BASIS FOR THE COLUMN SPA-
CE OF \boxed{R} , AND THE CORRES-
PONDING COLUMN VECTORS
IN \boxed{A} FORM THE BASIS

FOR THE COLUMN SPACE OF A.

EXAMPLE:

FOR $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

THE REDUCED ROW ECHELON FORM IS GIVEN BY

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad c_1 + 2c_2 = c_3 \\ c_1 - c_2 = c_4$$

→ THE FIRST TWO COLUMN VECTORS IN R WHICH CONTAIN THE LEADING 1'S FORM THE BASIS FOR THE COLUMN SPACE OF R (BUT NOT A) AND THE CORRESPONDING COLUMN VECTORS IN A FORM THE BASIS FOR THE COLUMN SPACE OF A (BUT NOT R).

BECAUSE ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS USUALLY CHANGE THE COLUMN SPACE.

REMARKS:

① BASIS FOR THE COLUMN SPACE FOR $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ AND

② BASIS FOR THE COLUMN SPACE FOR $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

③ ELEMENTARY ROW OPERATIONS CAN CHANGE THE COLUMN SPACE:

LET $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $3C_1 = C_2$

\therefore THE COLUMN SPACE OF A CONSISTS OF ALL SCALAR MULTIPLES OF THE FIRST COLUMN VECTOR $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

NOW $A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1}$

AGAIN $\xrightarrow{3C_1 = C_2}$

\therefore THE COLUMN SPACE OF $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ CONSISTS OF ALL SCALAR MULTIPLES OF THE FIRST COLUMN VECTOR

i.e. (1). THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS THE COLUMN SPACE OF A.

REMARK:

IF A IS A MATRIX AND R IS ITS ECHELON FORM THEN THE NUMBER OF NONZERO ROWS OR NUMBER OF THE COLUMN VECTORS THAT CONTAIN THE LEADING 1'S IN R IS THE RANK OF THE MATRIX A. ∴ RANK OF

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 7 & -1 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \quad \therefore$$

$$\text{IN } R = \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{TWO NONZERO ROWS}}$$

AND NO. OF THE COLUMN VECTORS WITH LEADING 1'S IN R = R.

ANOTHER DEFINITION OF RANK OF A MATRIX.

RANK (A) = HIGHEST ORDER OF THE NONZERO DETERMINANT OR SUBLDETERMINANT OF A .

EXAMPLE:

$$\text{RANK OF } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A) &= 2(2+1) - 1(-1) + 7(-1) \\ &= 6 + 1 - 7 = 7 - 7 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\text{RANK } (A)) \neq 3$$

CONSIDER THE SUBLDETERMINANT

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 4 + 1 = 5 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \text{RANK } (A) = 2$$

NOTE: LAST TIME WE PROVED THAT NULLITY (A) = 1, AND RANK (A) + NULLITY (A) = 2 + 1 = 3 = NO. OF COLUMNS ACCORDING TO THE DIMENSION THEOREM.