

Step-1

Consider two vector spaces \mathbf{R}^n and \mathbf{R}^m .

Let A be an m by n matrix. Thus, the matrix A acts on the vectors of \mathbf{R}^n and produces a vector from \mathbf{R}^m .

Let the matrix A is of the range r .

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Suppose \mathbf{V} is the row space of the matrix A and \mathbf{W} is the nullspace of the matrix A . Therefore, it is clear that $\mathbf{V} \cap \mathbf{W} = \{0\}$.

Thus, we should get $\dim \mathbf{V} + \dim \mathbf{W} = \dim(\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W})$.

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Since rank of the matrix A is r , there are r independent vectors in the row space of A .

Thus, the dimension of \mathbf{V} is r .

Naturally, there are r independent columns of A . Thus, the dimension of \mathbf{W} is $n - r$.

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Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\dim \mathbf{V} + \dim \mathbf{W} &= r + (n - r) \\ &= n\end{aligned}$$

Step-5

We know that row space and nullspace are the orthogonal complements of each other.

Therefore, $\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}$ is equal to the entire vector space \mathbf{R}^n .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\dim(\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W}) &= \dim \mathbf{R}^n \\ &= n\end{aligned}$$

Step-6

Thus, we get $\boxed{\dim \mathbf{V} + \dim \mathbf{W} = \dim(\mathbf{V} + \mathbf{W})}$.