

Last time,

□ linear combination; span

□ linear independence of vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_k$

whenever  $c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0$  ( $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ )

these  $c_i$ 's are forced to be zero.

□ basis of a vector space.

$u_1, \dots, u_n \in V$  is a basis if

- $V = \text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_n)$

- $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are linearly independent.

□ dimension of  $V$  is the # of vectors in a basis.

ex.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , ...,  $e_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

because if for  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$c_1 e_1 + \dots + c_n e_n = 0$  then:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ c_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$c_n = 0$$

Example for today:  $A$   $4 \times 6$

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{row reduction}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5 \quad x_6$

Recall

$$(*) \quad F_{4 \times 4} \cdot A = U \quad \& \quad A = F^{-1} \cdot U$$

①  $\boxed{\text{null}(A)} = \text{null}(U)$  because

fact 1. If  $P = Q \cdot R$  &  $Q$  invertible  
 [then  $\text{null } P = \text{null } R$

$$\text{Now } \text{null}(U) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^6 \mid Ux = 0\}$$

$$= \{x_5 = -x_6, x_3 = -x_4 - x_6, x_1 = x_2 - 2x_4 + 3x_5 - x_6\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_6 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_6 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$= U_2 \quad = U_4 \quad = U_6$

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^6 \mid x = x_2 u_2 + x_4 u_4 + x_6 u_6, \right. \\ \left. x_2, x_4, x_6 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span}(u_2, u_4, u_6)$$

Moreover  $u_2, u_4, u_6$  are linearly independent: Assume for some

$$c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R} \quad c_1 u_2 + c_2 u_4 + c_3 u_6 = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} c_1 - 2c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 = 0 \\ -c_2 - c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ -c_3 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 = 0. \end{cases}$$

thm 1. • A basis for  $\text{null}(A)$  is the collection of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^q$  found by the above algorithm.

$$\bullet \dim(\text{null}(A_{p \times q})) = \# \text{ of free variables} \\ = q - \# \text{ pivots}$$

The argument above proves also:  
fact 2: The following collection is  
 linearly independent:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} * \\ \vdots \\ * \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \left[ \begin{array}{c} * \\ \vdots \\ * \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Blue lines connect the first column to the second and third columns, indicating linear independence.

②  $\boxed{\text{col}(A) = ?}$

ex:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\text{col} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \neq \text{col} = \text{span} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Although  $\text{col}(A) \neq \text{col}(U)$  in general,  
 they are related as below:  
 $\text{col}(U)$  has basis  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\text{col}(A)$  has basis  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\text{col}(U) = \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Moreover by fact 2, these constitute a basis. Hence we proved:

thm 2a.  $\dim(\text{col}(U)) = \# \text{ pivots}$ .

defn: rank of  $A$  is the  $\#$  pivots

Then  $\dim(\text{col}(U)) = r = \text{rank}(A)$ .

What about  $\text{col}(A)$ ?

Recall:  $F \cdot A = U$ ,  $A = F^{-1} \cdot U$ .

By fact 1,  $\text{null}(A) = \text{null}(U)$

i.e.

all possible linear combinations of the columns of  $A$  that give  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is the same as all possible linear combos of  $U$  that give  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

i.e.

If a nonzero linear comb of columns of  $U$  gives  $0$  then the same nonzero comb of columns of  $A$  gives  $0$  too (and vice versa)

i.e. the linearly indep set of columns of  $A$  is exactly the corresponding lin. indep columns of  $U$ .

thm 20. • The  $\text{col}(A)$  has a basis which is constituted of the columns corresp to the columns of  $U$  that are basis for  $\text{col}(U)$ .

•  $\dim(\text{col}(A)) = \dim(\text{col}(U)) = \text{rank}(A)$

In the example:

$\text{col}(U)$  has basis the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> columns (the ones with pivots)

So  $\text{col}(A)$  has basis the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> columns of  $A$ .

$$\textcircled{3} \boxed{\text{row}(A)} = ?$$

= span of rows of  $A$

= span of rows of  $U = \text{row}(U)$

↓  
because rows of  $U$  are lin. combos  
of rows of  $A$  & vice versa.

An elegant way of saying this:

$F \cdot A = U$  is nothing but taking  
linear combinations of rows of  $A$   
to produce rows of  $U$ .

In our example:

$$\text{row}(U) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$\nearrow$   
 $\mathbb{R}^6$



By fact 2, the first 3 rows are linearly independent. This proves:

thm 3 •  $\text{row}(A)$  has basis the rows corresponding to the pivots.  
•  $\dim(\text{row}(A)) = r = \text{rank}(A)$ .

Rank-Nullity Theorem (or the Fundamental Thm of Lin. Alg.)

(i)  $\text{null}(A)$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^q$  with  $\dim q-r$  &  $r$  respectively.

(ii)  $\text{null}(A^T)$ ,  $\text{col}(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  with dimensions  $p-r$  &  $r$  respectively



## Dimension re(ally)-visited.

If there were two bases with different # of vectors then dimension would not be defined. We claim that is impossible.

thm 4. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector space

&  $(u_1, \dots, u_n), (v_1, \dots, v_k)$  be two bases. Then  $n = k$  (so that dim. is well-defined).

proof. Suppose  $n < k$  &

$$v_j = a_{1j}u_1 + \dots + a_{nj}u_n \text{ for each } j.$$

i.e. 
$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 & \dots & v_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & \dots & u_n \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{k1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & \dots & a_{kn} \end{pmatrix}}_A$$

Since  $n < k$  &  $n \geq \# \text{pivots}$ ,  
 there are free variables for  $Ax = 0$   
 i.e.  $\text{null}(A) \neq \{0\}$ ; in particular,  
 there is some  $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$  s.t.  $\text{RHS} \cdot x = 0$   
 $0 \neq$

So  $\text{LHS} \cdot x = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  the columns  
 $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are linearly dependent.  
 This is a contradiction. To get  
 rid of that we give up the assumption  
 $n < k$ . With similar argument for  
 $n > k$ , we get  $n = k$ .

