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Linear Algebra review

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1. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  ✓

b) Find the null space of  $A$

$$N(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 0x_2 - x_3 = 0 \\ 0x_1 + x_2 + 0x_3 = 0 \end{array}$$

↓  
 $x_1 = x_3$   
 $x_2 = 0$

So  $x_3$  is a free variable

$$\text{so } x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Choose  $x_3 = 1$ , since it's a free variable

$$N(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
 ✓

$$\dim(N(A)) = 1$$
 ✓

$$Is N(A) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \underline{\text{yes}}$$
 ✓

9) Find the Column Space of  $A$

$$R(A) = \{ b \in \mathbb{R}^m : Ax = b \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A \qquad \qquad \qquad x \qquad \qquad \qquad b$

So

$$b = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

The vectors in equation ① must be linearly independent, i.e.  $Ax = 0$ . Since  $x_3$  is a free parameter, so I make it zero

then

$$b = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore R(A) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{forms a basis}$$

$$\dim(R(A)) = 2$$

$$R(A) \in \mathbb{R}^4$$

d) Find the rank of  $A$

Consider a RREF matrix:  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , Since  $\text{rank}(A)$

is the number of non zero rows in the reduced matrix,  
- then

$$\underline{\underline{\text{rank}(A) = 2}} \quad \checkmark$$

Discuss if its possible for there to be a solution of  $Ax=b$

- From  $A$ ,  $m > n$ , which makes it an overdetermined problem.
- Since  $\text{Rank}(A) < \min(m, n)$ , then  $A$  is rank deficient hence it is possible to get a solution to  $Ax=b$ , but its not unique. This is because  $x_3$  is a free variable, that means there are infinitely many values that can be assigned to it, making many solutions.

2. Let  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $AX=b \Rightarrow A^T A x = A^T b$

a) show that  $A^T A$  is symmetric.

$A^T A$  is symmetric if  $A^T A = (A^T A)^T$

$$A^T A = (A^T A)^T$$

$$= A^T (A^T)^T$$

$$\underline{\underline{A^T A = A^T A}} \quad \checkmark \quad \square$$

b) If  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , identify the dimensions of  $y^T y$

$$y \in \mathbb{R}^m \Rightarrow \dim(y) = m \times 1$$

$$\dim(y^T) = 1 \times m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(y^T y) &= \dim(y^T) \cdot \dim(y) \\ &= 1 \times m \cdot m \times 1 \\ &= 1 \times 1 \quad \checkmark \\ \underline{\underline{\dim(y^T y) = 1}} \end{aligned}$$

Re-write the product of vectors using sums.

$$\text{let } y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}, \quad y^T = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3 \ \dots \ y_m]$$

$$y^T \cdot y = [y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3 \ \dots \ y_m] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y^T \cdot y = y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + \dots + y_m^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2 \quad \checkmark$$

c) Use Matrix algebra to find a  $y$  so that you can express

$$X^T (A^T A) X \text{ as } y^T y.$$

$$X^T (A^T A) X = X^T A^T A X$$

$$\text{Since } X^T A^T = (AX)^T \text{ then,}$$

$$X^T (A^T A) X = (\cancel{AX})^T A X$$

$$\text{let } AX = y$$

$$\text{then } \underline{\underline{X^T (A^T A) X = y^T y}}, \text{ so } y = \underline{\underline{AX}} \quad \checkmark$$

d) Show that  $x^T(A^T A)x \geq 0$

$$x^T A^T A x = (Ax)^T Ax$$

$$\text{let } Ax = y$$

$$x^T A^T A x = y^T y$$

$$\text{but } y^T y = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i^2$$

$$\forall y_i \in y, y_i^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow y^T y \geq 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x^T(A^T A)x \geq 0}}$$

e) let  $\text{rank}(A) = n$

(i) Find  $\dim R(A)$  and  $\dim N(A)$

$$\dim R(A) = n \quad (\text{from Definition A-16})$$

$$\text{Using } \dim N(A) + \dim R(A) = n \Rightarrow \dim N(A) = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

(ii) Can you find a non-zero vector  $x$  such that  $Ax=0$ ?

No, since  $N(A) = \{0\}$ , so we cannot find a non-zero vector  $x$  such that  $Ax=0$ .

(iii) Use 2(e)(ii)

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (Ax)_i^2 \neq 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0$$

from 2(e)(ii) if  $x \neq 0$ , then  $Ax \neq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (Ax)_i^2 \neq 0 \text{ for some } i$

$$\text{hence } \underline{\underline{\sum_{i=1}^m (Ax)_i^2 \neq 0}}$$

(iv) Use 2d and 2e) (iii) to show that  $x^T(A^T A)x > 0$  if  $x \neq 0$

from 2d)  $x^T(A^T A)x \geq 0 \Rightarrow A^T A$  is Positive Semi-definite  
and from 2e) (iii)  $\sum_{i=1}^m (Ax)_i^2 \neq 0$  if  $x \neq 0$

So since  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ ,  $A$  is full rank matrix, therefore

if  $x \neq 0 \Rightarrow Ax \neq \vec{0}$  and  $(Ax)^T \neq \vec{0}$

then  $x^T(A^T A)x = (Ax)^T Ax > 0$