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Orthogonality of the Four subspaces Looking ahead (part I) (part II)

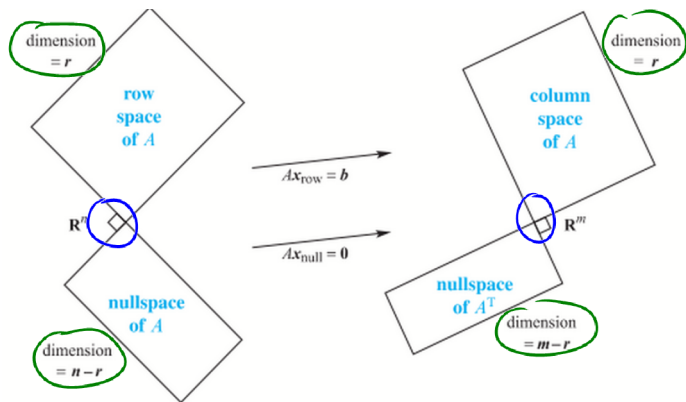
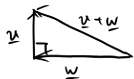


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Orthogonal vectors



Two vectors are orthogonal (= perpendicular)

if $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = 0$ or $\|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} ((\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w})) &= \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

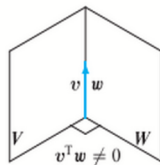
Note: All vectors are orthogonal to zero vector

Orthogonal subspaces

Def Subspace S is orthogonal to subspace T if every vector in S is orthogonal to every vectors in T
 $(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{w} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in S, \forall \mathbf{w} \in T)$



orthogonal line and plane



non-orthogonal planes

Figure 23: Orthogonality is impossible when $\dim V + \dim W > \text{dimension of whole space}$.

(If $S \cap T$ contains any vector (except 0)
 $\Rightarrow S \cap T$ cannot be orthogonal)
(0 is orthogonal to itself $0^T 0 = 0$)

Nullspace is orthogonal to row space

$N(A)$ & $C(A^T)$ are orthogonal subspace of R^n

Why? $\forall \mathbf{x} \in N(A), A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{row 1} \\ \text{row 2} \\ \vdots \\ \text{row } m \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{row 1} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \\ \leftarrow \text{row 2} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \leftarrow \text{row } m \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}$ is orthogonal to every row of A so it's also orthogonal to all combination of rows of $A \Rightarrow N(A) \perp C(A^T)$

Left Nullspace is orthogonal to column space

$N(A) \perp C(A^T)$: both orthogonal subspaces of \mathbb{R}^m

Reason: $\forall \mathbf{y} \in N(A^T), A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$

$$A^T \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{col } 1^T \\ \text{col } 2^T \\ \vdots \\ \text{col } n^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ is orthogonal to every column of A

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ is orthogonal to all combination of columns of A

$\Rightarrow N(A^T) \perp C(A)$

Orthogonal complements

Def

The orthogonal complement V^\perp (V perp) of subspace V contains every vector perpendicular to V

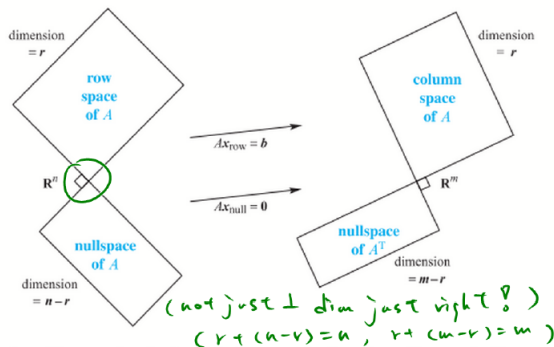


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Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra (part II)

- (1) $N(A)$ is orthogonal complement of $C(A^T)$ (in R^n)**
- (2) $N(A^T)$ is orthogonal complement of $C(A)$ (in R^m)**

Reason for (1):

$\forall \mathbf{x}$ orthogonal to rows of A , $A\mathbf{x} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \in N(A) \Rightarrow N(A) = C(A)^\perp$

(reverse is also true, i.e., $C(A^T) = N(A)^\perp$ prove by

contradiction : if $\exists \mathbf{v}$ orthogonal to $N(A)$ but not in $C(A^T)$, we

can add \mathbf{u} as a new row of matrix: $A' = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \mathbf{u}^T \end{bmatrix}$ without

changing $N(A)$)

(If $A\mathbf{x} = 0$, then $A'\mathbf{x} = 0$ since $\mathbf{u}^T\mathbf{x} = 0$)

then $\dim C(A'^T) = \dim C(A^T) + 1 = r + 1$, **but**

$$\dim N(A') = \dim N(A) = n - r \Rightarrow (n - r) + (r + 1) = n + 1 \neq n$$

(contradiction!)

(Reason for (2) follows by changing A to A^T)

Ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim C(A^T) = 1 \Rightarrow \dim N(A) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

(basis: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$) (basis: two special solutions)

By orthogonal complement, $N(A)$ is the plane

perpendicular to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

Row space & Nullspace components

Since $C(A^T)$ & $N(A)$ are orthogonal complements

$$(C(A^T) = N(A)^\perp \text{ \& } N(A) = C(A^T)^\perp)$$

every $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be splitted into

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_n \quad (\text{will prove it later})$$

\mathbf{x}_r : row space component

\mathbf{x}_n : nullspace component

Multiplying by A

Note 1: $A\mathbf{x}_n = 0$ (nullspace component goes to zero)

Note 2: $A\mathbf{x}_r = A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ (row space component goes to $C(A)$)

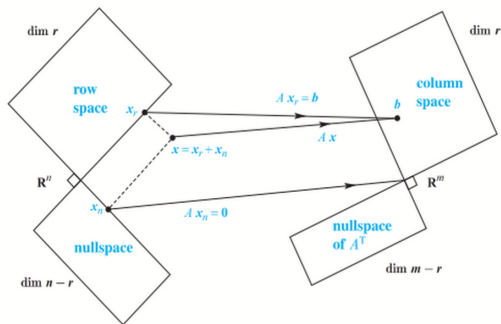


Figure 25: This update of Figure 24 shows the true action of A on $x = x_r + x_n$. Row space vector x_r to column space, nullspace vector x_n to zero.

Note 3: Every vector $b \in C(A)$ comes from a unique vector $x_r \in C(A^T)$

pf: If $\exists \mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}'_r \in C(\mathbf{A}^T)$ s.t.

$$A\mathbf{x}_r = A\mathbf{x}'_r \Rightarrow A\mathbf{x}_r - A\mathbf{x}'_r = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(\mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}'_r) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}'_r \in N(A)$$

$$\text{since } \mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}'_r \in C(A^T) \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}'_r \in C(A^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}'_r = \mathbf{0}, \text{ since } N(A) \perp C(A^T)$$

This implies that there is a $r \times r$ invertible matrix hiding inside A
(If we throw away two nullspaces)

From $C(A^T) \rightarrow C(A)$, A is invertible & pseudoinverse will invert it in sec. 7-3

Ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{invertible}}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{[1 \ 3] \text{ invertible}}$$

Combining Bases from subspaces

Recall: Basis = independent + span the space

**But when the count is right, we only need one of them,
i.e.,**

- **Any n independent vector in R^n must span**

$R^n \Rightarrow$ they are basis

- **Any n vectors that span R^n must be independent \Rightarrow
they are basis**

Equivalent statements: $(A_{n \times n})$

- **If n columns of A are independent they span**

$R^n \Rightarrow Ax = b$ solvable, $\forall b$

- if n columns of A span \mathbb{R}^n , they are independent

$\Rightarrow Ax = b$ has only one solution

pf: If n columns independent then no free var.s

\Rightarrow sol. x unique & n pivots

\Rightarrow back sub. solves $Ax = b$

\Rightarrow solution exists

If n columns span \mathbb{R}^n , $Ax = b$ is solvable $\forall b$
(solution exists)

\Rightarrow elimination produces no zero rows

$\Rightarrow n$ pivots \Rightarrow no free var.s

\Rightarrow solution unique

Combining bases from $C(A^T)$ & $N(A)$

we have r basis from $C(A^T)$ in R^n
 $(n - r)$ basis from $N(A)$ in R^n

combined together

A total of $r + (n - r) = n$ independent vectors in R^n , they span R^n

$$\text{If } \underbrace{a_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \cdots + a_r \mathbf{v}_r}_{\mathbf{x}_r} + \underbrace{a_{r+1} \mathbf{v}_{r+1} + \cdots + a_n \mathbf{v}_n}_{\mathbf{x}_n} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{x}_r$$

$$+$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r = -\mathbf{x}_n \Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r, \mathbf{x}_n$ in both $C(A^T)$ & $N(A)$ but $C(A^T) \perp N(A)$

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_r = \mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{0}$

since $\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_r$ are basis of $C(A^T)$

$\mathbf{v}_{r+1} \dots \mathbf{v}_n$ are the basis of $N(A)$

$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_r = a_{r+1} = \cdots = a_n = 0$ n vectors are

independent

So for every \mathbf{x} in R^n , we have $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{x}_n$