

# Section 4.1

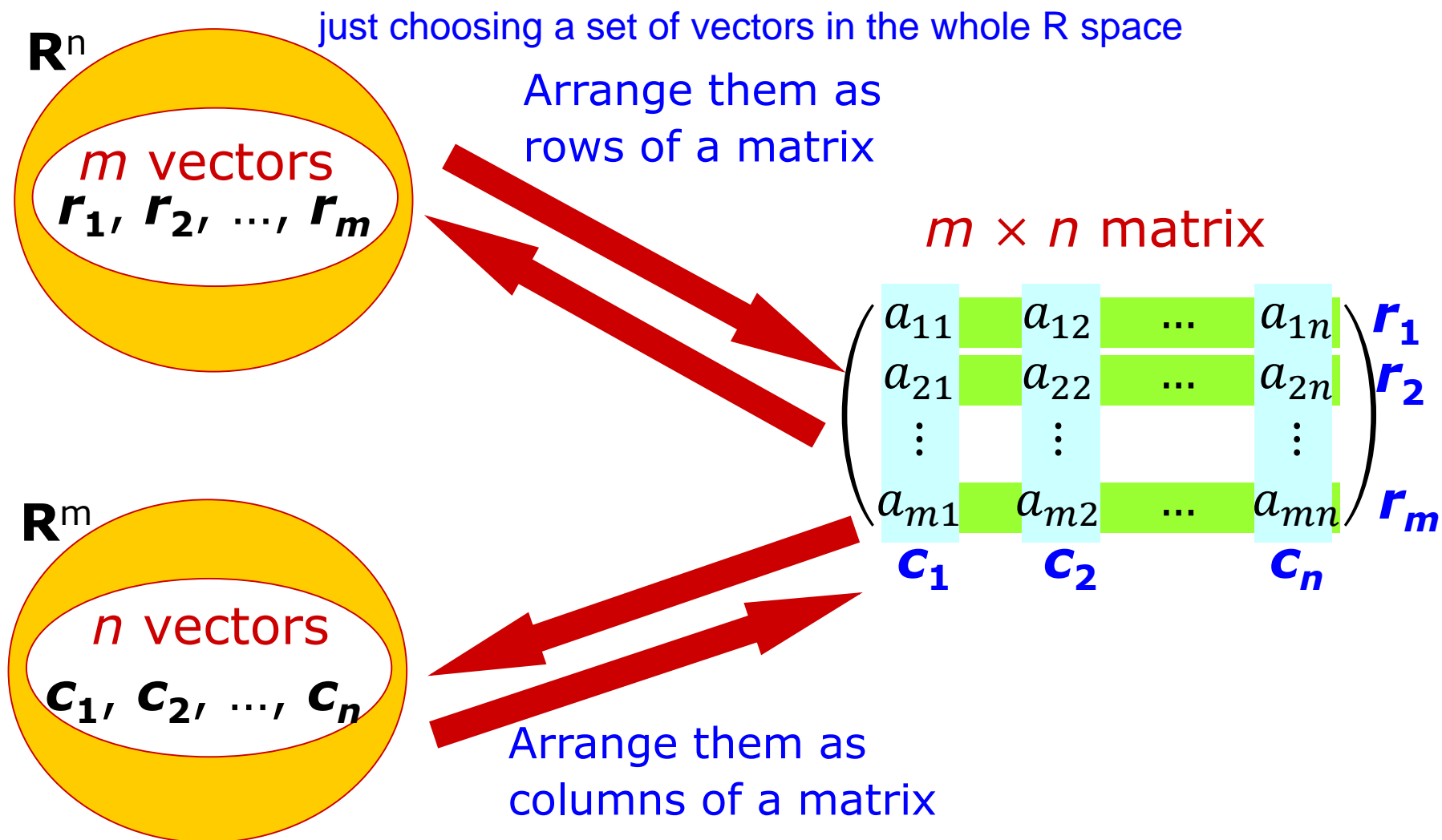
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## Row Spaces and Column Spaces

### Objectives

- What are **row space** and **column space** of a matrix?
- How to find bases for row /column spaces?
- How to use row /column spaces to find bases for vector spaces?
- How to **extend a basis**?
- What is the relation between column space and consistency of linear system?

## Discussion 4.1.1



## Row space and column space

### Example 4.1.4.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

rows of  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = (2, -1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = (1, -1, 3)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = (-5, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_4 = (1, 0, 1)$$

We call it the **row space** of  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\text{span}\{(2, -1, 0), (1, -1, 3), (-5, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$$

a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$

span vector rows to be subspace

columns of  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We call it the **column space** of  $\mathbf{A}$

$$\text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^4$

# Row space and column space

## Definition 4.1.2

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbf{c}_1 \quad \mathbf{c}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{c}_n$

an  $m \times n$  matrix

The row space of  $A$  =  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$

$\nmid$  need to span it  
 $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$

a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$

The column space of  $A$  =  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$

$\nmid$   
 $\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$

a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^m$

# Row space and column space

## Remark 4.1.3

row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  = column space of  $\mathbf{A}^T$   
column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  = row space of  $\mathbf{A}^T$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{c}_n \end{matrix}$$

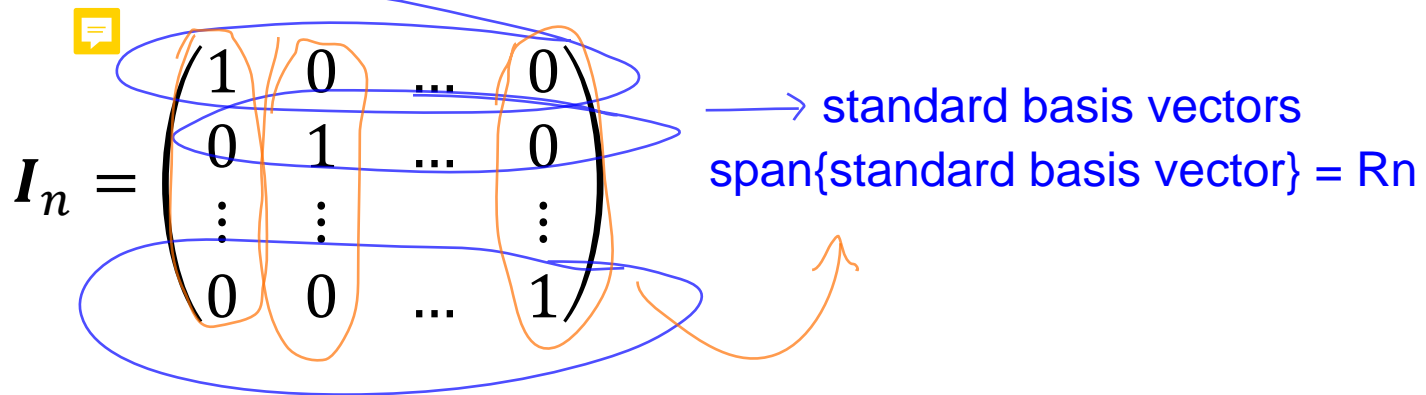
Diagram illustrating the relationship between the row space and column space of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and its transpose  $\mathbf{A}^T$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is shown with rows  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m$  and columns  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is shown with columns  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m$  and rows  $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$ . The elements  $a_{ij}$  are highlighted in blue boxes, and the row and column vectors are labeled in red.

# Some special matrices

Row (column) space of zero matrix  $\mathbf{0}$  = zero space

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row (column) space of  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{R}^n$



The diagram shows the identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n$  as a 4x4 matrix with 1s on the diagonal and 0s elsewhere. The matrix is written as  $\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Blue horizontal ovals encircle each row, and orange vertical ovals encircle each column. A yellow speech bubble icon is positioned above the first row. A blue arrow points from the text "standard basis vectors" to the first row. Another blue arrow points from the text "span{standard basis vector} = R^n" to the first column. An orange curved arrow points from the bottom-right element (1) to the text "span{standard basis vector} = R^n".

$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

→ standard basis vectors  
span{standard basis vector} =  $\mathbf{R}^n$

# Bases for row space and column space

## Example 4.1.4.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a **basis** and the **dimension** for the row space

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4\}$        $\text{basis} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4\}?$

Find a **basis** and the **dimension** for the column space

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$        $\text{basis} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}?$

These sets may be linearly dependent

There may be redundant vectors

not necessary

## Discussion 4.1.6

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be row equivalent matrices.

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \hookrightarrow$$

Row equivalence (r.e.) is an **equivalence relation** on matrices of the same size

- $\mathbf{A}$  is r.e. to itself **reflexive**
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is r.e. to  $\mathbf{B}$ , then  $\mathbf{B}$  is r.e. to  $\mathbf{A}$  **symmetric**
- If  $\mathbf{A}$  is r.e. to  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{B}$  is r.e. to  $\mathbf{C}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  is r.e. to  $\mathbf{C}$ . **transitivity**

If two matrices  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  (of the same size) have the **same reduced row echelon form**, then  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{N}$  are row equivalent.



Row equivalent matrices have same row space

## Theorem 4.1.7

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Let  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  be row equivalent matrices.

Then

row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  = row space of  $\mathbf{B}$

elementary row operations

change the rows of a matrix

but do not change the row space of a matrix.

### Theorem 4.1.7

Let  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$  be rows of a matrix.

We need to show that

1.  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$   
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, c\mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
2.  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$   
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
3.  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$   
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i + c\mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$

Row equivalent matrices have same row space

## Example 4.1.8.1

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & \text{ref of } A \\
 \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 & R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 & 2R_1 & R_1 - R_2 & & & \\
 \mathbf{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{D}
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$  are row equivalent to one another  
 So their row spaces are all the same

In particular

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{span}\{(0, 0, 1), (0, 2, 4), (\tfrac{1}{2}, 1, 2)\} && \text{row space of } \mathbf{A} \\
 = & \text{span}\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 2, 4), (0, 0, 1)\}. && \text{row space of } \mathbf{D}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Finding basis for row space

### Example 4.1.8.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$r_1$   
 $r_2$   
 $r_3$

will always be linearly indep  
if there is the staircase

row echelon form

The row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  = The row space of  $\mathbf{R}$

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{0}\}$$

$$\text{span}\{(2, 2, -1, 0, 1), (0, 0, \frac{3}{2}, -3, \frac{3}{2}), (0, 0, 0, 3, 0)\}$$

The three **non-zero rows**  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3$  of  $\mathbf{R}$  are linearly indep.

So  $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3\}$  is a **basis** for the **row space of  $\mathbf{A}$**

## Finding basis for row space

### Remark 4.1.9

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$\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$  (row-echelon form)

The set of nonzero rows of  $\mathbf{R}$   $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k\}$   
is a basis for the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

spans the row space of  $\mathbf{R}$

spans the row space of  $\mathbf{A}$

linearly independent

Note that this basis may not contain  
the original rows of  $\mathbf{A}$

# Finding basis for column space

## Discussion 4.1.10

Can we take the non-zero columns of a row-echelon form to form a basis for the column space?

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

Gaussian  
Elimination

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

No  
Is this a basis for the  
column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

always 0 so will never  
be the column space  
of  $\mathbf{A}$

not linearly indep

# BAD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices may have different column spaces

## Discussion 4.1.10

Elementary row operations may not preserve the column space of a matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{row sp } \mathbf{A} &= \text{row sp } \mathbf{B} \\ \text{col. sp } \mathbf{A} &\neq \text{col. sp } \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For example, } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are row equivalent  
but their column spaces are different.

$$\text{The column space of } \mathbf{A} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

another example to  
prove

$$\text{The column space of } \mathbf{B} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$$

GOOD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

### Example 4.1.12.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. The 1st, 3rd and 5th columns of  $\mathbf{R}$  are linearly dependent.

Correspondingly,  
the 1st, 3rd and 5th columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly dependent.



GOOD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

### Example 4.1.12.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. The 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of  $\mathbf{R}$  are linearly independent.

Correspondingly,  
the 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  are linearly independent.

Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

## Theorem 4.1.11

$\mathbf{A} \xleftrightarrow{\text{row equivalent}} \mathbf{B}$

column space of  $\mathbf{A}$

may not  
be equal

column space of  $\mathbf{B}$

A set of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  is linearly independent  $\longleftrightarrow$  corresponding columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  are linearly independent

linearly dependent

linearly dependent

a column of  $\mathbf{A}$   
is redundant

corresponding column  
of  $\mathbf{B}$  is redundant

A set of columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  corresponding columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{B}$

## Finding basis for column space

### Example 4.1.12.2

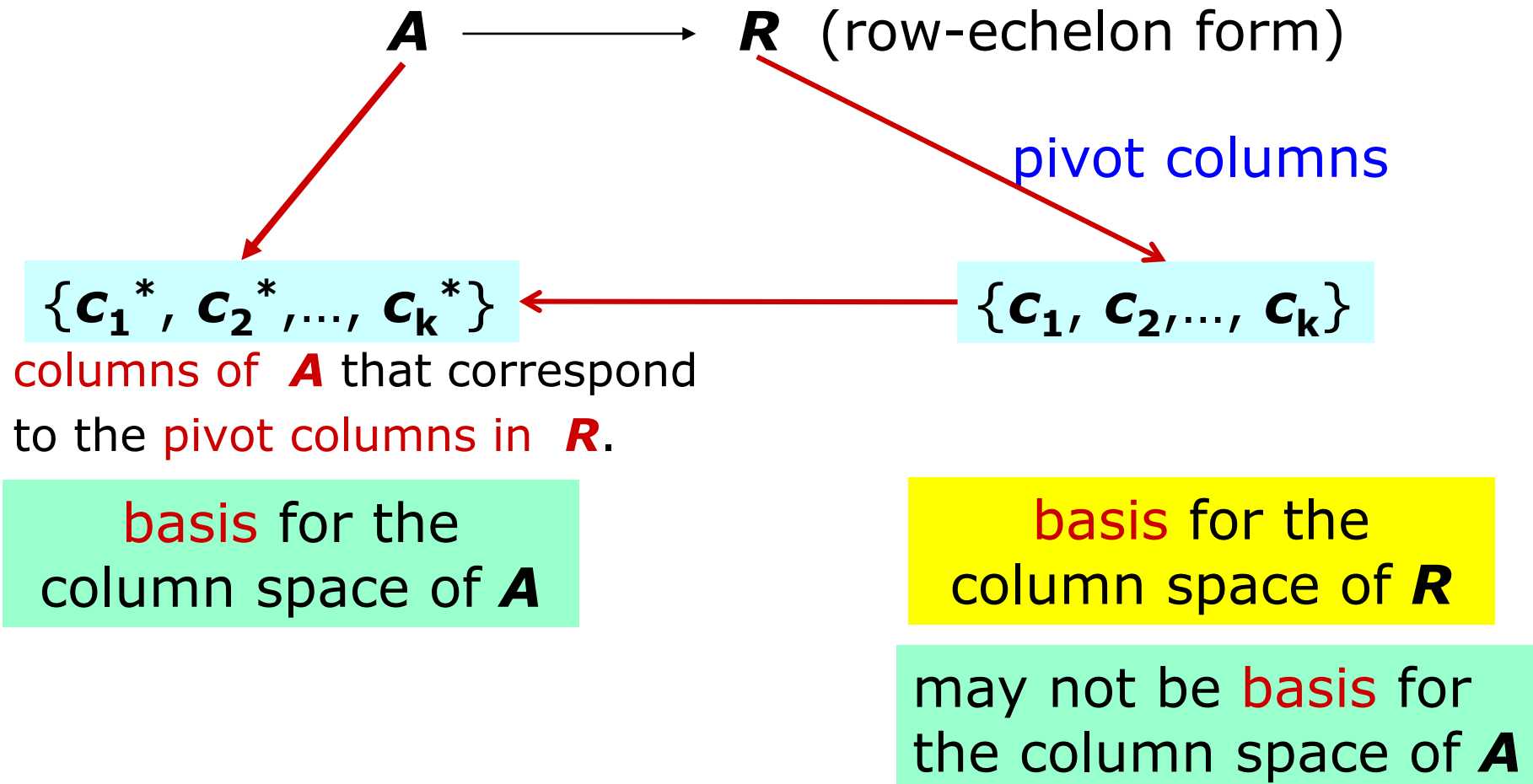
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of  $\mathbf{R}$  form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

Correspondingly,  
the 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of  $\mathbf{A}$  form a basis for the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

## Finding basis for column space

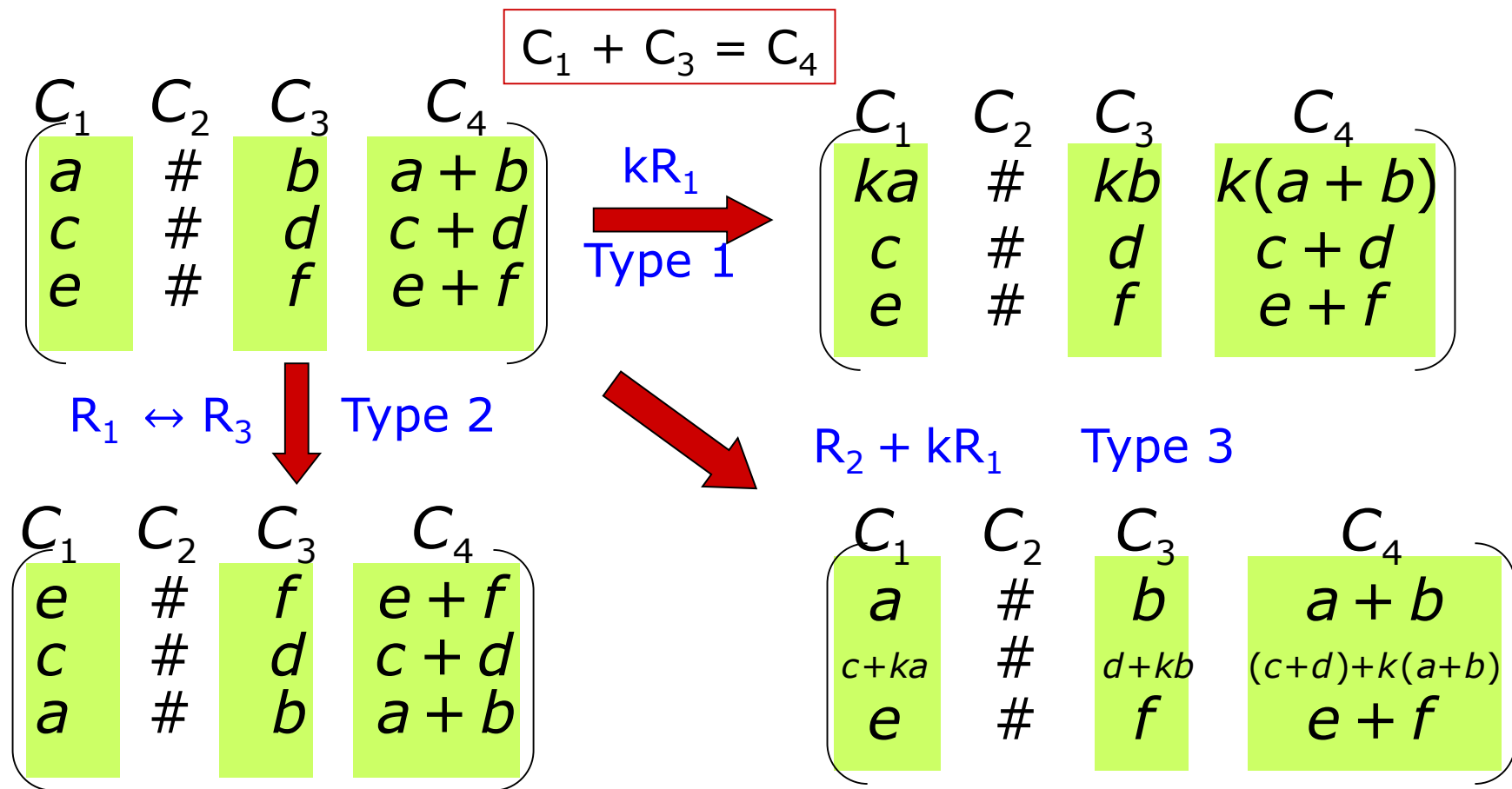
### Remark 4.1.13



# Idea of proof of Theorem 4.1.11

## Remark

row operations preserve linear relations among columns



## Example 4.1.14.1

Find a basis for  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 2, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = (3, 6, 6, 3)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = (4, 9, 9, 5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_4 = (-2, -1, -1, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_5 = (5, 8, 9, 4)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_6 = (4, 2, 7, 3)$$

Arrange the vectors  
as **rows** of a matrix

Row space method

Column space method

Arrange the vectors as  
**columns** of a matrix

## Application: finding basis for linear span

### Example 4.1.14.1 (Row space method)

Place the vectors in the form of rows in a  $6 \times 4$  matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 9 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 & 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{u}_4 \\ \mathbf{u}_5 \\ \mathbf{u}_6 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

row space of  $\mathbf{A}$  =  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$

$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (0, 1, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1)\}$  is a basis  
not from the original rows

## Application: finding basis for linear span

### Example 4.1.14.1 (Column space method)

Place the vectors in the form of columns in a  $4 \times 6$  matrix.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \quad u_4 \quad u_5 \quad u_6$

column space of  $\mathbf{B} = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6\}$

Pivot columns: 1st, 3rd and 5th columns

$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (4, 9, 9, 5), (5, 8, 9, 3)\}$  is a basis  
all from the original columns



## Application: extend a set to a basis

### Example 4.1.14.2

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$$S = \{(1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3)\}$$

$S$  is linearly independent.

**Extend**  $S$  to a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^5$ .

**Different from** finding a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^5$

This means:

**Add on non-redundant vectors** to  $S$   
to form a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^5$

goal :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Need two more vectors} \\ \text{Use row space method} \end{array} \right.$

## Application: extend a set to a basis

### Example 4.1.14.2

$$S = \{(1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3)\}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Form a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  using the vectors in  $\mathbf{S}$  as rows.
2. Reduce  $\mathbf{A}$  to a row-echelon form  $\mathbf{R}$ .
3. Identify the non-pivot columns of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

Look for columns without leading entries  
the 3rd and the 5th columns

# Application: extend a set to a basis

## Example 4.1.14.2

form a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^5$   
complete  $\mathbf{R}$  to a 5x5 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gaussian  
Elimination

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ (0 & 0 & \times & * & *) \\ (0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & y) \end{pmatrix}$$

are not redundant  
in row space of  $\mathbf{A}$

E.g.  $(0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0)$   
E.g.  $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)$

4. Form (row) vectors with leading entries at the non-pivot columns.

adding more rows to make  
them have lead entry

5.  $\{\text{Row vectors in } \mathbf{A}\} \cup \{\text{vectors from Step 4}\}$   
form a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^n$

add back here

$\{ (1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3),$   
 $(0, 0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \}$

# Revision on Bases

$$S = \{(2, -1, 0), (1, -1, 3), (-5, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$$

How to get a basis from S for  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ?

Throw out redundant vectors from S

Arrange the vectors as **columns** of a matrix

Look for **pivot columns** of the REF

$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

How to extend T to a basis for  $\mathbf{R}^4$ ?

Add on non-redundant vectors to T

Arrange the vectors as **rows** of a matrix

Look for **'missing' leading entries** of the REF

# Solutions of linear system revisited

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

How do we tell whether this system has  
(i) no solution, (ii) unique solution; (iii) infinite solutions ?

Approach 1: Form  $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b})$  and look at REF

Approach 2: If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a square matrix

$\mathbf{A}$  is invertible  $\Rightarrow$  system has **unique** solution

$\mathbf{A}$  is singular  $\Rightarrow$  system has **no** or **infinite** solutions

Approach 3:  $\mathbf{A}$  is any matrix

$\mathbf{b}$  belongs to column space of  $\mathbf{A}$

$\Rightarrow$  system has **unique** or **infinite** solutions

$\mathbf{b}$  does not belong to column space of  $\mathbf{A}$

$\Rightarrow$  system has **no** solution

# Consistency of linear system and column space

## Discussion 4.1.15

matrix multiply  
with vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix  
equation form

system has a solution

general linear combination  
of the column vectors

$$1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

vector  
equation form

actual linear combination  
of the column vectors

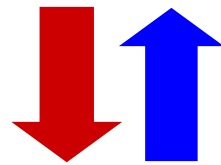
$b$  is  $\text{span}\{A\}$  this vector belongs  
to the column space

## Discussion 4.1.15

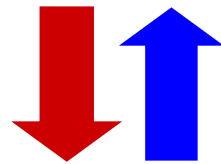
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**A**                      **x** = **b**

system **Ax = b** has a solution



**b** can be written as  
a linear combination  
of the columns of **A**

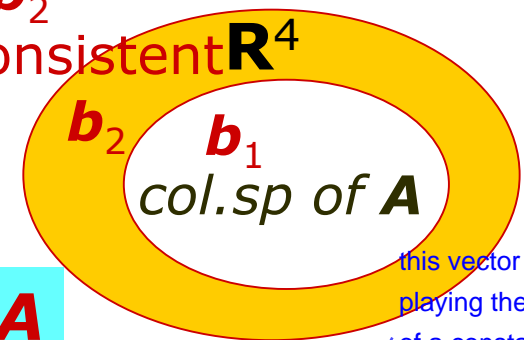


**b** belongs to the column space of **A**

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x\mathbf{C}_1 + y\mathbf{C}_2 + z\mathbf{C}_3 = \mathbf{b}$$

**Ax = b<sub>2</sub>**  
not consistent **R<sup>4</sup>**



**Ax = b<sub>1</sub>**  
consistent

# Theorem 4.1.16

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix.

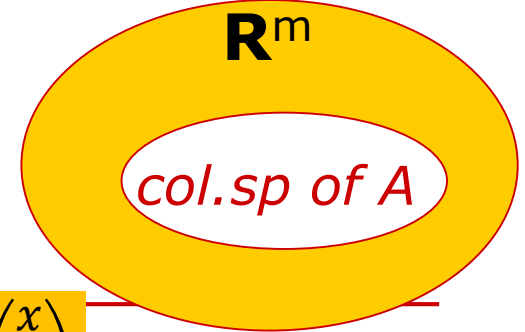
The column space of  $\mathbf{A}$  =  $\{ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \mid \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n \}$ .

$(\mathbf{c}_1 \mid \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{c}_n)$

$x\mathbf{c}_1 + y\mathbf{c}_2 + \dots + z\mathbf{c}_n$

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\} = \left\{ \text{all linear combination of the column vectors of } \mathbf{A} \right\}$

A system of linear equation  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent if and only if  $\mathbf{b}$  lies in the column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ .



$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ \vdots \\ z \end{pmatrix}$



# Section 4.2

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## Ranks

### Objectives

- What is the rank of a matrix?
- What is the relation between rank and invertibility of a matrix?
- What is the relation between rank and consistency of linear system?

# Dimension of row space and column space

## Theorem 4.2.1

The **row space** and **column space** of a matrix have the **same dimension**.

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a matrix with row-echelon form  $\mathbf{R}$ .

$$\mathbf{R} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \circledast & * & & \\ & \circledast & * & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \circledast & * \end{array} \right)$$

but they might not be from the same  $\mathbb{R}$  space

dimension of **row space** of  $\mathbf{A}$   
= the number of nonzero rows  
= the number of leading entries

dimension of **column space** of  $\mathbf{A}$

= the number of pivot columns  
= the number of leading entries

## What is the rank of a matrix?

steps:

- 1) Find REF
- 2) Look at leading entries

### Definition 4.2.3

**rank** of a matrix :  
dimension of its row space or column space.

**Notation** rank of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  :  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

If  $\mathbf{R}$  is a row-echelon form of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{the number of nonzero rows of } \mathbf{R} \\ \text{the number of leading entries in } \mathbf{R} \\ \text{the number of pivot columns in } \mathbf{R} \end{array} \right\}$

$=$  largest number of linearly independent rows in  $\mathbf{A}$

$=$  largest number of linearly independent columns in  $\mathbf{A}$

## Ranks of some special matrices

### Example 4.2.4.1

Row (column) space of zero matrix  $\mathbf{0} = \underline{\text{zero space}}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{0}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row (column) space of  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $\mathbf{I}_n = \underline{\mathbf{R}^n}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n) = n$$

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dimension is for vector space  
Rank is for matrix

### Example 4.2.4.3

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 9 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 & 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbf{c}_1 \quad \mathbf{c}_2 \quad \mathbf{c}_3$

Basis for row space of  $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3\}$

Basis for column space of  $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{c}_1 \ \mathbf{c}_2 \ \mathbf{c}_3\}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 3$$

DON'T Write:  $\dim(\mathbf{A}) = 3$

## Largest possible rank of a matrix

### Example 4.2.4.4

What is the largest possible rank of a  $5 \times 3$  matrix ?

The answer is 3

Find the largest possible number of pivot columns in a row-echelon form of a  $5 \times 3$  matrix.

3 columns

What is the largest possible rank of a  $3 \times 5$  matrix ?

The answer is 3

Find the largest possible number of non-zero rows in a row-echelon form of a  $3 \times 5$  matrix.

3 rows

## Largest possible rank of a matrix

### Remark 4.2.5.1

For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{m, n\}$ .

Example:  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $4 \times 6$

possible  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

$\mathbf{A}$  is full rank  $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 4$

An  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  with  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \min\{m, n\}$  is said to be of full rank.

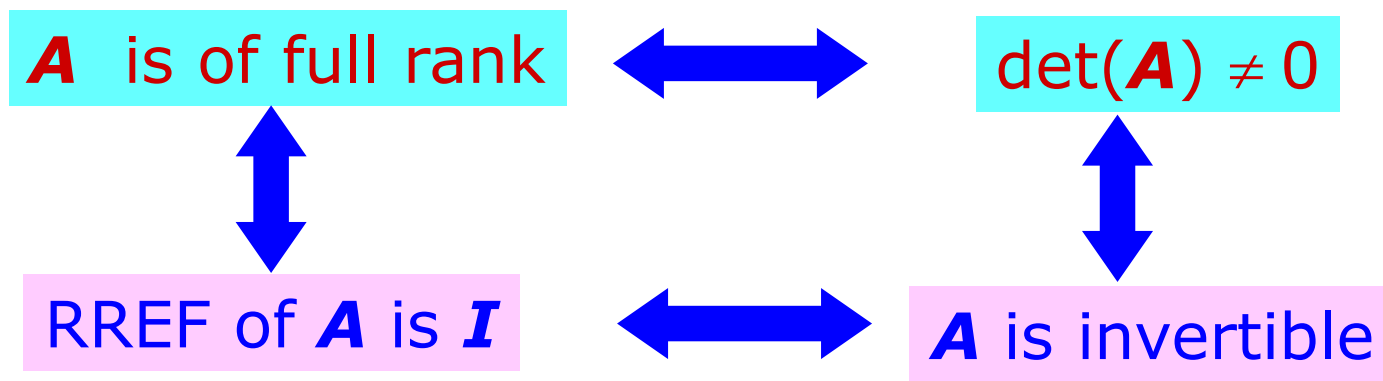
the smaller of  
the two numbers  
 $m$  and  $n$

# Relation between rank and determinant of a matrix

## Remark 4.2.5.2-3

$A$  is a  $n \times n$  matrix (so full rank =  $n$ )

A square matrix  $A$  is of full rank if and only if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .



$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$  for any matrix  $A$   
row space of  $A$  = column space of  $A^T$

span(row) will become span(column) transpose

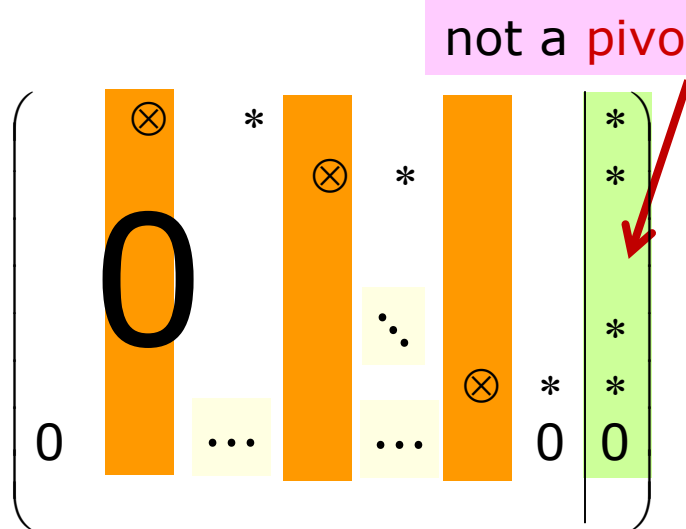


# Relation between rank and consistency of system

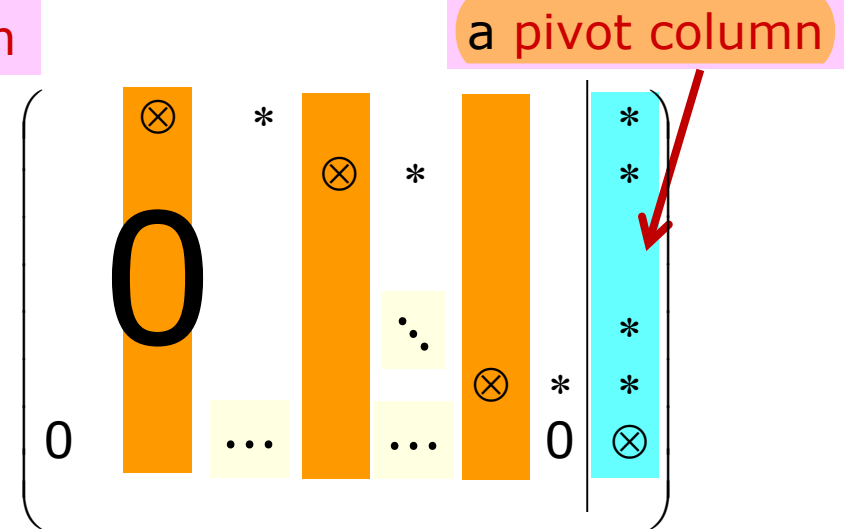
## Remark 4.2.6

A system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is consistent  $\longleftrightarrow$  if and only if the coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and the augmented matrix  $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b})$  have the same rank.

Last lecture:  
 $\mathbf{b} \in \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$



system is consistent  
 $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b})$



system is inconsistent  
 $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < \text{rank}(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b})$

# Relation between rank and consistency of system

## Example 4.2.7

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ x - y + 3z = 0 \\ -5x + y = 0 \\ x + z = 0 \end{cases}$$

coefficient matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

augmented matrix

$$(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}) = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

REF of  $\mathbf{A}$  rank( $\mathbf{A}$ ) = 3

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

REF of  $(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b})$  rank( $\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}$ ) = 4

The system is inconsistent.

## Rank of a product of two matrices

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$$

### Theorem 4.2.8

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{ \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \}$$

$$\mathbf{A}: m \times n$$

$$\mathbf{B}: n \times p$$

Proof

zip along the column

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 \dots \mathbf{b}_p)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = (\mathbf{Ab}_1 \mathbf{Ab}_2 \dots \mathbf{Ab}_p) \quad \text{see Notation 2.2.15}$$

where  $\mathbf{Ab}_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\mathbf{AB}$ .

$$\mathbf{Ab}_i \in \text{column space of } \mathbf{A} \quad \text{By Theorem 4.1.16}$$

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{Ab}_1, \mathbf{Ab}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Ab}_p\} \subseteq \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$$

column space of  $\mathbf{AB}$

$\subseteq$

By Theorem 3.2.10

$$\dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{AB}) \leq \dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{A})$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB})$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

# Rank of a product of two matrices

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## Theorem 4.2.8

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\}$$

Proof

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

this is post multiplying B to A

Also need to show:  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$

this is pre multiplying A to B

→ we have  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}^T)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \parallel & \\ \text{rank}((\mathbf{AB})^T) & & \parallel \end{array}$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$$

remark 4.2.5.2

Therefore

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\}.$$

column space of  $\mathbf{AB} \subseteq$  column space of  $\mathbf{A}$

From proof of thm 4.2.8

## Quiz Time

row space of  $\mathbf{AB} \subseteq$  row space of  $\mathbf{B}$

Remark 4.2.5.2

column space of  $(\mathbf{AB})^T \subseteq$  column space of  $\mathbf{B}^T$

column space of  $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \subseteq$  column space of  $\mathbf{B}^T$

- A. True
- B. False

# Section 4.3

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## Nullspaces and Nullities

### Objectives

- What is the nullspace and nullity of a matrix?
- What is the Dimension Theorem?
- What is the relation between nullspace and solution set of a linear system?

# What is the nullspace and nullity of a matrix?

## Definition 4.3.1

$\mathbf{A} : m \times n$  matrix

nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$       subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^n$

is the solution space of the homogeneous system of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

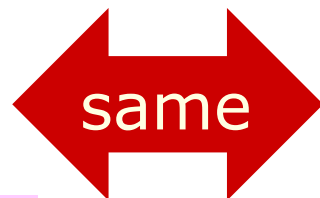
nullity of  $\mathbf{A}$       a number  $\leq n$

is the dimension of the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$

denoted by  $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$

Number of parameters in the general solution

Nullspace of  
a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$



Solution space of a  
linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

all the vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$   
that are "killed" by  $\mathbf{A}$

all the vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^n$   
that satisfy  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

## Basis for the nullspace

### Example 4.3.3.1

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Find a basis for the nullspace of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{G.E.}} \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

non pivot columns = 2 para

write all vectors  
as columns

The general solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -s - t \\ s \\ -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$$

basis for the  
nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$



## Rank and nullity of a matrix

### Example 4.3.3.2

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{9} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{9} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = 3$$

$$\text{general solution of } \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{9}t \\ -\frac{1}{3}t \\ \frac{4}{9}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{9}t \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{B}) = 1$     basis for the nullspace of  $\mathbf{B}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{B}) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

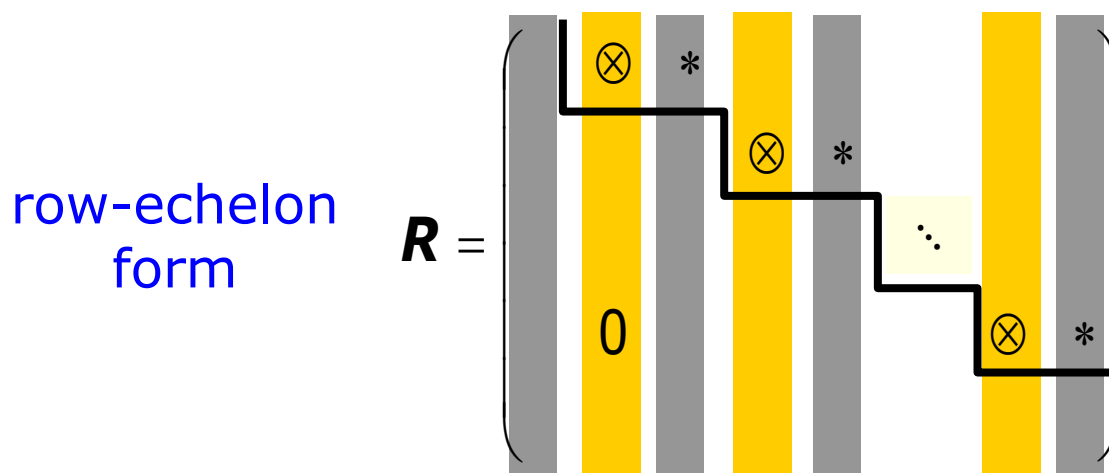
= the number of columns of  $\mathbf{B}$

# Dimension Theorem for Matrices

## Theorem 4.3.4

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix with  $n$  columns, then

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



■ pivot columns

(correspond to basis for column space of  $\mathbf{A}$ )  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

■ non-pivot columns

(correspond to parameters in general solutions)

$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$

## Applying Dimension Theorem

### Example 4.3.5.2

In each of the following cases, find  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ .

solution space only  
has trivial sln

Size of $\mathbf{A}$	# column of $\mathbf{A}$	# column of $\mathbf{A}^T$	$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T)$	$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$	$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T)$
$3 \times 4$	4	3	3	1	0
$7 \times 5$	5	7	2	3	5
$3 \times 2$	2	3	0	2	3

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = \# \text{ column of } \mathbf{A}$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \# \text{ column of } \mathbf{A}^T$$

homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{cases} 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \end{cases} (L_0)$$

## Example 1.4.7 (revisited)

homogeneous system

Non-homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 2x_5 = 8 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 + 3x_5 = -9 \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 + 3x_5 = 6 \end{cases} (L)$$

solutions of  $(L_0)$

general solution of  $(L)$  not solutions of  $(L)$  a solution of  $(L)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -29 - 2s + 3t \\ s \\ 8 - 2t \\ t \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -29 \\ 0 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

can be replaced by any other solution of  $(L)$

general solution of  $(L_0)$

## Exercise 2 Q9

Suppose the homogeneous system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  has non-trivial solutions.  $\leftarrow \mathbf{u}$  is a non-trivial solution  
Show that the linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has either no solution or infinitely many solutions.

### Idea of proof

We already know  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has either:

- No solution
- Exactly one solution  $\leftarrow \mathbf{v}$  is a solution
- Infinitely many solutions

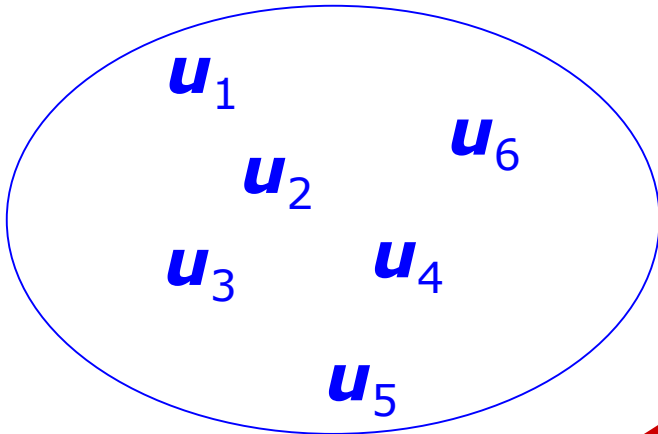
$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is also a solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Not possible

# Solution set of non-homogeneous system

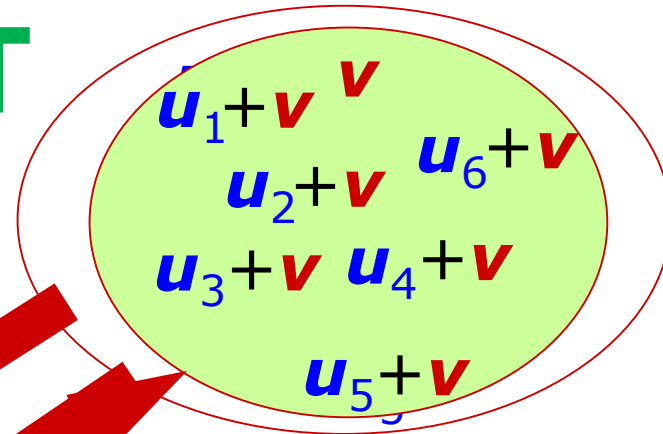
## Theorem 4.3.6 (Diagram version)

solution space of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$



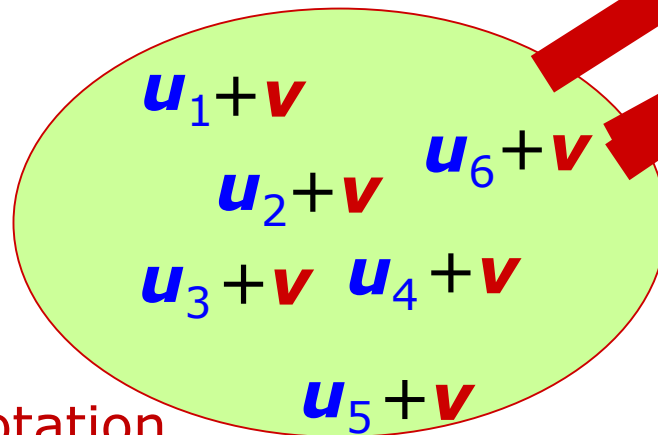
$\mathbf{T} =$   
**T**

solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$



?

**S**



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{b} \\ &= \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

set notation

$$S = \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is a solution of the system } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0} \}$$

## Solution set of non-homogeneous system

### Theorem 4.3.6

Suppose the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a (particular) solution  $\mathbf{v}$ .

The solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is  $\{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

*Annotations:*  
- A blue oval encircles the entire sentence.  
- A blue arrow points from the text "= solution space of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ " to the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$ .  
- A blue arrow points from the word "vary" to  $\mathbf{u}$ .  
- A blue arrow points from the word "fix" to  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
- A blue bracket is above the set notation.

The general solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  can be given by  
(the general solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ ) +  $\mathbf{v}$

If we know the general solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$  and one particular solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ , then we have the general solution for  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ .

# Solution set of non-homogeneous system

## Example 4.3.8

linear system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

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

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

one particular  
solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

By Example 4.3.3.1,  
the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A} =$   
solution space of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \text{ in } \mathbf{R} \right\}$$

solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \text{ in } \mathbf{R} \right\}$$



The proof

## Theorem 4.3.6

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$T =$  the solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$S = \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

We want to show:  $T = S$

Need to show:  $T \subseteq S$  and  $S \subseteq T$

$T \subseteq S$

Show every solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has the form  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

Next slide

$S \subseteq T$

Show every  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is a solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Substitute  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$T =$  the solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

The proof

$S = \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

## Theorem 4.3.6

a solution of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

To show  $T \subseteq S$ :

element-chasing method

Let  $\mathbf{w} \in T$

Want to show:  $\mathbf{w} \in S$

i.e. Given  $\mathbf{Aw} = \mathbf{b}$

i.e. To show  $\mathbf{w}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

We have  $\mathbf{Av} = \mathbf{b}$

i.e. To show  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

i.e. To show  $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$

i.e. To show  $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}$  is an element of the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$

i.e. To show  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \mathbf{Aw} - \mathbf{Av} \\ &= \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T \subseteq S$ .

## Solution set of non-homogeneous system

### Remark 4.3.7

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Suppose the system of linear equations  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has a (particular) solution  $\mathbf{v}$ .

The solution set of  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$   
=  $\{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

Let  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  be a consistent linear system. Then

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  has exactly one solution  
if and only if  
the nullspace of  $\mathbf{A}$  is equal to  $\{\mathbf{0}\}$