

Lec 08: Solving  $Ax=b$ : Row reduced form R

Complete solution of  $Ax=b$

$\text{rank } A$

$$x = x_p + x_n$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & b_2 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

Augmented matrix

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_3 - 3b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & b_3 - b_2 - b_1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$0 = b_3 - b_2 - b_1$$

Condition for solvability

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ OK } b$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Not OK } b$$

Solvability: Condition on  $b$  to Always have solution for  $AX=b$

$\Rightarrow$  in column space  $AX=b$  is solvable  
 $b \in C(A)$

If a combination of row's of  $A$   
 gives zero row

$\Rightarrow$  The same combination on components on  $b$  have to be zero.

To find complete sol'n to  $AX=b$

$\Rightarrow x_2=0 \ x_4=0$

①  $X_{particular}$ : set all free variables to 0  
 solve  $AX=b$  for pivot variable.

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$$x_1 + 2x_3 = 1 \quad x_1 = -2$$

$$2x_3 = 3 \quad x_3 = 3/2$$

$$x_p = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

② add on  $x_{\text{null space}}$

$\Rightarrow$  complete solution =  $x_p + x_n$

this shows up every where when we have linear eq<sup>n</sup>.

$$Ax_p = b \quad Ax_n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_p + x_n) = b$$

$$x_{\text{complete}} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 3/2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$m$  by  $n$  matrix  $A$  of rank  $r$

$r = \#$  number of pivots.

$\Rightarrow$  if we have  $m$  rows in the matrix and  $r$  pivots, we certainly know always  $r \leq m$

$\Rightarrow$  Similarly,  $r \leq n$

$\Rightarrow r \leq m, n$

Full Column rank:

$$r = n$$

what does it tell about solution's? what does it tell about Null space?

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} m \geq n = r \\ m \times n \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  if the rank  $r = n$ , there is pivot in every column

$\Rightarrow$  How many pivot variables are there  $= n$

$\Rightarrow$  How many free variables  $= 0$

$\Rightarrow$  no free variable  $\Rightarrow$  No Null space

$$\text{Null space of } A = \{0\}$$

$$N(A) = \{0\}$$

Solution's to  $Ax=b$ ?

$x = x_p$  if exists

$Ax=b$  has unique (only one)

if it exists  $\Rightarrow b \in C(A)$

$\Rightarrow$  There is 0 or 1 solution

when  $\sigma = n$  (Full column rank)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{ref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is there always a solution to  $AX=b$   
in full column rank matrix?

in above EX: 4 eq<sup>n</sup>, 2 unknowns

No.  $b \in C(A)$  to have a solution.

Full Row rank:

$$r = m$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right]_{m \times n}$$

$\Rightarrow$  every row has a pivot.  $r = m \leq n$

$\Rightarrow$  what about solvability? for which  
right hand side ( $b$ ) we can  
solve  $AX=b$ ? for every  $b$

because we won't be getting any  
zero row's, so there is no require-  
ment on  $b$ . so we can solve  $AX=b$   
for every  $b$ .

Solution always exists

$\Rightarrow$  Every row has a Pivot

$\Rightarrow$   $r = \# \text{ Pivots} = m$

Number of free variables  $= n - m$

$\Rightarrow$  There will  $n - m$  independent special solution's

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & -5 & -17 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{17}{5} & \frac{14}{5} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{17}{5} & \frac{14}{5} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{rref}(A)}$$

$$m = n = n$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

square, full rank,  
invertible

$$\text{rank}(A) = I_{2 \times 2}$$

$$N(A) = \{0\}$$

# solution  $Ax=b$  (1 unique)  
for all

$$m = n = n$$

$$R = I$$

1 solution

$$m = n < n$$

(Full row rank)

$$R = [I \ F]$$

infinite number  
of solutions

$$m > n = n$$

(Full column  
rank)

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(0 or 1)  
solution