

# Chapter 4-6 - Rank

1) A is row equivalent to B. Find rank A and dim Nul A. Find bases for Col A, Row A, and Nul A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 9 & 7 \\ -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 \\ 5 & -6 & 10 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -15 \\ 0 & -2 & 5 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } A = 2, \quad \dim \text{Nul } A = 2$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Col } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Row } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{cases} x_3 = 5x_4 \\ 2x_3 - 5x_4 \\ x_3 \text{ is free} \\ x_4 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Nul } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

3) A is row equivalent to B. Find rank A, and dim Nul A. Find bases for Col A, Row A, and Nul A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 & -3 & -4 \\ 4 & -6 & 9 & 5 & 9 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } A = 3, \quad \dim \text{Nul } A = 2$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Col } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Row } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 6 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2' = R_2 + R_3$$

$$R_1' = R_1 - 2R_3$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}x_2 + \frac{9}{2}x_5 \\ x_2 \text{ is free} \\ x_3 = -\frac{4}{3}x_5 \\ x_4 = -3x_5 \\ x_5 \text{ is free} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{B}_{\text{Nul } A} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 \\ -\frac{4}{3} \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5) If a  $3 \times 8$  matrix A has rank 3, find dim Nul A, dim Row A, and rank  $A^T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \text{Nul } A &= 5 \\ \dim \text{Row } A &= 3 \\ \dim \text{Rank } A^T &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

7) Suppose a  $4 \times 7$  matrix A has four pivot columns. Is  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^4$ ? Is  $\text{Nul } A = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

Yes  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^4$  -  $\text{Col } A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$  since 4 elements per vector, since it has 4 pivot, it spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by the Invertible matrix theorem

No - Nul A is not even a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . It is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^7$ .

9) If the nullspace of a  $5 \times 6$  matrix A is 4-dimensional, what is the dimension of the column space of A?

For an  $m \times n$  matrix, A

$$\dim \text{Col } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$$

$$\dim \text{Col } A + 4 = 6$$

$$\dim \text{Col } A = 2$$

11) The nullspace of an  $8 \times 5$  matrix is 2-dimensional. What is the dimension of the row space.

$$\dim \text{Row } A = \dim \text{Col } A$$

$$\dim \text{Col } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$$

$$\dim \text{Row } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$$

$$\dim \text{Row } A + 2 = 5$$

$$\dim \text{Row } A = 3$$

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13) If  $A$  is a  $7 \times 5$  matrix, what is the largest possible rank of  $A$ ?  
If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 7$  matrix, what is the largest possible rank of  $A$ ?

In both cases, the largest possible rank is  $\boxed{5}$  as the number of pivots cannot exceed the number of columns or rows.

15) If  $A$  is a  $6 \times 8$  matrix, what is the smallest possible dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

Largest possible rank is 6. Hence, smallest possible dimension of  $\text{Nul } A$  is:

$$n - \text{rank} = \dim \text{Nul } A$$

$$8 - 6 = \dim \text{Nul } A$$

$$\boxed{\dim \text{Nul } A = 2}$$

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a) True - The row space and column space of the transpose are identical.

b) False - The row space comes from the echelon matrix as  $A$ 's rows may be linearly dependent.

c) True - By the Rank Theorem

d) False - The sum of the dimension of the row space and null space equal the number of columns.

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a) False - Pivot columns of  $A$  form the basis of  $\text{col } A$ .

b) False - Linear dependence relation can be affected by interchanges / swaps.

c) True - Number of free variables (i.e. number of non-pivot columns) is the dimension of the null space.

d) True - Rows of  $A^T$  become the columns in  $A$ .

e) True - This allows for finding the row space through row reduction.