

Midterm exam: in-class on March 26

(everything is included up to and including next week; the material from exam week is not included)

- NO alternative exam
- NO one can take exam **before** the class does

• if you have exceptional circumstances (e.g. medical) then with S<sup>3</sup> approval we can drop your exam altogether

• if you have another class at the same time, **please** ask that instructor to allow you to take exam live

(if not, then you may start the 18.06 exam as soon as your other class ends, **if your instructor confirms to Jeremy that you were present in that class all along**)

• if it's the middle of the night for you, you may start the exam "at first light"

• **contact Jeremy ASAP**  
• **do not access Canvas / Gradescope / Piazza between the class exam start time and your exam start time (I use access logs)**

$m \times n$  matrix  $A$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow A \text{ is full row rank if } r=m, \text{ i.e. } C(A)=\mathbb{R}^m \rightsquigarrow Av=b \text{ has } \geq 1 \text{ solution} \\ \rightarrow A \text{ is full column rank if } r=n, \text{ i.e. } N(A)=0 \rightsquigarrow Av=b \text{ has } \leq 1 \text{ solution} \end{array} \right.$

if  $A$  is square, i.e.  $m=n$ , when  $r=n$  we say that  $A$  is full rank

$Av=b$  has exactly 1 solution for all  $b$   
That solution is  $v=A^{-1} \cdot b$

the  $n$  columns of  $A$  are linear independent, and a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

if  $A$  is not full rank  $\rightsquigarrow < n$  pivots  $\rightsquigarrow$  its (R)REF has a full row of zeroes

square  $A$  is not invertible  $\Leftrightarrow A$  is singular

$A$  is invertible



Perpendicularity :  $v \perp w \iff v \cdot w = v^T w = 0$   
 (Orthogonality)

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 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

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 number     $1 \times 1$  matrix

Pythagoras :  $\|v + w\|^2 = \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2$  if  $v \perp w$ , where  $\|v\|^2 = v \cdot v$

Def: two subspaces  $V, W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if  $v \perp w$  for any  $v \in V, w \in W$

(1)  $C(A) \perp N(A^T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$   
 (2)  $N(A) \perp C(A^T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

$A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix

$V \perp W$  if any vector in  $V$  is perpendicular to any vector in  $W$

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$V \perp W$  if any vector in any basis of  $V$  is perpendicular to any vector in any basis of  $W$

$v \perp w_1$  &  $v \perp w_2$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $v \perp W$

if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, why is  $C(A) \perp N(A^T)$ ?

proof:  $b \in C(A)$ ,  $z \in N(A^T)$ ; we need to show that  $b \perp z$

$b = A \cdot v$  for some  $v$

$A^T z = 0$

$z^T A = 0$

$z^T b = 0$

$z^T A v = 0$

$0 v = 0$

true

if  $V, W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal, then  
 $\dim(V) + \dim(W) \leq n$

why? if  $\dim(V) + \dim(W) > n$ , these two subspaces  
would intersect in a non-zero vector  $a \neq 0$

$a \in V$  and  $a \in W \implies a \perp a \implies \|a\|^2 = 0 \implies a = 0$

Def: if  $V \perp W$  and  
 $\dim(V) + \dim(W) = n$   
then  $V, W$  are called  
orthogonal complements

$V, W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

Thm : if  $V, W$  are orthogonal complements, then

$$W = V^\perp := \{v \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ such that } v \perp V\}$$

(Obs: any subspace  $V$  has a unique orthogonal complement)

$$V = W^\perp := \{w \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid w \perp W\}$$

Thm : for any matrix  $A$ ,  $C(A)$  and  $N(A^T)$  are orthogonal complements  
 $N(A)$  and  $C(A^T)$  \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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

$$C(A^T) = \text{a basis given by } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$N(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot vars} \\ \text{s.t.} \\ \text{free vars} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = 0 \right\} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = -3z + t \\ y = 2z - t \end{cases}$$

a basis of  $N(A)$  is given by all vectors who have 1 for one of the free variables, 0 for all the other free variables, and the pivot variables determined by \*

$$w_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$2+2=4 \Rightarrow C(A^T)$  and  $N(A)$  are complements

$$C(A^T) \perp N(A) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} v_1 \perp w_1 & v_1 \perp w_2 \\ v_2 \perp w_1 & v_2 \perp w_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 0 \\ & + (-1) \cdot 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Why are orthogonal complements  $V, W$  important?

• if  $V, W$  are just complementary subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

•  $\dim V + \dim W = n$

•  $V \cap W = \{0\}$

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any vector  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be uniquely  
written as  $a = v + w$  for some  $v \in V, w \in W$

• if  $V, W$  are orthogonal complements, the  $v$  and  $w$  from here  
are the projections of  $a$  onto the two subspaces:

$$a = v + w$$

where

$$v = \text{proj}_V a$$

$$w = \text{proj}_W a$$

} learn about  
these next time