

LPCO linear algebra refresher

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Here are some problems to give you a refresher on basic linear algebra: Given an $m \times n$ matrix A ,

Problem 1. $\text{ROWRANK}(A) = \text{COLUMNRANK}(A)$.

Problem 2. $\text{RANK}(A) + \text{NULLITY}(A) = n$.

Problem 3. Given a subspace $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can be written uniquely as $x = x^W + x^\perp$, where $x^W \in W$ and $x^\perp \in W^\perp$.

Problem 4. Suppose $At = b$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then the set of solutions to the equation $Ax = b$ is given by $\{t + y \mid y \in \text{NULLSPACE}(A)\}$.

Problem 5. Show that finding A^{-1} can be done in polynomial time (if it exists. Otherwise, return 0).

Problem 6. Show that the intersection of arbitrarily many (not just countable) convex sets is convex.