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Excercise. Compute the rank of the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition 1

We define the left null space of A to be $Null(A^T)$



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$$\{x : xA = 0\}$$

However, x in the left null space is a $1 \times m$ row vector, so not an element in \mathbb{R}^m (since \mathbb{R}^m are set for column vectors). So **for adapting elementary level learners**, the textbook just transposes the whole expression

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to define left null space as $Null(A^T)$. You might find it unnatural.

Definition 2

We define the row space of A to be $\text{Col}(A^T)$



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Left null space

We address the importance of the four subspaces here

$$\text{Col}(A^T), \quad \text{Null}(A^T), \quad \text{Col}(A), \quad \text{Null}(A).$$

But in the future, you will see

Proposition 1

If $\text{Col}(B^T) = \text{Null}(A)$, then $\text{Col}(A^T) = \text{Null}(B)$.

In other words, the **row space** and **null space** are **determined each other**. This means they have the same amount of information.



We will prove this proposition afterwards.

Left null space

Exercise. Suppose the null space of a matrix A is spanned by the following vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Please determine the row space of A .

Solution: It is same of asking, if a row space of matrix B is given by the vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then determine the null space of B , which is just

$$\text{Col}(A^T) = \text{Null}(B) = \text{Null} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Let me copy the same proposition again, but replace A by A^T :

Proposition 2

If $\text{Col}(B^T) = \text{Null}(A^T)$, then $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Null}(B)$.

It says that the left null space of A is determined by the column space of A .

Conclusion for four fundamental subspaces

Therefore we have the following relation for the four fundamental subspaces.

Let A be $m \times n$ matrix of rank r .

$$\underbrace{\text{Col}(A)}_{\substack{\text{Column space} \subset \mathbb{R}^m \\ \dim = r}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \leftrightarrow \\ \text{determine each other} \end{array} \quad \underbrace{\text{Null}(A^T)}_{\substack{\text{Left Null space} \subset \mathbb{R}^m \\ \dim = m-r}}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{Null}(A)}_{\substack{\text{Null space} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ \dim = n-r}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \leftrightarrow \\ \text{determine each other} \end{array} \quad \underbrace{\text{Col}(A^T)}_{\substack{\text{Row space} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ \dim = r}}$$

Therefore, **Col(A) and Null(A) have included all informations** of four fundamental subspaces.

From this part, we require you to know the definition of one set contains in another:

$$W \subset V \iff (x \in W \implies x \in V)$$

The definition of two sets are equal is given by

$$W = V \iff (W \subset V \text{ and } V \subset W).$$

Column spaces

Recall the definition of Null space and column space.

Definition 3

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. So A has m rows and n columns.

- $\text{Null}(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\text{Col}(A) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid y = Ax\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

Proposition 3

Suppose A is $m \times n$ matrix

- $\text{Null}(A) = \{\vec{0}\} \iff$ Columns of A **linearly independent**
- $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m \iff$ Columns of A **span the whole space**

Proposition 4

Let A be $m \times n$ and B be $n \times q$ matrices, then both $\text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Col}(AB)$ are subsets of \mathbb{R}^m . In particular,

$$\text{Col}(AB) \subset \text{Col}(A)$$

$$y \in \text{Col}(AB) \implies y = ABx \text{ for some } x$$

$$\implies y = At \text{ for } t = Bx$$

$$\implies y \in \text{Col}(A).$$

Column spaces

One may understand $\text{Col}(AB) \subset \text{Col}(A)$ by following:



Columns of AB are obtained from linear combination of columns of the left factor A . So $\text{Col}(AB) \subset \text{Col}(A)$

Exercise. Can you give some example that $\text{Col}(AB) \neq \text{Col}(A)$?

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{AB}$$

Conclusion: Multiplying a **right-factor**, column space **not getting bigger**.

Proposition 5

Let A be $m \times n$ and B be $n \times q$ matrices, then both $\text{Null}(B)$ and $\text{Null}(AB)$ are subsets of \mathbb{R}^n . In particular,

$$\text{Null}(AB) \supset \text{Null}(B)$$

$$x \in \text{Null}(B) \implies Bx = 0 \implies ABx = 0 \implies x \in \text{Null}(AB)$$

Column spaces

The null space are linear relations. In the following example

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

The second column is double of the first, so

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Null}(B).$$

Note that doing whatever on rows, would not change the relation. For example, we double the second row and delete the last row

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}}_B = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}}_{AB}$$

Therefore $\text{Null}(B) \subset \text{Null}(AB)$

Conclusion: Multiplying a **left-factor**, null space **not getting smaller**.

Factors that not changing column space

Multiplying factors might makes the null space bigger or column space smaller. What kind of factor would **not** change them?

Factors that not changing column space

Warm up Question: What kind of matrix have **LEFT INVERSE**?
(Choose two)

- A. Columns **linearly independent**
- B. Columns **span the whole space**
- C. Rows **linearly independent**
- D. Rows **span the whole space** .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Factors that not changing column space

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Factors that not changing column space

Proposition 6

If the right factor B have **right inverse**, then

$$\text{Col}(AB) = \text{Col}(A)$$

$$\text{Col}(AB) \subset \text{Col}(A)$$

Let C be the right inverse of B , then $ABC = A$

$$\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col}(ABC) \subset \text{Col}(AB) \subset \text{Col}(A).$$

Proposition 7

If left factor A have **left inverse**, then

$$\text{Null}(AB) = \text{Null}(B)$$

Factors that not changing null space

Exercise. Please find a matrix C such that

$$\text{Col}(C) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Null}(C) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Our method is to write $C = AB$, where A has **left inverse** and B has **right inverse**.

Factors that not changing null space

If we put

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{Col}(A) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \implies \text{Null}(B) = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Clear A **has left inverse** and B **has right inverse**. If we put $C = AB$, we gonna get $\text{Col}(C) = \text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Null}(C) = \text{Null}(B)$.

$$C = AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -1 & -1 \\ 7 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Factors that not changing null space

Recall that **invertible row operations** including row adding, row multiplying and row switching, all of them are the same as left multiplying an **invertible left factor**

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Row switching invertible}} A$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Row adding invertible}} A$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Row multiplying invertible}} A$$

Call the elementary matrices as E . Since E is invertible, in particular it have **right inverse**. So

$$\text{Null}(EA) = \text{Null}(A)$$

Factors that not changing null space

Proposition 8

Invertible Row operations does not change the row space and null space of A



However, deleting a row might change the row space or null space. Since deleting is not an invertible row action

Factors that not changing null space

Exercise. After several row operations, we reduce a matrix into the following

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \square & 9 \\ 2 & \square & 0 \\ 3 & \square & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{After invertible row operations}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Please fill in the missing number in \square !

Factors that not changing null space

A similar result holds for columns as well.

Proposition 9

Invertible Column operations does not change the column space and left null space of A

Left inverse and right inverse

Left Inverse

Thin full rank matrix \iff rank = number of columns \iff columns
linearly independent \iff having **left inverse**

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{fat matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{thin matrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

But left inverse not unique

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Right Inverse

Fat full rank matrix \iff rank = number of rows \iff columns
span the whole space \iff having **right inverse**

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{fat matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{thin matrix}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

But right inverse may not be unique

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ a & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Invertible

Square full rank matrix \iff rank = number of cols = number of rows
 \iff columns **linearly independent** and **span the whole space** (**basis**)
) \iff have **both inverse**

Question: Is the inverse of square matrix unique?

Question: Is the **left inverse** and **right inverse** of a square matrix the same?

This slides study left and right inverse.

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse Pair

A is $m \times n$ matrix, B is $n \times m$ matrix,

$$AB = I_m.$$

- B is right inverse of A
- A is left inverse of B

$$\text{Col}(A) \supset \text{Col}(AB) = \text{Col}(I_m) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

\Rightarrow columns of A must **span the whole space**

$$\text{Null}(B) \subset \text{Null}(AB) = \text{Null}(I_m) = \{\vec{0}\}$$

\Rightarrow columns of B must **linearly independent**

Proposition 10

Suppose A is $m \times n$ matrix and B is $n \times m$ matrix such that $\text{Null}(B) = \{\vec{0}\}$ and $\text{Col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$. Then

$$AB \text{ is invertible} \iff \text{Null}(A) \cap \text{Col}(B) = \{\vec{0}\}.$$

(This is a homework)

Hint: \implies is easy. For \impliedby part, show that $\text{Null}(AB) = \{0\}$, and that AB is a square matrix.



We have important observation! If AB is **invertible**

$(AB)^{-1}A$ is a **left inverse** of B .

$B(AB)^{-1}$ is a **right inverse** of A .

Corollary 1

If $AB = I_m$, then $\text{Null}(A) \cap \text{Col}(B) = \{\vec{0}\}$

Theorem 1

Let B be a full rank **thin** $n \times m$ matrix ($n \geq m$, $\text{rank}(B) = m$). Then $\text{Col}(B) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Let $W \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a subspace such that

$$W \cap \text{Col}(B) = \{\vec{0}\} \quad \dim(W) = n - m.$$

Then there exists a unique left inverse A , such that

$$AB = I_m, \quad \text{Null}(A) = W.$$

In other words, the left inverse is not unique, but it is uniquely determined by specifying a complement as a null space.

In this case, a basis in $\text{Null}(A)$ together with columns of B gives a basis for the whole space \mathbb{R}^n . You may think of finding left inverse as extending **linearly independent** vectors into **basis**.

Theorem 2

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Then there exists a unique **right inverse** B , such that

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Inverse Pair

Exercise. Let A be the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the right inverse B of A such that

$$\text{Col}(B) \text{ is spanned by } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Try } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and calculate}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 14 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverse Pair

The right inverse of A is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} B(AB)^{-1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 14 \\ 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{4}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Inverse pair and space complement

Therefore, studying a pair A, B with $AB = I_m$ is the same as studying two subspaces W_A and W_B with

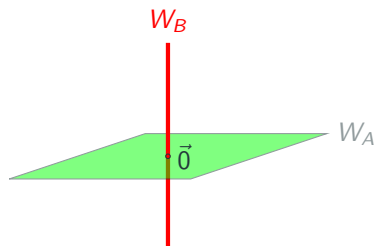
- $W_A \cap W_B = \{\vec{0}\}$
- $\dim(W_A) = n - m$
- $\dim(W_B) = m$
- $\text{Null}(A) = W_A$
- $\text{Col}(B) = W_B$

We call W_A and W_B complement to each other.

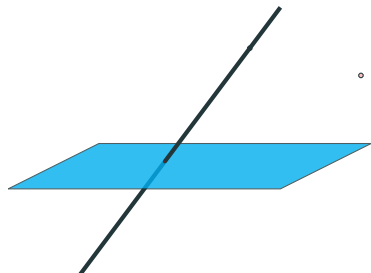
Studying a pair of subspaces $W_A, W_B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with $W_A \cap W_B = \{\vec{0}\}$ and $\dim(W_A) + \dim(W_B) = n$ is the same as studying **projection matrices** (will be defined later)

Inverse pair and space complement

Othorgonal Complement



Complement which not necessarily orthogonal



Inverse pair and space complement

Now, if $AB = I_m$, we are curious about BA .

Since B has **left inverse**

$$W_A = \text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(BA)$$

Since A has **right inverse**

$$W_B = \text{Col}(B) = \text{Col}(BA)$$

Therefore, BA has all information of W_A and W_B !