

# 01204211 Discrete Mathematics

## Lecture 11b: Four fundamental subspaces (II)

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# What is a matrix?

Matrices arise in many places. We will see that there are essentially two ways to look at matrices.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 7 & 8 & 9 \\ \hline 10 & 11 & 12 \end{array} \right]$$

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Given an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$ , we have the following subspaces

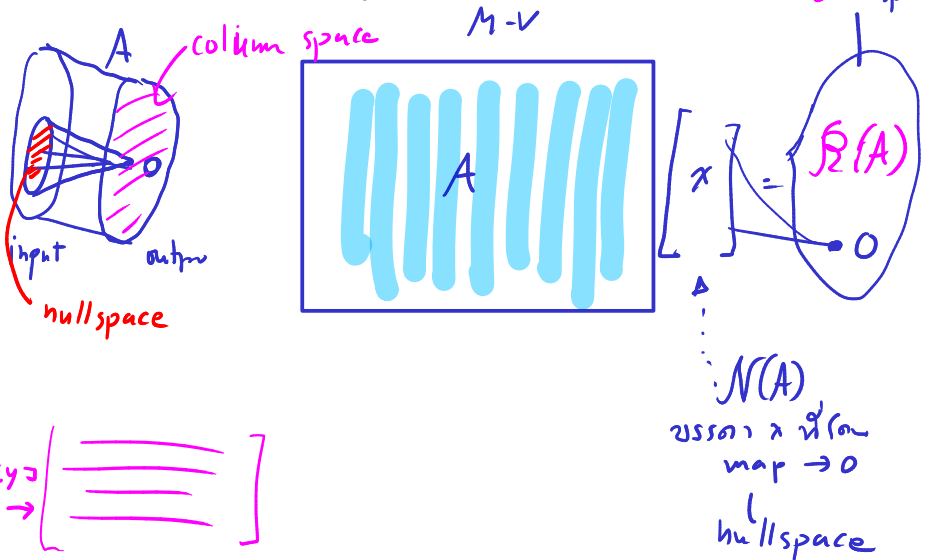
- ▶ The column space of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  )
- ▶ The row space of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  )
- ▶ The nullspace of  $A$

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{ \mathbf{x} \mid A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

- ▶ The left nullspace of  $A$

$$\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \{ \mathbf{y} \mid A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0} \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

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# Ranks



## Definition

Consider an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$ .

- ▶ The **row rank** of  $A$  is the maximum number of linearly independent rows of  $A$ .
- ▶ The **column rank** of  $A$  is the maximum number of linearly independent columns of  $A$ .

**Remark:** The column rank of  $A$  is  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A)$ . The row rank of  $A$  is  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A^T)$ .

# Theorem 1

For any matrix  $A$ , its row rank equals its column rank.



Proof.

row rank  $\leq$  column rank

Let  $r$  be the column rank. We will show that there are  $r$   $n$ -vectors that span its row space. This implies that the row rank is at most  $r$ . We can use the same argument again on  $A^T$  to obtain that the column rank is at most the row rank; thus, they must be equal.

$v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  span column space

$$\begin{bmatrix} m & n \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \\ \begin{matrix} C \\ A \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m & r \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \\ \begin{matrix} C \\ v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_r \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r & n \\ \downarrow & \uparrow \\ \begin{matrix} R \\ a_i \end{matrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$C_i = C \cdot a_i$



# Proof (cont.)

$$m \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} A \text{---} \\ n \end{bmatrix} = m \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} C \text{---} \\ r \end{bmatrix} r \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} R \text{---} \\ n \end{bmatrix} \} r \text{ vectors}$$

Vector-matrix mult.

row space is span by rows of R  
r rows

row rank = dim row space  $\leq r$  = column rank.

rank of  $A^T$  ; col rank  $\leq$  row rank.  
of  $A$  of  $A$ .



# Rank and nullity

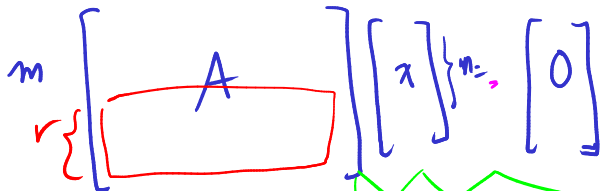
$m \times n$

ah rank =  $r$

Given an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$ , the rank of  $A$  is  $\dim \mathcal{R}(A)$ . Let  $r$  be the rank of  $A$ .

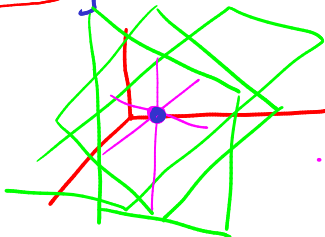
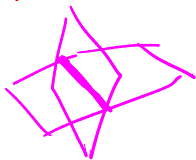
What is  $\dim \mathcal{N}(A)$ ?

$n - r$



$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 7$$

rank  $A = r$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Dimensions

## Four fundamental subspaces

Given an  $m$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  of rank  $r$ , we have the following subspaces

- ▶ The column space of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ )  
 $\dim \mathcal{R}(A) = r.$
- ▶ The row space of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{R}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ )  
 $\dim \mathcal{R}(A^T) = r.$
- ▶ The nullspace of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ )  
 $\dim \mathcal{N}(A) = n - r.$
- ▶ The left nullspace of  $A$  (denoted by  $\mathcal{N}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ )  
 $\dim \mathcal{N}(A) = m - r.$

# Application: Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Any  $n$ -by- $d$  matrix  $A$  can be factored into the form of  $UDV^T$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{matrix} n \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} A \end{array} \right] \\ d \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} n \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} U \end{array} \right] \\ r \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} r \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} D \end{array} \right] \\ r \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} r \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} V^T \end{array} \right] \\ d \end{matrix}$$

where

- ▶  $U$  is an  $n$ -by- $r$  matrix,
- ▶  $D$  is a diagonal  $r$ -by- $r$  matrix, and
- ▶  $V$  is an  $d$ -by- $r$  matrix (i.e.,  $V^T$  is an  $r$ -by- $d$  matrix)
- ▶ (Also, columns of  $U$  and  $D$  are “orthonormal.”)

$$u^T v = [x \dots] \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

See demo.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 v \\ \alpha_2 v \\ \alpha_3 v \\ \alpha_4 v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$u \cdot v^T$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue oval} \mid \text{green vertical bar } u_i \end{bmatrix} U \quad \begin{bmatrix} \text{green diagonal bar } d_{ii} \mid \text{green diagonal bar } D \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \text{blue horizontal bar } v_i^T \mid \text{green horizontal bar } v_i^T \mid \text{green horizontal bar } V^T \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow$$

$$d, u, v_i^T \leftarrow \dots$$

$$700 \times 1000 = 700,000$$

$$170,000$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_i & U \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_{ii} & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_i^T \\ V^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$m \times n$

$$m \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} = m \begin{bmatrix} a_1 b_1 & a_1 b_2 & a_1 b_3 \\ a_2 b_1 & a_2 b_2 & a_2 b_3 \\ a_3 b_1 & a_3 b_2 & a_3 b_3 \\ a_4 b_1 & a_4 b_2 & a_4 b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = d_1 u_1 v_1^T + d_2 u_2 v_2^T + \dots + d_r u_r v_r^T$$

$$700 + 1000 + 1$$

$$1122 = \begin{bmatrix} d_{1,u} & \text{ } & \text{ } \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{ } & \text{ } & \text{ } \end{bmatrix} \dots$$

$$1701$$

$$17,010$$

$$750$$