

The null space of  $A$  consists of all solutions to  $Ax=0$ . These vectors  $x$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The null space containing all solutions of  $Ax=0$  is denoted  $N(A)$ .

- The nullspace consists of all combinations of the special solutions.
- What is singular matrix?

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

↑  
pivot  
so, first  
component of  
 $x$  is not  
free

has special solutions

$$s_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad s_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

"free" components

Example 3

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

A - is invertible  
no special  
solutions

$$N(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ 2A \end{bmatrix} \quad N(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$C = [A \quad 2A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 8 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(C) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{pivot} \\ \text{free} \end{array} \right\}$$

We can make triangular matrix simpler  
U in two ways:

- 1) produce zeros above pivots
- 2) Produce ones in the pivots

so we reach reduce & row  
echelon form R.

Nullspace  $A^T z \Rightarrow$  columns of  $A$  are independent

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

pivot columns  
 free columns  
 echelon

$$\text{Rank of } A = \# \text{ of pivots echelon}$$

2

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

free

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

special solutions

$$X = c \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Echelon Matrices

$m$  by  $n$  "staircase"  $U$  is an echelon matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} p & x & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & p & x & x & x & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & p & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 pivot variables  
 $x_1 \ x_2 \ x_6$   
4 free var-s  
 $x_3 \ x_4 \ x_5 \ x_7$

4 special solutions  
in  $N(U)$

Column space of  $U$

have 4 components  $\Rightarrow$  lie in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$C(U)$  consists of all vectors of form  $(b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \ 0)$

$N(U)$  is a subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^7$ , combinations of 4 special solutions

Suppos  $Ax=0$  has  $\overset{\text{cols}}{n} > \overset{\text{rows}}{m} \Rightarrow$

there are nonzero solutions. There must be free columns, without pivots.

# Reduced Row Echelon Matrix R

R = reduced row echelon form

zeros above + below pivots

and ones on pivots

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R = \text{rref}(A)$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array}} & \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{array}} \\ \text{I} & \text{F} \\ \text{pivot} & \text{free} \\ \text{columns} & \text{cols} \end{array}$$

0 0

0 0

\* If A is invertible, then  
 $R = I$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & F \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} r \text{ pivot rows} \\ r \text{ pivot cols} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} n-r \text{ free cols} \end{array}$$

$$R x = 0$$

nullspace matrix  
(columns = special solutions)

$$R N = 0$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{2} & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r = 2$$

free  
col

$$x = c \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

complete  
solution

Go to echelon m.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 0 & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & \boxed{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow x = c \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 4

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_2$  is free

$$x = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nullspace of  $u$  is line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . It contains multiples of the special solution  $s = (-5, 1, 0)$ .

## Recitation

Solving homogeneous  
linear system  $Ax=0$

The set of points

$P(x,y,z)$  s.t.

$x - 5y + 2z = 9$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

It's parallel to the plane  $S_0$  of  $P(x,y)$

s.t.  $x - 5y + 2z = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{P_0} + C_1 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + C_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} P_0$$

$$C_1 = 0 \quad C_2 = 0$$

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4,5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_1 = 0$$

$$C_2 = 4,5$$

\* She considers  
equation  
as constraint

If we have  
2 constraint  
it results in  
plane (2d)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4,5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -9/5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P_2$

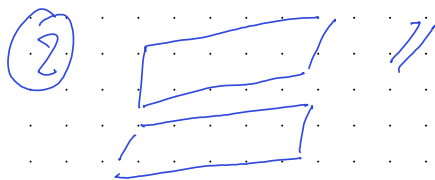
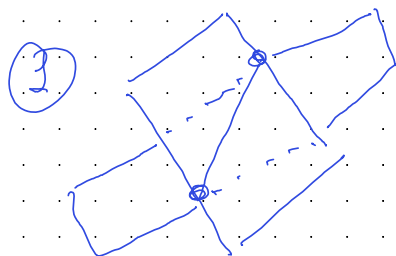
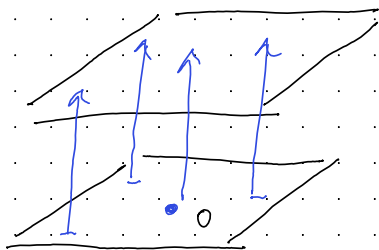
$$C_1 = 9/5$$

Any point in  $S = P_0 + (\text{any point in } S_0)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\uparrow$  pivot       $\uparrow$  free variables

$$N(A) = y \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{cases} x - 5y + 2z = 9 \\ x - 5y + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$$

no solutions  
hence (2)

Let's consider simpler system

$$x + y = 5$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 5$$

$$\text{Nullspace} = y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot X =$$

$C(A)$   $N(A)$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

