

Matrix Subspace

* Null space of a matrix A is the subspace $\text{null}(A) = \{\vec{x} \text{ such that } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$

- Solutions to the homogeneous system

* Row space of an $n \times m$ matrix A is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n spanned by the rows of A . $\text{row}(A) = \text{span}(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m)$

* Column space of an $n \times m$ matrix A is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^m spanned by the columns of A . $\text{col}(A) = \text{span}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$

* The image or range of a linear transformation is the subspace $\text{im}(A)$ or $\text{range}(A)$ given by the set of vectors $\{A\vec{x} \text{ where } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$

- To find all possible outputs, look at all inputs using $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$
 $T(\vec{e}_1) = A\vec{e}_1, T(\vec{e}_2) = A\vec{e}_2, \dots, T(\vec{e}_n) = A\vec{e}_n$

↳ The output is spanned by the columns of A

$\therefore \text{im}(A) = \text{range}(A) = \text{col}(A)$ (Range is column space)

* If A becomes B by elementary row operations, then $\text{row}(A) = \text{row}(B)$

* If R is a row-echelon matrix, then

① The nonzero rows of R are a basis for the row space $\text{row}(A)$

② The columns of R that contain a leading 1 are a basis for the column space $\text{col}(A)$

\therefore The row space and column space always has the same dimensions

* Rank of a matrix is the number of leading 1's in row-echelon form

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{row}(A)) = \dim(\text{col}(A))$$

- Can also tell how far a matrix is from being invertible

* Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with rank r . If A is reduced to row-echelon form R , then

① The nonzero rows of R are a basis for $\text{row}(A)$

② The r columns of A that contain a leading 1 in row echelon form are a basis for the column space of A

Ex: Find a basis for the row and column spaces of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

↳ basis for $\text{row}(A)$:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

↳ basis for $\text{col}(A)$:

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ (because first and second columns of REF have leading 1's)}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{row}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{col}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

* Nullity of a matrix is the dimension of the null space $\dim(\text{null}(A))$

* Rank-Nullity Theorem

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

① $\text{rank}(A) + \text{nullity} = n$ (number of columns)

② The $n-r$ basic solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ (as obtained by Gaussian Elimination) are a basis for $\text{null}(A)$, where $n-r$ is the number of free variables

③ The dimension of the null space of $A = \dim(\text{null}(A)) = n-r$

$\therefore \dim(\text{range}(A)) = r$

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 - 2x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 + 2x_4 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 - 3x_4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x_3 = x_3 + 0 \\ x_4 = 0 + x_4 \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is basis for null space}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{cases} x_1 - x_3 - 2x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 + 2x_4 - x_5 \\ x_2 = 3x_3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} x_3 = x_3 \\ x_4 = 0 + x_4 \\ x_5 = 0 + 0x_4 \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{Rank} = 2$; nullity $= 3$; $2+3=5$ # columns