

## RANGE AND NULL SPACE

## Definition

The range of a matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$  is the set

$$\{y \in \mathbf{R}^m \mid (\exists z \in \mathbf{R}^n)(y = Az)\}.$$

We often denote this set by  $\{Az \mid z \in \mathbf{R}^n\}$ . It is a subset of  $\mathbf{R}^m$ , the output space.

The nullspace of a matrix  $A \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times n}$  is the set

$$\{z \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid Az = 0\}.$$

It is a subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ , the input space.

