

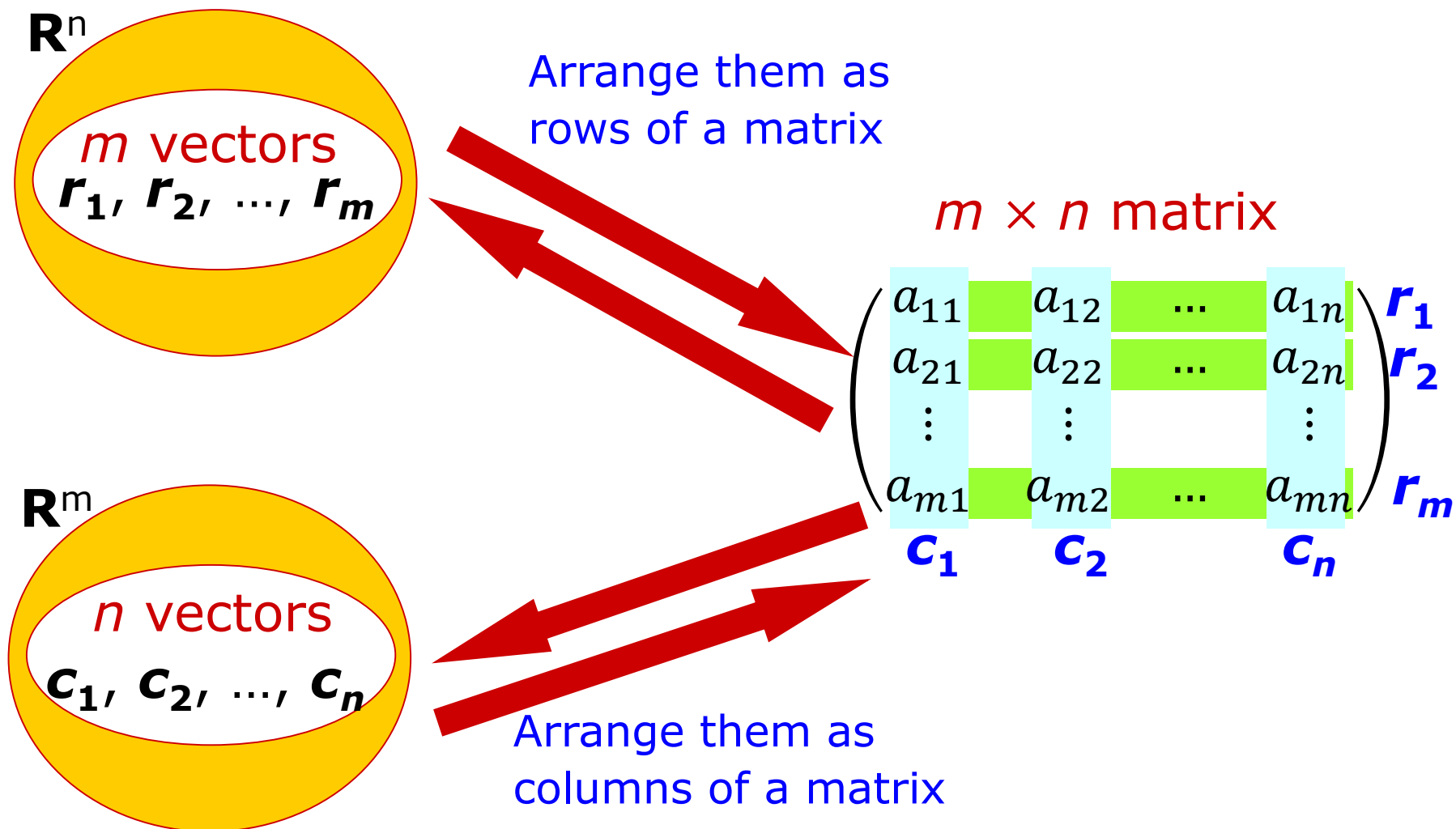
Section 4.1

Row Spaces and Column Spaces

Objectives

- What are **row space** and **column space** of a matrix?
- How to find bases for row /column spaces?
- How to use row /column spaces to find bases for vector spaces?
- How to **extend a basis**?
- What is the relation between column space and consistency of linear system?

Discussion 4.1.1



Row space and column space

Example 4.1.4.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

rows of \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = (2, -1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = (1, -1, 3)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = (-5, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_4 = (1, 0, 1)$$

We call it the **row space** of \mathbf{A}

$$\text{span}\{(2, -1, 0), (1, -1, 3), (-5, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$$

a subspace of \mathbf{R}^3

columns of \mathbf{A}

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We call it the **column space** of \mathbf{A}

$$\text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

a subspace of \mathbf{R}^4

Row space and column space

Definition 4.1.2

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{matrix}$$

an $m \times n$ matrix

\mathbf{c}_1 \mathbf{c}_2 \mathbf{c}_n

The row space of A

$$= \text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$$

a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n

$$\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$$

The column space of A

$$= \text{span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$$

a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m

$$\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\}$$

Row space and column space

Remark 4.1.3

row space of \mathbf{A} = column space of \mathbf{A}^T
column space of \mathbf{A} = row space of \mathbf{A}^T

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{r}_m \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^T = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ \dots & \dots & & \dots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{c}_1 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 \\ \\ \mathbf{c}_n \end{matrix}$$

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the row and column spaces of a matrix \mathbf{A} and its transpose \mathbf{A}^T . The matrix \mathbf{A} is shown with its rows labeled $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m$ and its columns labeled $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$. The matrix \mathbf{A}^T is shown with its rows labeled $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m$ and its columns labeled $\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n$. The elements a_{ij} are arranged in a grid, with the first row of \mathbf{A} corresponding to the first column of \mathbf{A}^T , and so on.

Some special matrices

Row (column) space of zero matrix $\mathbf{0}$ = zero space

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row (column) space of $n \times n$ identity matrix \mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{R}^n

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Bases for row space and column space

Example 4.1.4.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a **basis** and the **dimension** for the row space

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4\}$ basis = $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{r}_4\}$?

Find a **basis** and the **dimension** for the column space

$\text{span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$ basis = $\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$?

These sets may be linearly dependent

There may be redundant vectors

not necessary

Discussion 4.1.6

Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be row equivalent matrices.

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$$

Row equivalence (r.e.) is an equivalence relation on matrices of the same size

- \mathbf{A} is r.e. to itself
- If \mathbf{A} is r.e. to \mathbf{B} , then \mathbf{B} is r.e. to \mathbf{A}
- If \mathbf{A} is r.e. to \mathbf{B} , and \mathbf{B} is r.e. to \mathbf{C} , then \mathbf{A} is r.e. to \mathbf{C} .

If two matrices \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{N} (of the same size) have the same reduced row echelon form, then \mathbf{M} and \mathbf{N} are row equivalent.

Row equivalent matrices have same row space

Theorem 4.1.7

Let \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} be row equivalent matrices.

Then

row space of \mathbf{A} = row space of \mathbf{B}

elementary row operations

change the rows of a matrix

but do not change the row space of a matrix.

Theorem 4.1.7

Let $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ be rows of a matrix.

We need to show that

1. $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, c\mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
2. $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
3. $\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$
 $= \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_i + c\mathbf{a}_j, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$

Row equivalent matrices have same row space

Example 4.1.8.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & R_1 \leftrightarrow R_3 & & 2R_1 & & R_1 - R_2 & \\ \mathbf{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{D} \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}$ are row equivalent to one another

So their row spaces are all the same

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{span}\{(0, 0, 1), (0, 2, 4), (\tfrac{1}{2}, 1, 2)\} && \text{row space of } \mathbf{A} \\ = & \text{span}\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 2, 4), (0, 0, 1)\}. && \text{row space of } \mathbf{D} \end{aligned}$$

Finding basis for row space

Example 4.1.8.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{r}_1 \\ \mathbf{r}_2 \\ \mathbf{r}_3 \\ \end{matrix}$$

row echelon form

The row space of \mathbf{A} = The row space of \mathbf{R}

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \mathbf{0}\}$$

$$\text{span}\{(2, 2, -1, 0, 1), (0, 0, \frac{3}{2}, -3, \frac{3}{2}), (0, 0, 0, 3, 0)\}$$

The three non-zero rows $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3$ of \mathbf{R} are linearly indep.

So $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3\}$ is a basis for the row space of \mathbf{A}

Finding basis for row space

Remark 4.1.9

$\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}$ (row-echelon form)

The set of nonzero rows of \mathbf{R} $\{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k\}$
is a basis for the row space of \mathbf{A} .

spans the row space of \mathbf{R}

spans the row space of \mathbf{A}

linearly independent

Note that this basis may not contain
the original rows of \mathbf{A}

Finding basis for column space

Discussion 4.1.10

Can we take the non-zero columns of a row-echelon form to form a basis for the column space?

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gaussian
Elimination

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is this a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} ?

not linearly indep

BAD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices may have different column spaces

Discussion 4.1.10

Elementary row operations may not preserve the column space of a matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$$

row sp \mathbf{A} = row sp \mathbf{B}
col. sp $\mathbf{A} \neq$ col. sp \mathbf{B}

For example, $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

\mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are row equivalent
but their column spaces are different.

The column space of $\mathbf{A} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$

The column space of $\mathbf{B} = \text{span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right\}$

GOOD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

Example 4.1.12.1

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. The 1st, 3rd and 5th columns of \mathbf{R} are linearly dependent.

Correspondingly,
the 1st, 3rd and 5th columns of \mathbf{A} are linearly dependent.

GOOD NEWS: Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

Example 4.1.12.2

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. The 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of \mathbf{R} are linearly independent.

Correspondingly,
the 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of \mathbf{A} are linearly independent.

Row equivalent matrices preserve linear dependency of the columns

Theorem 4.1.11

\mathbf{A} $\xleftrightarrow{\text{row equivalent}}$ \mathbf{B}

column space of \mathbf{A}

may not
be equal

column space of \mathbf{B}

A set of columns of \mathbf{A} is linearly independent \longleftrightarrow corresponding columns of \mathbf{B} are linearly independent

linearly dependent

linearly dependent

a column of \mathbf{A}
is redundant

corresponding column
of \mathbf{B} is redundant

A set of columns of \mathbf{A} form a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} \longleftrightarrow corresponding columns of \mathbf{B} form a basis for the column space of \mathbf{B}

Finding basis for column space

Example 4.1.12.2

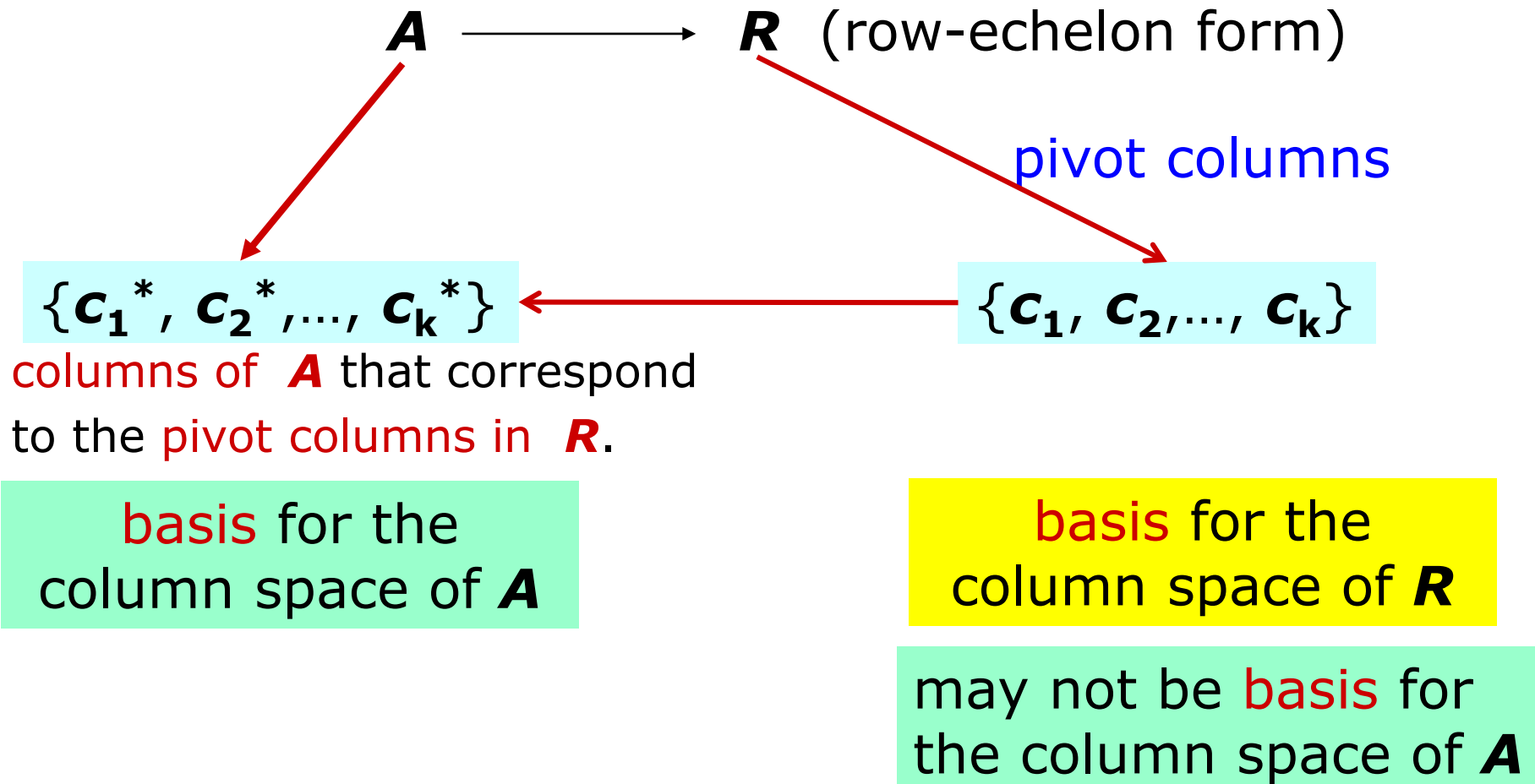
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -3 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of \mathbf{R} form a basis for the column space of \mathbf{R} .

Correspondingly,
the 1st, 3rd and 4th columns of \mathbf{A} form a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} .

Finding basis for column space

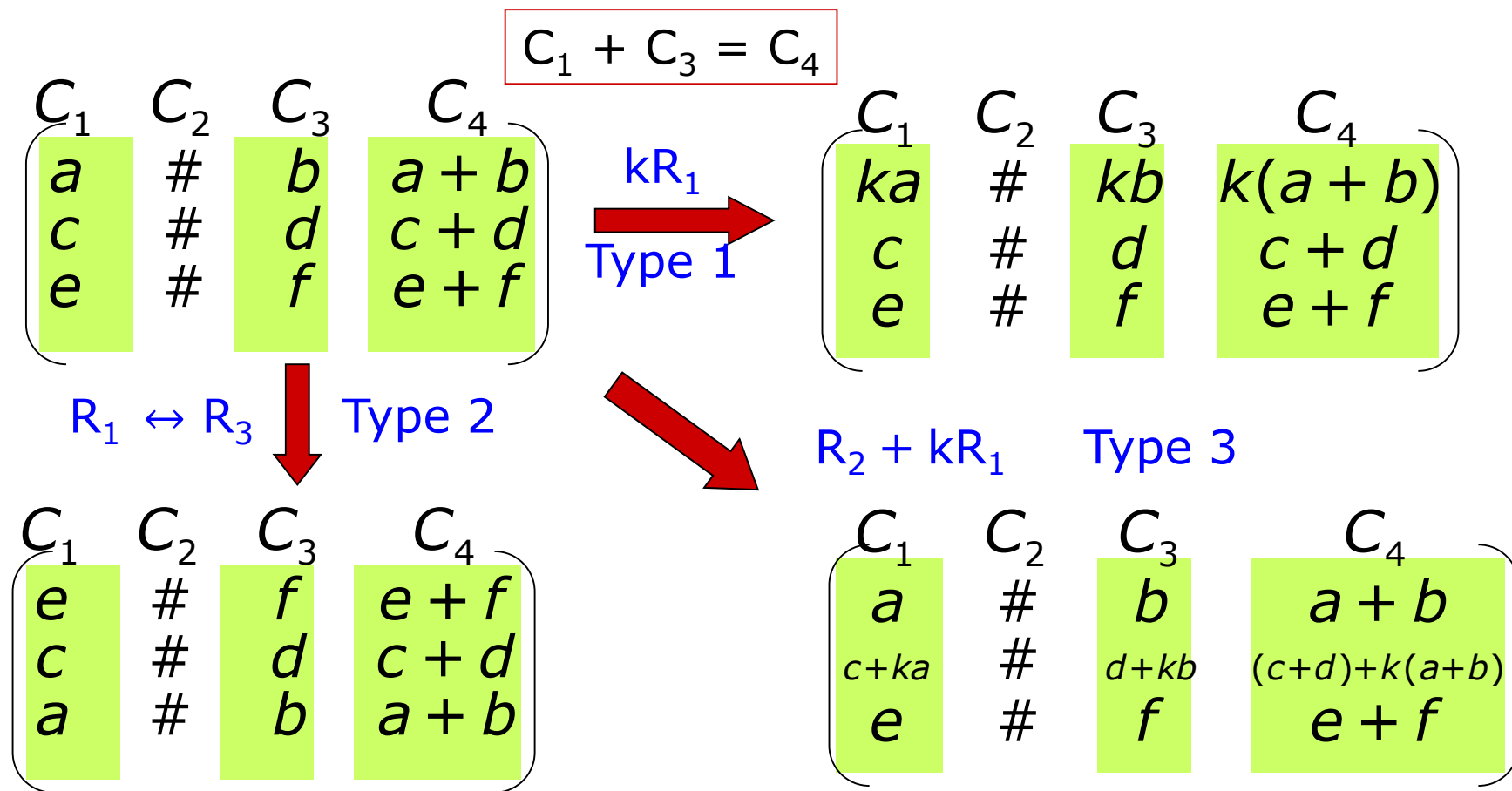
Remark 4.1.13



Idea of proof of Theorem 4.1.11

Remark

row operations preserve linear relations among columns



Example 4.1.14.1

Find a basis for $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2, 2, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_2 = (3, 6, 6, 3)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_3 = (4, 9, 9, 5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_4 = (-2, -1, -1, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_5 = (5, 8, 9, 4)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_6 = (4, 2, 7, 3)$$

Arrange the vectors
as **rows** of a matrix

Row space method

Column space method

Arrange the vectors as
columns of a matrix

Application: finding basis for linear span

Example 4.1.14.1 (Row space method)

Place the vectors in the form of rows in a 6×4 matrix.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 9 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 & 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{u}_1 \\ \mathbf{u}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_3 \\ \mathbf{u}_4 \\ \mathbf{u}_5 \\ \mathbf{u}_6 \end{matrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

row space of \mathbf{A} = $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3, \mathbf{u}_4, \mathbf{u}_5, \mathbf{u}_6\}$

$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (0, 1, 1, 1), (0, 0, 1, 1)\}$ is a basis
not from the original rows

Application: finding basis for linear span

Example 4.1.14.1 (Column space method)

Place the vectors in the form of columns in a 4×6 matrix.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \quad u_4 \quad u_5 \quad u_6$

column space of $\mathbf{B} = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6\}$

Pivot columns: 1st, 3rd and 5th columns

$\{(1, 2, 2, 1), (4, 9, 9, 5), (5, 8, 9, 3)\}$ is a basis
all from the original columns

Application: extend a set to a basis

Example 4.1.14.2

$$S = \{(1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3)\}$$

S is linearly independent.

Extend S to a basis for \mathbf{R}^5 .

Different from finding a basis for \mathbf{R}^5

This means:

Add on non-redundant vectors to S
to form a basis for \mathbf{R}^5

Need two more vectors
Use row space method

Application: extend a set to a basis

Example 4.1.14.2

$$S = \{(1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3)\}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Form a matrix \mathbf{A} using the vectors in \mathbf{S} as rows.
2. Reduce \mathbf{A} to a row-echelon form \mathbf{R} .
3. Identify the non-pivot columns of \mathbf{R} .

Look for columns without leading entries
the 3rd and the 5th columns

Application: extend a set to a basis

Example 4.1.14.2

form a basis for \mathbf{R}^5
complete \mathbf{R} to a 5x5 matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Gaussian
Elimination

$\mathbf{R} =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \textcircled{1} & 4 & -2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & \textcircled{1} & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & 1 \\ (0 & 0 & \textcircled{X} & * & *) \\ (0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{Y}) \end{pmatrix}$$

are not redundant
in row space of \mathbf{A}

{ E.g. (0 0 1 0 0)
E.g. (0 0 0 0 1)

4. Form (row) vectors with leading entries at the non-pivot columns.
5. {Row vectors in \mathbf{A} } \cup {vectors from Step 4 }
form a basis for \mathbf{R}^n

$$\{ (1, 4, -2, 5, 1), (2, 9, -1, 8, 2), (2, 9, -1, 9, 3), \\ (0, 0, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 0, 0, 1) \}$$

Revision on Bases

$$S = \{(2, -1, 0), (1, -1, 3), (-5, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1)\}$$

How to get a basis from S for \mathbf{R}^3 ?

Throw out redundant vectors from S

Arrange the vectors as **columns** of a matrix

Look for **pivot columns** of the REF

$$T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

How to extend T to a basis for \mathbf{R}^4 ?

Add on non-redundant vectors to T

Arrange the vectors as **rows** of a matrix

Look for '**missing**' leading entries of the REF

Solutions of linear system revisited

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

How do we tell whether this system has
(i) no solution, (ii) unique solution; (iii) infinite solutions ?

Approach 1: Form $(\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{b})$ and look at REF

Approach 2: If \mathbf{A} is a square matrix

\mathbf{A} is invertible \Rightarrow system has unique solution

\mathbf{A} is singular \Rightarrow system has no or infinite solutions

Approach 3: \mathbf{A} is any matrix

\mathbf{b} belongs to column space of \mathbf{A}

\Rightarrow system has unique or infinite solutions

\mathbf{b} does not belong to column space of \mathbf{A}

\Rightarrow system has no solution

Consistency of linear system and column space

Discussion 4.1.15

matrix multiply
with vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix
equation form

system has a solution

general linear combination
of the column vectors

$$1 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

vector
equation form

actual linear combination
of the column vectors

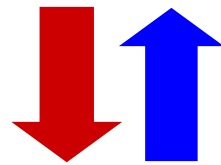
this vector belongs
to the column space

Discussion 4.1.15

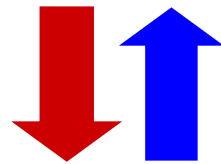
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

A **x** = **b**

system **Ax = b** has a solution



b can be written as
a linear combination
of the columns of **A**

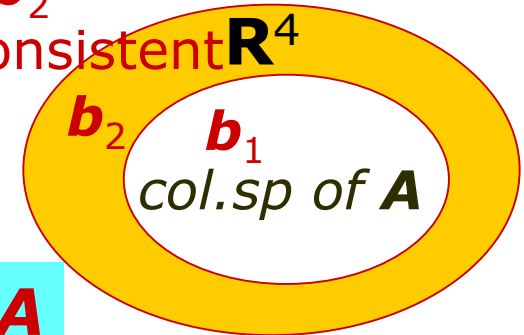


b belongs to the column space of **A**

$$x \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x\mathbf{C}_1 + y\mathbf{C}_2 + z\mathbf{C}_3 = \mathbf{b}$$

Ax = b₂
not consistent **R⁴**



Ax = b₁
consistent

Theorem 4.1.16

Let \mathbf{A} be an $m \times n$ matrix.

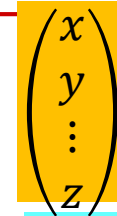
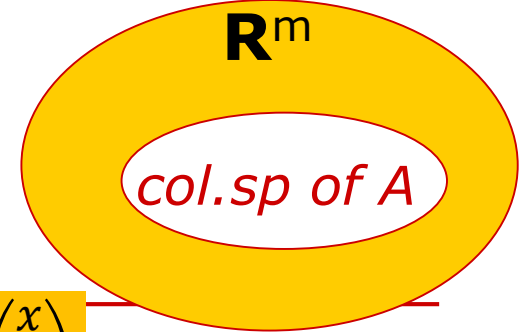
The column space of \mathbf{A} = $\{ \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} \mid \mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n \}$.

$(\mathbf{c}_1 \mid \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{c}_n)$

$\text{Span}\{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{all linear combination of} \\ \text{the column vectors of } \mathbf{A} \end{array} \right\}$

$x\mathbf{c}_1 + y\mathbf{c}_2 + \dots + z\mathbf{c}_n$

A system of linear equation $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent if and only if \mathbf{b} lies in the column space of \mathbf{A} .



Section 4.2

Ranks

Objectives

- What is the **rank** of a matrix?
- What is the relation between **rank** and **invertibility** of a matrix?
- What is the relation between **rank** and **consistency** of linear system?

Dimension of row space and column space

Theorem 4.2.1

The **row space** and **column space** of a matrix have the **same dimension**.

Let \mathbf{A} be a matrix with row-echelon form \mathbf{R} .

$$\mathbf{R} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \circledast & * & \\ 0 & & \\ & \circledast & * \\ & \vdots & \\ & & \circledast * \end{array} \right]$$

dimension of **row space** of \mathbf{A}

= the number of nonzero rows

= the number of leading entries

dimension of **column space** of \mathbf{A}

= the number of pivot columns

= the number of leading entries

What is the rank of a matrix?

Definition 4.2.3

rank of a matrix :
dimension of its row space or column space.

Notation rank of matrix \mathbf{A} : $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

If \mathbf{R} is a row-echelon form of \mathbf{A} ,

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) =$ the number of nonzero rows of \mathbf{R}
= the number of leading entries in \mathbf{R}
= the number of pivot columns in \mathbf{R}

= largest number of linearly independent rows in \mathbf{A}

= largest number of linearly independent columns in \mathbf{A}

Ranks of some special matrices

Example 4.2.4.1

Row (column) space of zero matrix $\mathbf{0} = \text{zero space}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{0}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row (column) space of $n \times n$ identity matrix $\mathbf{I}_n = \mathbf{R}^n$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{I}_n) = n$$

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dimension is for vector space
Rank is for matrix

Example 4.2.4.3

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & 9 & 9 & 5 \\ -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 & 9 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{v}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{v}_3 \\ \\ \\ \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbf{c}_1 \quad \mathbf{c}_2 \quad \mathbf{c}_3$

Basis for row space of $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3\}$

Basis for column space of $\mathbf{A} = \{\mathbf{c}_1 \ \mathbf{c}_2 \ \mathbf{c}_3\}$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 3$$

DON'T Write: $\dim(\mathbf{A}) = 3$

Largest possible rank of a matrix

Example 4.2.4.4

What is the largest possible rank of a 5×3 matrix ?

The answer is 3

Find the largest possible number of pivot columns in a row-echelon form of a 5×3 matrix.

3 columns

What is the largest possible rank of a 3×5 matrix ?

The answer is 3

3 rows

Find the largest possible number of non-zero rows in a row-echelon form of a 3×5 matrix.

Largest possible rank of a matrix

Remark 4.2.5.1

For an $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min\{m, n\}$.

Example: \mathbf{A} is 4×6

possible $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

\mathbf{A} is full rank $\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = 4$

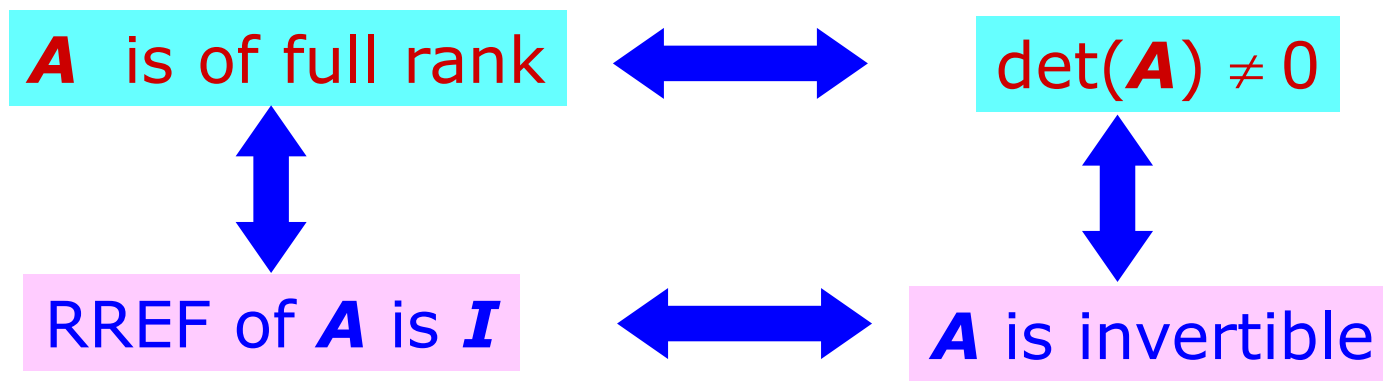
the smaller of
the two numbers
 m and n

An $m \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} with $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \min\{m, n\}$
is said to be of full rank.

Relation between rank and determinant of a matrix

Remark 4.2.5.2-3

A square matrix \mathbf{A} is of full rank if and only if $\det(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$.



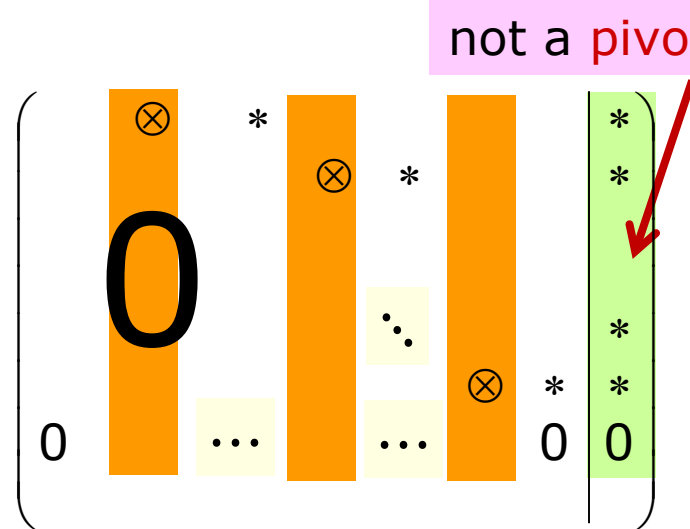
$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ for any matrix \mathbf{A}
row space of \mathbf{A} = column space of \mathbf{A}^T

Relation between rank and consistency of system

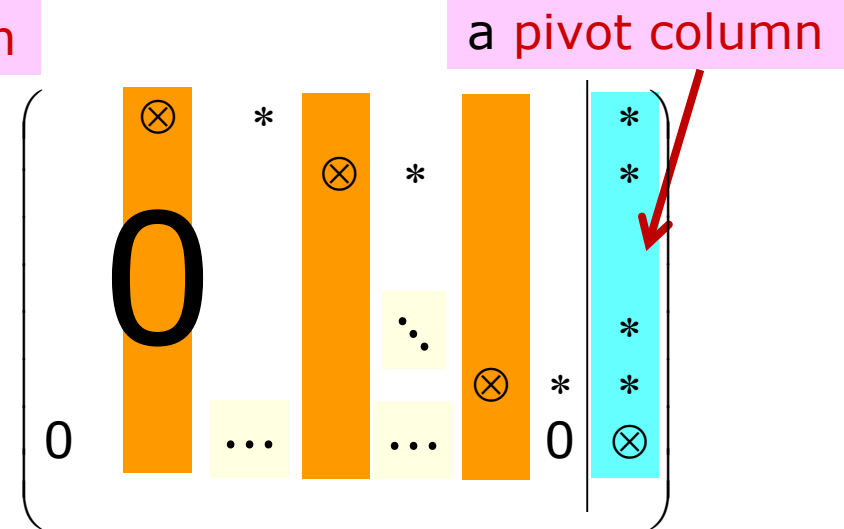
Remark 4.2.6

A system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ is consistent \longleftrightarrow if and only if the coefficient matrix \mathbf{A} and the augmented matrix $(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b})$ have the same rank.

Last lecture:
 $\mathbf{b} \in \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$



system is consistent
 $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b})$



system is inconsistent
 $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < \text{rank}(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b})$

Relation between rank and consistency of system

Example 4.2.7

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ x - y + 3z = 0 \\ -5x + y = 0 \\ x + z = 0 \end{cases}$$

coefficient matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

augmented matrix

$$(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

REF of \mathbf{A} rank(\mathbf{A}) = 3

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ -5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gaussian}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

REF of $(\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b})$ rank($\mathbf{A} | \mathbf{b}$) = 4

The system is inconsistent.

Rank of a product of two matrices

$$\begin{aligned}\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) &\leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \\ \text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) &\leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.2.8

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{ \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \}$$

\mathbf{A} : $m \times n$

\mathbf{B} : $n \times p$

Proof

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_p)$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = (\mathbf{Ab}_1 \ \mathbf{Ab}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{Ab}_p) \quad \text{see Notation 2.2.15}$$

where \mathbf{Ab}_i is the i^{th} column of \mathbf{AB} .

$$\mathbf{Ab}_i \in \text{column space of } \mathbf{A} \quad \text{By Theorem 4.1.16}$$

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{Ab}_1, \mathbf{Ab}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Ab}_p\} \subseteq \text{column space of } \mathbf{A}$$

column space of \mathbf{AB}

\subseteq

By Theorem 3.2.10

$$\dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{AB}) \leq \dim(\text{column space of } \mathbf{A})$$

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB})$

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

Rank of a product of two matrices

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$$

Theorem 4.2.8

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\}$$

Proof

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$$

Also need to show: $\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$

→ we have $\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T) \leq \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}^T)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \parallel & \\ \text{rank}((\mathbf{AB})^T) & & \parallel \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \parallel & \\ \text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) & \leq & \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) \end{array}$$

Therefore

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min\{\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B})\}.$$

column space of $\mathbf{AB} \subseteq$ column space of \mathbf{A}

From proof of thm 4.2.8

Quiz Time

row space of $\mathbf{AB} \subseteq$ row space of \mathbf{B}

column space of $(\mathbf{AB})^T \subseteq$ column space of \mathbf{B}^T

column space of $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{A}^T \subseteq$ column space of \mathbf{B}^T

- ☒ A. True
- ☐ B. False

Section 4.3

Nullspaces and Nullities

Objectives

- What is the nullspace and nullity of a matrix?
- What is the Dimension Theorem?
- What is the relation between nullspace and solution set of a linear system?

What is the nullspace and nullity of a matrix?

Definition 4.3.1

$\mathbf{A} : m \times n$ matrix

nullspace of \mathbf{A} subspace of \mathbf{R}^n

is the solution space of the homogeneous system of linear equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

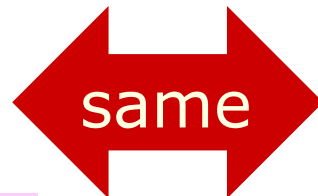
nullity of \mathbf{A} a number $\leq n$

is the dimension of the nullspace of \mathbf{A}

denoted by $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$

Number of parameters in the general solution

Nullspace of
a matrix \mathbf{A}



Solution space of a
linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

all the vectors in \mathbf{R}^n
that are "killed" by \mathbf{A}

all the vectors in \mathbf{R}^n
that satisfy $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

Basis for the nullspace

Example 4.3.3.1

$$\text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Find a basis for the nullspace of the matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{G.E.}} \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

write all vectors
as columns

The general solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} -s - t \\ s \\ -t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = 2$$

basis for the
nullspace of \mathbf{A}

Rank and nullity of a matrix

Example 4.3.3.2

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{Elimination}]{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{7}{9} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{4}{9} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = 3$$

general solution of $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{9}t \\ -\frac{1}{3}t \\ \frac{4}{9}t \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{9}t \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}$

nullity(\mathbf{B}) = 1 basis for the nullspace of \mathbf{B}

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{B}) = 3 + 1 = 4$$

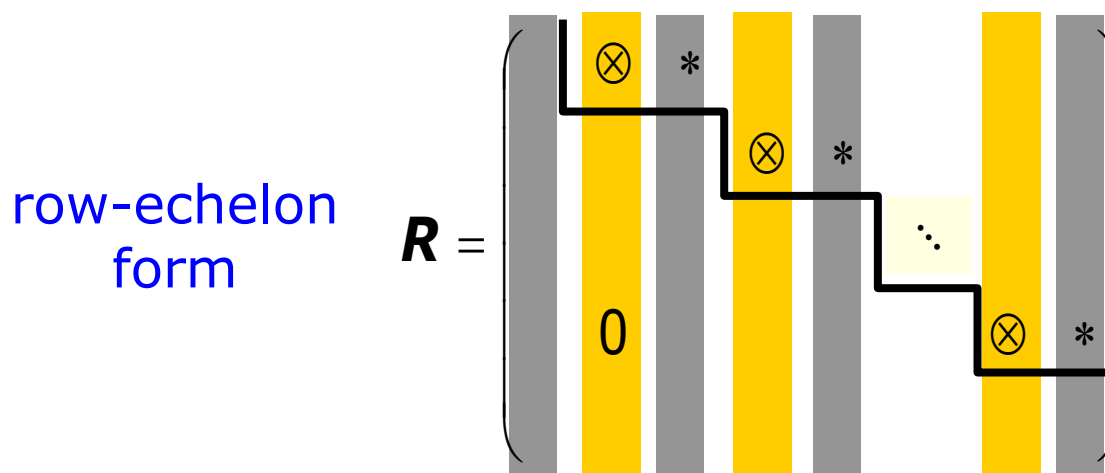
= the number of columns of \mathbf{B}

Dimension Theorem for Matrices

Theorem 4.3.4

If \mathbf{A} is a matrix with n columns, then

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = n.$$



■ pivot columns

(correspond to basis for column space of \mathbf{A}) $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$

■ non-pivot columns

(correspond to parameters in general solutions)

$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$

Applying Dimension Theorem

Example 4.3.5.2

In each of the following cases,
find $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$, $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$ and $\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T)$.

Size of \mathbf{A}	# column of \mathbf{A}	# column of \mathbf{A}^T	$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$ $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T)$	$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A})$	$\text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T)$
3×4	4	3	3	1	0
7×5	5	7	2	3	5
3×2	2	3	0	2	3

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = \# \text{ column of } \mathbf{A}$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}^T) + \text{nullity}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \# \text{ column of } \mathbf{A}^T$$

homogeneous linear system

$$\begin{cases} 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 2x_5 = 0 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 + 3x_5 = 0 \end{cases} (L_0)$$

Example 1.4.7 (revisited)

Non-homogeneous linear system:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_3 + 4x_4 + 2x_5 = 8 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 5x_4 + 3x_5 = -9 \\ -2x_1 - 4x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 + 3x_5 = 6 \end{cases} (L)$$

solutions of (L_0)

general solution of (L) not solutions of (L) a solution of (L)

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -29 - 2s + 3t \\ s \\ 8 - 2t \\ t \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -29 \\ 0 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

can be replaced by any other solution of (L)

general solution of (L_0)

Exercise 2 Q9

Suppose the homogeneous system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ has non-trivial solutions. $\leftarrow \mathbf{u}$ is a non-trivial solution
Show that the linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has either no solution or infinitely many solutions.

Idea of proof

We already know $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has either:

- No solution
- Exactly one solution $\leftarrow \mathbf{v}$ is a solution
- Infinitely many solutions

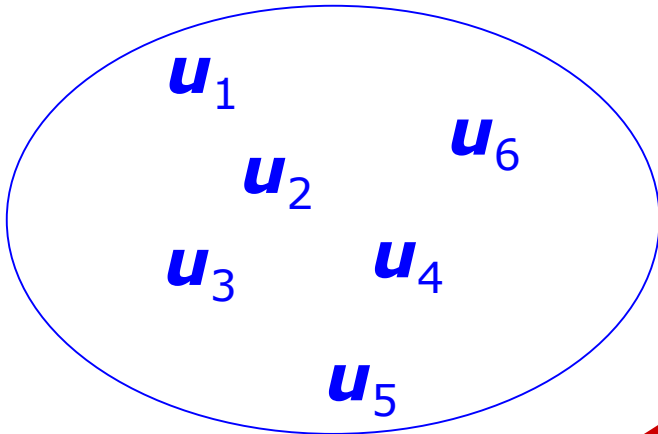
$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is also a solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Not possible

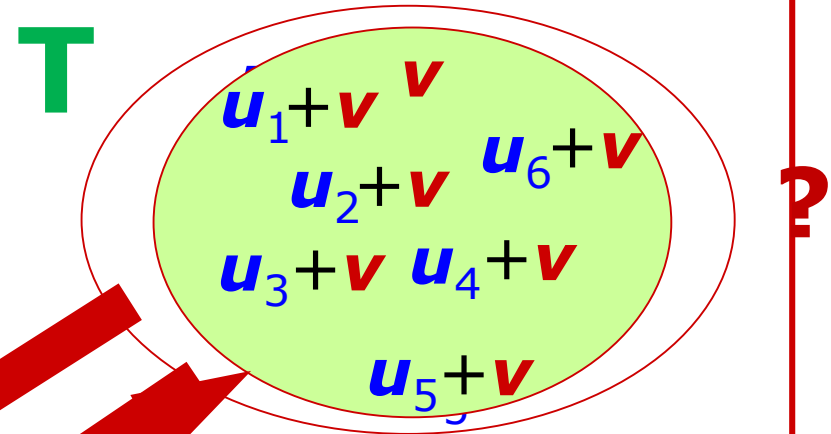
Solution set of non-homogeneous system

Theorem 4.3.6 (Diagram version)

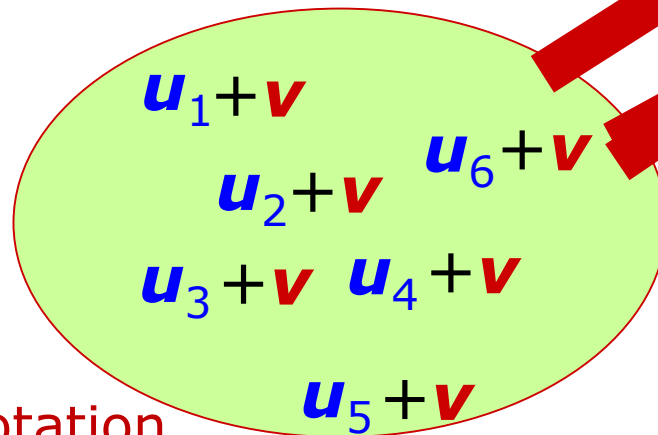
solution space of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$



solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$



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set notation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} \\ &= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{b} \\ &= \mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$


$$\{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is a solution of the system } \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0} \}$$

Solution set of non-homogeneous system

Theorem 4.3.6

Suppose the system of linear equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has a (particular) solution \mathbf{v} .

The solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$
 $= \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$


vary fix

The general solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ can be given by
(the general solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$) + \mathbf{v}

If we know the general solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$
and one particular solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$,
then we have the general solution for $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$.

Solution set of non-homogeneous system

Example 4.3.8

linear system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

one particular
solution

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

By Example 4.3.3.1,
the nullspace of $\mathbf{A} =$
solution space of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \text{ in } \mathbf{R} \right\}$$

solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\left\{ s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid s, t \text{ in } \mathbf{R} \right\}$$

The proof

Theorem 4.3.6

$T =$ the solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$S = \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

We want to show: $T = S$

Need to show: $T \subseteq S$ and $S \subseteq T$

$T \subseteq S$

Show every solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has the form $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

Next slide

$S \subseteq T$

Show every $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is a solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Substitute $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ for \mathbf{x} in $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$T =$ the solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

The proof

$S = \{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

Theorem 4.3.6

a solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

To show $T \subseteq S$:

element-chasing method

Let $\mathbf{w} \in T$

Want to show: $\mathbf{w} \in S$

i.e. Given $\mathbf{Aw} = \mathbf{b}$

i.e. To show \mathbf{w} can be written as $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

We have $\mathbf{Av} = \mathbf{b}$

i.e. To show $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$

i.e. To show $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$

i.e. To show $\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}$ is an element of the nullspace of \mathbf{A}

i.e. To show $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{v}) \\ &= \mathbf{Aw} - \mathbf{Av} \\ &= \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $T \subseteq S$.

Solution set of non-homogeneous system

Remark 4.3.7

Suppose the system of linear equations $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has a (particular) solution \mathbf{v} .

The solution set of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$
= $\{ \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{u} \text{ is an element of the nullspace of } \mathbf{A} \}$

Let $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ be a consistent linear system. Then

$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ has exactly one solution
if and only if
the nullspace of \mathbf{A} is equal to $\{\mathbf{0}\}$