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Theorem:

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then,

$$(i) \dim(\ker(A)) + \text{rank}(A) = n$$

$$(ii) \dim(\ker(A^T)) + \text{rank}(A^T) = m$$

Proof:

Consider $\text{ref } A$ of A . Then $\text{rank}(A)$ is the # of pivot columns of A , and $\dim(\ker(A))$ is the # of pivotless columns of A (corresponding to free variables), i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(\ker(A)) + \text{rank}(A) &= \\ \text{\# of columns of } A &= n \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Rank Theorem

For a matrix A ,

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \text{rank}(A) &= \text{\# of pivot columns in } A_{\text{ref}} \\ &= \text{\# of pivots in } A_{\text{ref}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) \text{rank}(A^T) &= \text{\# of pivot rows in } A_{\text{ref}} \\ &= \text{\# of pivots in } A_{\text{ref}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$$

Theorem:

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then

$$Ax = b$$

has a solution for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ iff the only solution to

$$A^T x = 0$$

is $x = 0$.

Proof (\Rightarrow):

If $Ax=b$ has a solution for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then $\text{range}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$ i.e. $\text{rank}(A) = m$, so by the rank theorem, $\text{rank}(A^T) = m$.
Since

$$\text{rank}(A^T) + \dim(\ker(A^T)) = m$$

$$\text{So } \text{rank}(A^T) = m \Rightarrow \dim(\ker(A^T)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A^T x = 0 \text{ has the only solution } x=0.$$

□

Proof (\Leftarrow):

Suppose the only solution to $A^T x = 0$ is $x=0$. Then $\dim(\ker(A^T)) = 0$, and:

$$\text{rank}(A^T) + \dim(\ker(A^T)) = m$$

$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A^T) = m = \text{rank}(A)$ (by rank thm) so $\dim(\text{range}(A)) = m$, i.e. $\text{range}(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$, i.e. $Ax=b$ has a solution for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

□

Recall if $T: V \rightarrow W$ is a L.T. and

↙ basis v_1, \dots, v_n ↘ basis w_1, \dots, w_m

$$T(v_1) = \alpha_{11} w_1 + \dots + \alpha_{m1} w_m$$

\vdots

$$T(v_n) = \alpha_{1n} w_1 + \dots + \alpha_{mn} w_m$$

$$\text{Then } [T]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \dots & \alpha_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Usually if $V=W$, we consider $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, i.e.

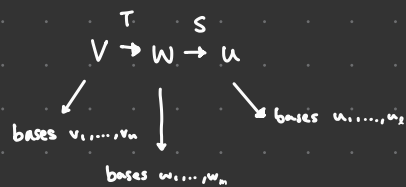
$$[T]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n}$$

Suppose we have two bases v_1, \dots, v_n and w_1, \dots, w_n for V , and $T: V \rightarrow V$. How do

$$[T]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n}, [T]_{w_1, \dots, w_n}^{w_1, \dots, w_n}$$

relate?

Recall we proved that if



then

$$[ST]_{u_1, \dots, u_k}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} = [S]_{u_1, \dots, u_k}^{w_1, \dots, w_m} [T]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n}$$

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relate?

We consider $I: V \rightarrow V$ denote the identity, and consider

$$[I]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{w_1, \dots, w_m}, [I]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [I]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} [T]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} [I]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{w_1, \dots, w_m} \\
 &= [IT I]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{w_1, \dots, w_m} \\
 &= [T]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{w_1, \dots, w_m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note furthermore that

$$[I]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{w_1, \dots, w_m} = ([I]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n})^{-1}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 [I]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{w_1, \dots, w_m} [I]_{w_1, \dots, w_m}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} &= [II]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} \\
 &= [I]_{v_1, \dots, v_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n} \\
 &= \text{Identity matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for other way.

Terminology:

$[I]_{w_1, \dots, w_n}^{v_1, \dots, v_n}$ is called a **change of basis matrix**.

e.g. $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
 $(x, y) \mapsto (-y+x, 3x)$

Let $e_1 = (1, 0)$, $e_2 = (0, 1)$

$$[T]_{e_1, e_2}^{e_1, e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now consider the basis $v_1 = (1, 1)$, $v_2 = (1, -1)$ for \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$I(1, 0) = (1, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, -1)$$

$$I(0, 1) = (0, 1) = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1) + (-\frac{1}{2})(1, -1)$$

So

$$[I]_{v_1, v_2}^{e_1, e_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly,

$$[I]_{e_1, e_2}^{v_1, v_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} [T]_{v_1, v_2}^{v_1, v_2} &= [I]_{v_1, v_2}^{e_1, e_2} [T]_{e_1, e_2}^{e_1, e_2} [I]_{e_1, e_2}^{v_1, v_2} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Definition:

Two matrices A, B are said to be similar if \exists an invertible matrix Q with

$$A = Q^{-1}BQ$$

Remark:

We just showed if A, B represent the same L.T. with respect to different bases, then A, B are similar.