

# The four fundamental subspaces

$A$  an  $m \times n$  matrix

(1) col space  $C(A)$

(2) nullspace  $N(A)$   $Ax = 0$

(3) row space  $C(A^T)$

(4) left nullspace  $N(A^T)$   $yA = 0$

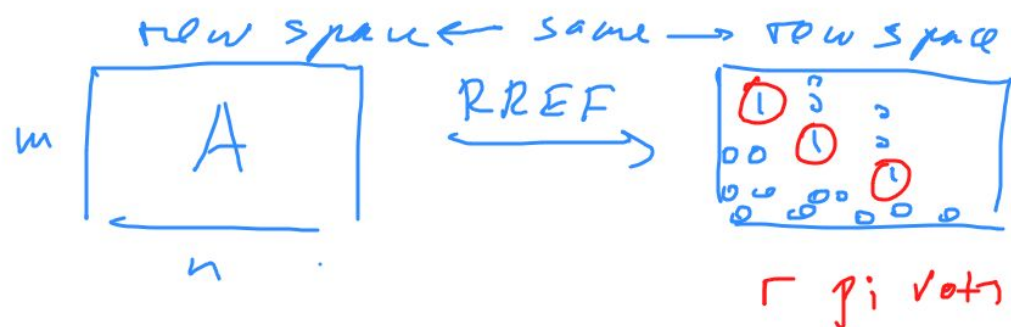
zero space = space  
that only contains 0.

Reminder! basis:

- independent
- spans the space.

dimension = # basis.

largest set of indep. vectors	smallest set that spans the space
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terminology:

$A$  has rank  $r$

$$\dim C(A) = r \quad (\# \text{pivot cols})$$

$$\dim N(A) = n - r \quad (\# \text{free cols})$$

$$\text{Counting theorem: } \dim C(A) + \dim N(A) = n = \dim \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\dim C(A^T) = r \quad \leftarrow \text{column rank} = \text{row rank}$$

$$\dim N(A^T) = m - r$$

Fundamental Thm of linear algebra.

Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow 1 & 3 & 5 & \downarrow 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} \downarrow 1 & 3 & 5 & \downarrow 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$C(A) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$N(A) : \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3x_2 - 5x_3 - 7x_5 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ -2x_5 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$v_1 \leftarrow$   $v_2 \leftarrow$   $v_3 \leftarrow$   
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$C(A^T)$ : 1) we know  
 $\dim C(A^T) = \dim C(A) = 2$

so any two indep. rows must be a basis:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{basis for } C(A^T)$$

$$2) R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot rows make a basis  
for  $C(A^T)$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$3) A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rightarrow$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis in pivot cols  
of  $A^T$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$N(A^T): \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis for  $N(A^T)$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

feature: (anything from  $N(A)$ )  $\cdot$  (anything from  $C(A^T)$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\boxed{A} \cdot \boxed{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

similarly  $(\dots N(A^T)) \cdot (\dots C(A)) = 0$

$$\text{ex. } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$C(A)$   $N(A^T)$