

Question 9

Sunday, October 15, 2023

10:43 PM

9. The following claims are either **true** or **false**. Determine which case is it for each claim and prove your answer.

(a) For any two $m \times n$ matrices A and B we have $\text{rank}(A+B) = \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$.

(b) For any two $m \times n$ matrices A and B we have $\text{rank}(A+B) \leq \text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B)$.

a)
false

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{rank}(A+B) = 2$$

$$\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) = 2 + 2 = 4 \neq 2$$

b) let A and B be represented as follows

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1 & \dots & a_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ b_1 & \dots & b_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \quad A+B = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ a_1+b_1 & \dots & a_n+b_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

where A is spanned by $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ where B is spanned by $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ and $A+B$ is spanned by $\{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_n, b_n\}$

but every column vector in $A+B$ can be rep. as a lin. comb. of $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ and/or $\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$

Thus the cols of $A+B$ is spanned by at

max $2n$ Basis vectors (Basis of $A = n$ + Basis of $B = n$)

$$\text{Thus } \text{Rank}(A+B) \leq \text{Rank}(A) + \text{Rank}(B)$$