

# Question 7

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

- (a) For any two matrices  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$  we have  $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(A) \cdot \text{rank}(B)$ .
- (b) If  $A$  is a square matrix then its column space is equal to its null space.
- (c) If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent.
- (d) If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent

a) false.

$$\text{let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Rank}(A) = 2$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 12 \\ 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ RREF}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Rank}(B) = 2$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 2+24 & 24+3 \\ 28+8 & 8+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 26 & 27 \\ 36 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{RREF}(AB)}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Rank}(AB) = 2$$

$$\text{Rank}(AB) = 2 \neq 4 = \text{Rank}(A) \cdot \text{Rank}(B)$$

b) If  $A$  is a square matrix then its column space is equal to its null space.

$$\text{Consider } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Then } \text{Col}(A) = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{But } \text{Nul}(A) = \left\{ \vec{0} \right\} \neq \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \text{ Thus false}$$

c)

(c) If  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{vectors } \{ [1, 2, 1], [1, 2, 3] \}$$

are linearly independent

But  $\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \}$  are LD

false

D)

(d) If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  is such that the vectors in its rows are linearly independent then the vectors in its columns are also linearly independent

True! If  $A$  is such a matrix with lin. ind. Rows

Then the Rank of  $A$   $\text{Rank}(A) = n$ .

$\Rightarrow \dim(\text{Row}(A)) = n$ ,  $n$  linearly independent Rows

Note:  $\text{Rank}(A)$  implies it is equal to both the

$\dim(\text{Row}(A))$  and  $\dim(\text{Col}(A))$ .

$\Rightarrow n = \dim(\text{Col}(A))$ . Hence  $n$  independent Columns

Thus all columns in  $A$  are linearly independent