

# Linear Algebra class on 9<sup>th</sup> March

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## 1 Elementary operations Elementary matrices

(1) row multiplying transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ cr_i \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ ce_i \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{pmatrix}$$

(2) row switching transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_i \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{pmatrix}$$

(3) row addition transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_i \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_i + cr_j \\ \vdots \\ r_j \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ \vdots \\ e_i + ce_j \\ \vdots \\ e_j \\ \vdots \\ e_m \end{pmatrix}$$

## 2 Row space, column space, rank

$A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

$R(A) := \text{span}\{\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_m\}$  row space

$C(A) := \{\text{span}\mathbf{C}_1, \dots, \mathbf{C}_n\}$  column space

$N(A) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$  null space  $\dim R(A) := \text{row rank}$ ,  $\dim N(A) := \text{nullity of } A$ ,  $\dim C(A) := \text{column rank}$

**Theorem 2.1** (Rank Theorem). *row rank = column rank*

By the theorem of 2.1, define  $\text{rank } A := \text{column rank}$  and write  $\text{rank } A$ .  
Note that  $\text{rank } A \leq \min(m, n)$  and  $A$  has full rank if  $\text{rank } A = m$  or  $n$

Note.

$L: V \rightarrow W$  linear

$\mathfrak{B}, \mathfrak{C}$  are bases for  $V, W$  respectively.  $\text{rank } L = \text{rank}[L]_{\mathfrak{C}}^{\mathfrak{B}}$

Note.

$C(A) = \text{span}\{\mathbf{C}_1, \dots, \mathbf{C}_n\} = \{x_1\mathbf{C}_1 + \dots + x_n\mathbf{C}_n | x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{A\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \text{im } L_A$

Note.

$N(A) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n | A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\} = \ker L_A$

**Theorem 2.2.**  $A \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}), B \in M_{n \times k}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank } A \quad (1)$$

$$\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank } B \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* (1)

$C(AB) = AB(\mathbb{R}^k) \subseteq A(\mathbb{R}^n) = C(A)$

$\therefore \text{rank } AB \leq \text{rank } A$  □

*Proof.* (2)

$C(B^t A^t) = B^t A^t(\mathbb{R}^m) \subseteq B^t(\mathbb{R}^n) = C(B^t)$

$\therefore \text{rank } A^t B^t \leq \text{rank } B^t$

$\therefore$  By the rank theorem  $\text{rank } AB = \text{rank } B^t A^t \leq \text{rank } B^t = \text{rank } B$  □

**Theorem 2.3.**  $A \sim B \implies \text{rank } A = \text{rank } B$

*Proof.*  $B = Q^{-1}AQ$ . Since  $Q$  has full rank,  $\text{rank } B = \text{rank}(Q^{-1}AQ) = \text{rank}(AQ) = \text{rank } A$  □