

# Matrix theory - Assignment 10

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**Abstract—**This document illustrates applications of Rank-Nullity Theorem

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## 1 PROBLEM

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries in  $F$  and let  $T$  be the linear transformation from  $F^{n \times 1}$  into  $F^{m \times 1}$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{AX}$ . Show that

- 1) if  $m < n$  it may happen that  $T$  is onto without being non-singular
- 2) if  $m > n$  we may have  $T$  non-singular but not onto.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

singular	<p>A linear transformation <math>T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n</math> is said to be singular if <math>\exists</math> some non-zero <math>\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n</math> s.t <math>\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}</math> i.e <math>\text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0</math>.</p> <p>From rank-nullity theorem we can say <math>\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) &lt; n</math></p>
non-singular	<p>A linear transformation <math>T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m</math> is said to be non-singular if <math>\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}</math> implies <math>\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}</math> i.e <math>\text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = 0</math></p>
onto	<p>A linear transformation <math>T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m</math>, <math>m \leq n</math> is said to be onto if for every <math>\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m</math>, <math>\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{b}</math> has atleast one solution <math>\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n</math>..</p> <p>i.e <math>\dim(\text{Col}(\mathbf{A})) = m</math> or <math>\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}) = m</math></p> <p>If <math>m &gt; n</math>, then <math>\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{b}</math> has no solution because rank-nullity theorem is not satisfied.</p>

## 3 PROOF

Let $\mathbf{A}$ be an $m \times n$ matrix with entries in $F$ and let $T$ be the linear transformation from $F^{n \times 1}$ into $F^{m \times 1}$ defined by $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{AX}$ . If,		
	$m < n$	$m > n$
singular	Since $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ , by definition $T$ is singular	Consider an non-singular $T$ such that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) > n$
onto	Since $m < n$ , by definition $T$ can be onto	Since $m > n$ , by definition $T$ is not onto.

## 4 EXAMPLES

4.1  $m < n$ 

$$\text{Let, } T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (4.1.1)$$

$$T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{b} \quad (4.1.2)$$

$$\text{Let, } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.3)$$

$$\text{Consider, } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.6)$$

Hence  $T$  is onto.

$$\text{Consider, } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.7)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.8)$$

$$= \mathbf{0} \quad (4.1.9)$$

Since  $\exists \mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $T$  is singular.

$\therefore T$  is both onto and singular.

4.2  $m > n$ 

$$\text{Let, } T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (4.2.1)$$

$$T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{b} \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$\text{Let, } \mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.3)$$

$$\text{Consider, } \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{AX} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.5)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.2.6)$$

$$(4.2.7)$$

$\therefore T$  is not onto, and is also non-singular.