

# Matrix theory - Assignment 10

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

3 SOLUTION

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<https://github.com/shreeprasadbhat/matrix-theory/blob/master/assignment10/>

## 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  $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}$ . 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

A linear transformation $T(\mathbf{X}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be	
singular	<p>if <math>\exists</math> some <math>\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^m</math> s.t</p> <p><math>T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}</math> and <math>\mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0}</math></p> <p>i.e <math>\text{Nullity}(T) \neq 0</math></p>
non-singular	<p>if <math>\exists</math> some <math>\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^m</math> s.t</p> <p><math>T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}</math></p> <p>i.e <math>\text{Nullity}(T) = 0</math></p>
onto	<p>if for every <math>\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m</math>,</p> <p><math>T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{b}</math> has atleast one solution <math>\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n</math></p> <p>i.e <math>\text{Rank}(T) = m</math> &amp;</p> <p><math>\text{Rank}(T) \leq n</math></p>

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	$\implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ From Rank-Nullity Theorem, $\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = n$ $\implies \text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) \neq 0$ $\therefore T(\mathbf{X})$ is a singular.	$\implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) > n$ If $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{AX} = \mathbf{0}$ $\implies \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$ Hence $T(\mathbf{X})$ is non-singular. $\implies \text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) = 0$
onto	$\implies \text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) < n$ Hence $T(\mathbf{X})$ can be onto.	$\text{Rank}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{Nullity}(\mathbf{A}) > n.$ Rank-Nullity Theorem is, $T(\mathbf{X})$ do not span $F^{m \times 1}$ . $\therefore T$ is not onto.