

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 $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{AX}$. 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

A linear transformation $T(\mathbf{X}) : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ is said to be *singular* if \exists some $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{V}$ s.t

$$T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0} \text{ and } \mathbf{X} \neq \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$\text{i.e } \text{Nullity}(T) \neq 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

A linear transformation $T(\mathbf{X}) : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ is said to be *non-singular* if \exists some $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{V}$ s.t

$$T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{0} \implies \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0} \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$\text{i.e } \text{Nullity}(T) = 0 \quad (2.0.4)$$

A linear transformation $T(\mathbf{X}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be *onto* if for every $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $T(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{b}$ has atleast one solution $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{i.e } \text{Rank}(T) = m \text{ \& } \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$\text{Rank}(T) \leq n \quad (2.0.6)$$

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