

- ## The rank-nullity theorem

- PROOF: LET B BE A BASIS FOR THE NULL SPACE OF T AND LET C BE A BASIS FOR THE RANGE OF T . SINCE B IS A BASIS FOR THE NULL SPACE, EVERY VECTOR IN V CAN BE WRITTEN AS A LINEAR COMBINATION OF VECTORS IN B AND A VECTOR IN THE RANGE OF T . THEREFORE, WE CAN EXPRESS EVERY VECTOR IN V AS A LINEAR COMBINATION OF VECTORS IN B AND A VECTOR IN C . THIS MEANS THAT $B \cup C$ IS A BASIS FOR V .
- SINCE B AND C ARE BOTH BASES, THEY MUST BOTH BE FINITE SETS, AND HENCE $B \cup C$ MUST ALSO BE A FINITE SET. THEREFORE, $\dim(V) = |B \cup C| = |B| + |C| = \text{NULLITY}(T) + \text{RANK}(T)$.

1. The inverse matrix theorem:

- PROOF: WE NEED TO SHOW THAT T^{-1} IS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION AND THAT ITS MATRIX REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO SOME BASES OF W AND V IS GIVEN BY A^{-1} .
- FIRST, LET'S SHOW THAT T^{-1} IS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION. SUPPOSE THAT W_1 AND W_2 ARE IN W AND C_1 AND C_2 ARE SCALARS. WE NEED TO SHOW THAT $T^{-1}(C_1W_1 + C_2W_2) = C_1T^{-1}(W_1) + C_2T^{-1}(W_2)$.
- SINCE A IS INVERTIBLE, WE CAN MULTIPLY BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION $T(T^{-1}(W)) = W$ BY A^{-1} TO GET:
 - $A^{-1}T(T^{-1}(W)) = A^{-1}W$
- THIS SIMPLIFIES TO:

- $T^{-1}(W) = A^{-1} \cdot W$
- THEREFORE, $T^{-1}(C_1W_1 + C_2W_2) = C_1A^{-1}W_1 + C_2A^{-1}W_2 = C_1T^{-1}(W_1) + C_2T^{-1}(W_2)$.
- THIS SHOWS THAT T^{-1} IS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION.
- NOW, LET'S SHOW THAT THE MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF T^{-1} WITH RESPECT TO SOME BASES OF W AND V IS GIVEN BY A^{-1} . LET W_1, W_2, \dots, W_N BE A BASIS FOR W AND LET V_1, V_2, \dots, V_M BE A BASIS FOR V . THE MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF T^{-1} WITH RESPECT TO THESE BASES IS GIVEN BY THE MATRIX $B = [T^{-1}(W_1) \mid T^{-1}(W_2) \mid \dots \mid T^{-1}(W_N)]$.
- SINCE THE MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF T WITH RESPECT TO THESE BASES IS $A = [T(V_1) \mid T(V_2) \mid \dots \mid T(V_M)]$, WE HAVE:
- $B \cdot A = [T^{-1}(W_1) \mid T^{-1}(W_2) \mid \dots \mid T^{-1}(W_N)] \cdot [T(V_1) \mid T(V_2) \mid \dots \mid T(V_M)]$
- $= [T^{-1}(W_1) \cdot T(V_1) + T^{-1}(W_2) \cdot T(V_2) + \dots + T^{-1}(W_N) \cdot T(V_M)]$
- $= [I]$
- WHERE I IS THE IDENTITY MATRIX. THIS MEANS THAT $A \cdot B = I$, SO $B = A^{-1}$