

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 & 11 \\ 3 & 6 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & | & -2b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -3 & | & -3b_1 + b_3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & | & -2b_1 + b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -5b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Keeps track of which linear combinations of the rows we are creating.

Tells us that  $-5 \text{ Row } 1 + \text{Row } 2 + \text{Row } 3 = \vec{0}^T$

So  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $N(A^T)$

Since  $\dim N(A^T) = m - r = 3 - 2 = 1$ , we just need this one non-zero vector in  $N(A^T)$  to get a basis.

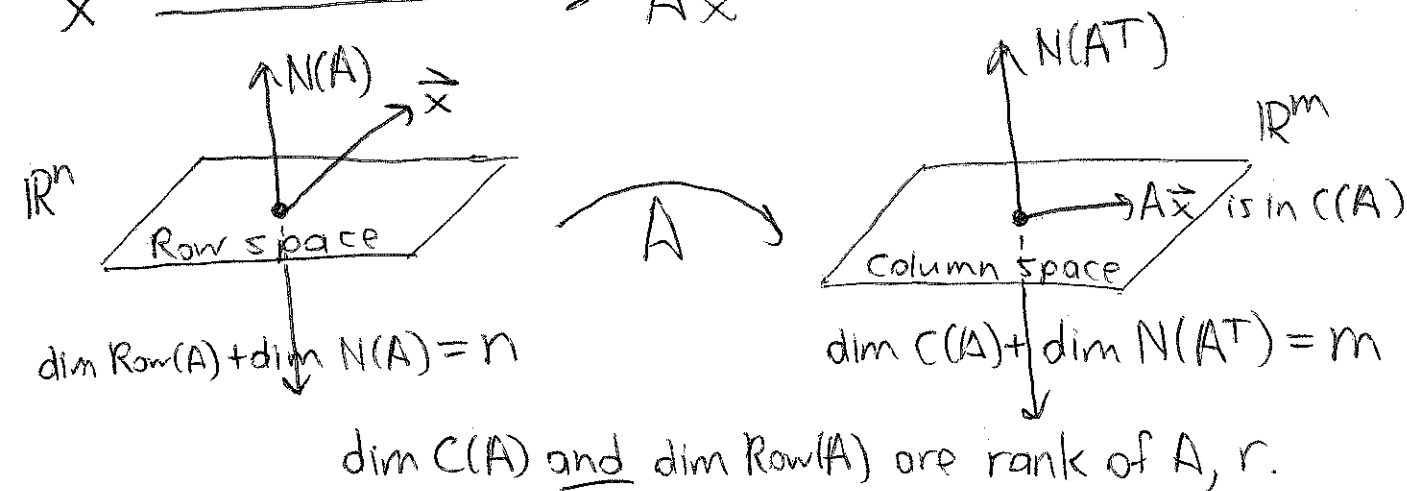
If all 3 rows of  $A$  had been independent, we would have gotten  $N(A^T) = \{\vec{0}\}$ .

## Chapter 4: Orthogonality

"Big picture" from last week:

$$\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{\text{m} \times \text{n matrix } A} \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\vec{x} \longrightarrow A\vec{x}$$



I drew these subspaces perpendicular to each other.  
Are they really? Yes!

Claim 1: Every vector in  $N(A)$  is perpendicular (or orthogonal) to every vector in  $R(A)$ .

Why?  $\vec{x}$  in  $N(A)$  means  $A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so

$$\underbrace{(\text{row } 1) \cdot \vec{x} = 0, (\text{row } 2) \cdot \vec{x} = 0, \dots, (\text{row } m) \cdot \vec{x} = 0}_{\text{Entries of } A\vec{x}}$$

So  $\vec{x} \perp$  every row  $\longrightarrow \vec{x} \perp$  every linear combination of the rows.

Claim 2: Same with column and left null spaces.

Why? Switch  $A$  with  $A^T$  in Claim 1:  $N(A^T) \perp R(A^T)$   
 $\longrightarrow N(A^T) \perp C(A)$

Another proof: Vectors  $\vec{y}$  in  $N(A^T)$  satisfy  $A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0}$   
 Vectors in  $C(A)$  look like  $A\vec{x}$ .

These two kinds of vectors are perpendicular:

$$(A\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y} = (A\vec{x})^T \vec{y} = (\vec{x}^T A^T) \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T (A^T \vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T \vec{0} = 0.$$

This formula is why we care about transposes. So  $A\vec{x} \perp \vec{y}$  if  $\vec{y}$  is in  $N(A^T)$ .

Definition: Two subspaces  $V$  and  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are orthogonal if every vector in  $V$  is perpendicular to every vector in  $W$ .

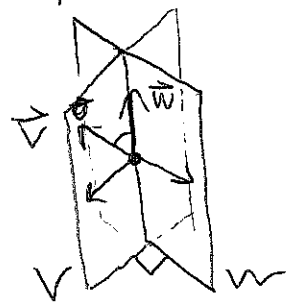
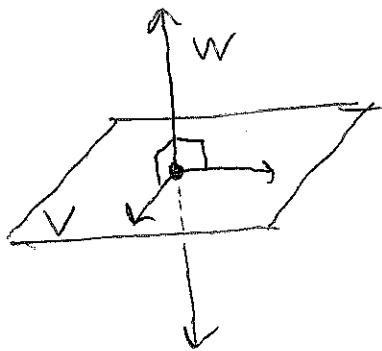
Notation:  $V \perp W$

Examples:  $N(A) \perp C(A^T)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $N(A^T) \perp C(A)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Orthogonal subspaces:

Not quite orthogonal: (98)

Pictures:



Some vectors in  $V$  are  $\perp$  to every vector in  $W$ , but not all

Important Fact: If  $V \perp W$ , then the only vector that is in both  $V$  and  $W$  is  $\vec{0}$ :

Why? If  $\vec{v}$  is in both, it has to be  $\perp$  to itself:

$$\vec{v}^T \vec{v} = 0, \text{ or } v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \dots + v_n^2 = 0$$

only works if every  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n = 0$ , i.e.,  $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

Definition: Orthogonal complement of a subspace  $V$ :

$V^\perp$  = set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that are  $\perp$  to all vectors in  $V$ .

Is  $V^\perp$  a subspace? Yes!

①  $\vec{0}$  is in  $V^\perp$ :  $\vec{0} \cdot (\text{every } \vec{v}) = 0$ .

② If  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  are in  $V^\perp$ , so is  $\vec{x} + \vec{y}$ :  $(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \cdot (\text{every } \vec{v}) = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{v} = 0 + 0 = 0$ .

③ If  $\vec{x}$  is in  $V^\perp$ , so is  $c\vec{x}$ :  $(c\vec{x}) \cdot (\text{every } \vec{v}) = c(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}) = c(0) = 0$ .

Example:  $V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find a basis for  $V^\perp$ .  
(This is a basis for  $V$ .)

Note: If  $\vec{x} \cdot (\text{every basis vector for } V) = 0$ ,  
then  $\vec{x} \cdot (\text{every linear combination of basis vectors}) = 0$  also,  
so  $\vec{x} \cdot (\text{every } \vec{v} \text{ in } V) = 0 \longrightarrow \vec{x} \text{ is in } V^\perp$ .

So we just need to find all  $\vec{x}$  such that:

$$\vec{x} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ and } \vec{x} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Or,  $\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

So,  $V = \text{Row}(A)$  and  
 $V^\perp = N(A)$ !

↖ Basis = special solutions  
of  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/3 & -5/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = -2x_3 - 4x_4$

$x_2 = \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{5}{3}x_4$

$x_3, x_4$  free

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_3 - 4x_4 \\ \frac{1}{3}x_3 + \frac{5}{3}x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1/3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 5/3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

These 2 vectors will form a  
basis for  $V^\perp$ .

Note that:  $\dim V + \dim V^\perp = 2 + 2 = 4 = \dim \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^4$ .

This always works (i.e.  $\dim V + \dim V^\perp = n$  if  $V$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).

Also, this example illustrates the:

"Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra, Part 2":

For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $N(A) = C(A^T)^\perp$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

$N(A^T) = C(A)^\perp$  (in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ) ↖ row space,

Nice consequence: If  $\vec{b}$  is in  $C(A)$ , then there is a unique <sup>(100)</sup> solution to  $A\vec{x}_r = \vec{b}$  such that  $\vec{x}_r$  comes from the row space.

Why? If we have two solutions:  $A\vec{x}_r = \vec{b}$ ,  $A\vec{x}'_r = \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{x}_r, \vec{x}'_r$  are both in  $C(A^T)$ , then  $A(\vec{x}_r - \vec{x}'_r) = \vec{0}$

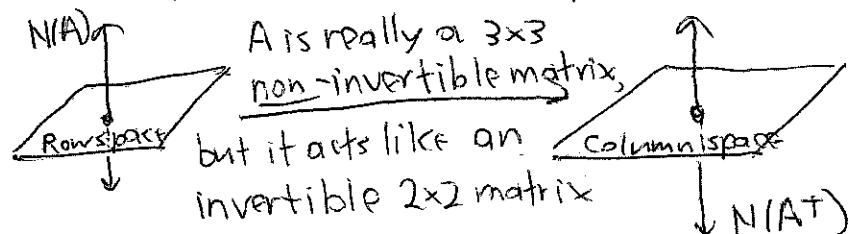
This vector is in both  $C(A^T)$  and  $N(A)$ , so it's  $\vec{0}$  by "important fact"

Since  $N(A) \perp C(A^T)$ , must have  $\vec{x}_r - \vec{x}'_r = \vec{0}$ , i.e.,  $\vec{x}_r = \vec{x}'_r$

solution is actually unique, if  $\vec{x}_r$  comes from  $C(A^T)$ .

This means:

If you ignore  $N(A)$  and  $N(A^T)$ , then  $A$  behaves like an invertible matrix: takes vectors from Row space to Column space in an ~~invertible~~ invertible way:



here's an invertible 2x2 matrix inside  $A$ .

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$  (not invertible)

Now to understand an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ : we need a good basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that is related to  $A$ :

Claim: We can get a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by combining bases for null and column spaces:

Basis =  $\{ \underbrace{\text{basis vectors for } C(A^T)}_{r \text{ of them}}, \underbrace{\text{basis vectors for } N(A)}_{n-r \text{ of them}} \}$

get right number of vectors,  $n$ , but are they lin. ind?

Suppose (lin. comb. of row basis vectors) + (lin. comb. of  $N(A)$  basis) =  $\vec{0}$ . (101)

call this  $\vec{x}_r$

call this  $\vec{x}_n$

Then  $\vec{x}_r + \vec{x}_n = \vec{0} \rightsquigarrow \vec{x}_r = -\vec{x}_n$

Shows  $\vec{x}_r$  is in both  $C(A^T)$  and  $N(A)$

The only way to get lin. comb. = 0 is to set all coefficients = 0

$\vec{x}_r = \vec{0}$  since  $C(A^T) \perp N(A)$   
 $\vec{x}_n = \vec{0}$  as well.

→ linearly independent and a basis (since we have right number of vectors for a basis).

This proves the claim, which implies:

spanning set property

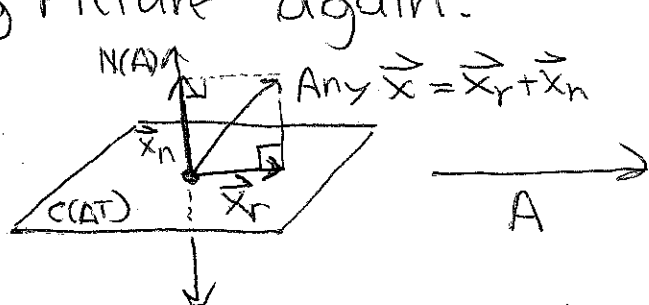
Every  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  = lin. comb. of basis vectors

= lin. comb. of row space vectors + lin. comb. of null space vectors  
 $\vec{x}_r$   $\vec{x}_n$

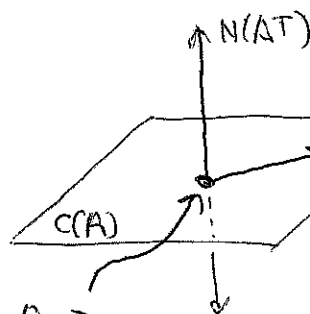
→  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_r + \vec{x}_n$  called "orthogonal projection" of  $\vec{x}$  onto  $N(A)$ .

called "orthogonal projection" of  $\vec{x}$  onto  $C(A^T)$

"Big Picture" again:



$A$



Here's  $A\vec{x}_n$ .  
It's  $\vec{0}$ !

$A\vec{x}$ , also  $A\vec{x}_r$ :  
 $A\vec{x} = A(\vec{x}_r + \vec{x}_n)$   
 $= A\vec{x}_r + A\vec{x}_n$   
 $= A\vec{x}_r + \vec{0} = A\vec{x}_r$

Problem 4.1.12 Draw this picture for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

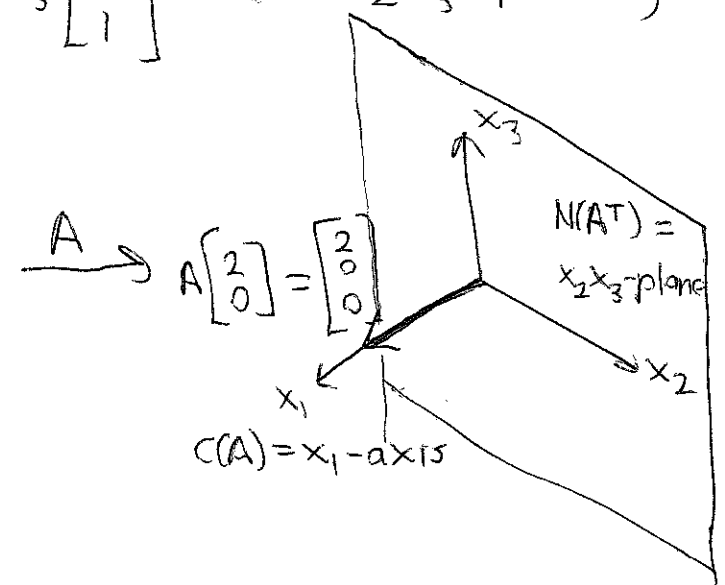
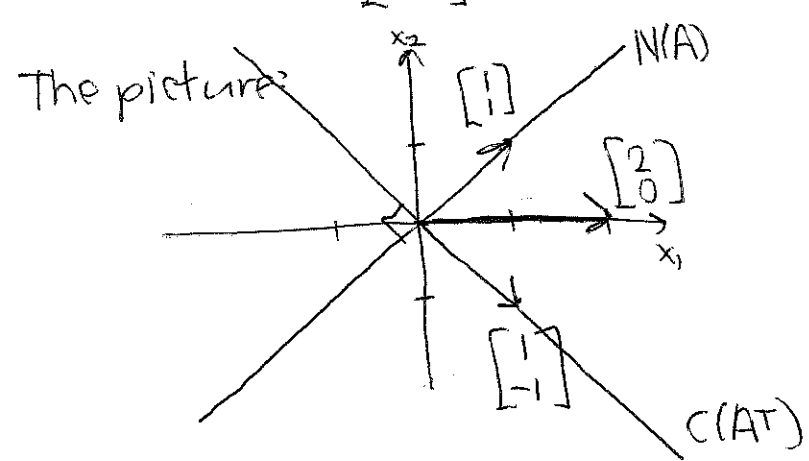
$$C(A) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$N(A) : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ means } x_1 = x_2 \rightsquigarrow N(A) = \text{all } x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C(A^T) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \leftarrow \text{perpendicular!}$$

$$N(A^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ means } x_1 = 0 \rightsquigarrow$$

$$N(A^T) = \text{all } \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \text{all } x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (= x_2 x_3\text{-plane})$$



What are  $\vec{x}_r$  and  $\vec{x}_n$ ? Need to write

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = c \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_r} + d \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{x}_n} \quad \text{Looks like } c=d=1 \text{ will work.}$$

## Section 4.2 Projections

Big linear algebra problem: Figure out how to write  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_r + \vec{x}_n$

To say another way: Figure out how to project  $\vec{x}$  onto a subspace (such as  $N(A)$ )

This means: Write  $\vec{x} = \underbrace{\vec{v}}_{\text{in } V} + \underbrace{\vec{e}}_{\text{in } V^\perp}$

