



# VECTOR SPACES

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# CLASS 9 : CONTENT

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- Four Fundamental subspaces

## FOUR FUNDAMENTAL SUBSPACES OF A MATRICES

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Let  $A$  be the matrix of order  $m \times n$ . Associated with it are four subspaces which are defined as follows

1.  $C(A)$  is the column space of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and contains all the linear combination of the column vectors of  $A$ .

If then  $\rho(A) = k$  then  $\dim(C(A)) = k$

A basis of  $C(A)$  corresponds to the columns having the pivots in echelon form of  $A$ .

2.  $C(A^T)$  are the row space of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and contains all the linear combinations of the rows of  $A$ .

If  $\rho(A) = k$  then  $\dim(C(A^T)) = k$

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A basis for  $C(A^T)$  is the set of row vectors in  $A$  or in the echelon form corresponding to the pivots in the echelon form.

3.  $N(A)$  are the null space of  $A$  consists of all the solutions of the system  $Ax = 0$ . It is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $\rho(A) = k$  then  $\dim(N(A)) = n - k$

A basis for  $N(A)$  is obtained by solving the system  $Ux = 0$ , identifying the pivot variables and free variables where  $U$  is the row reduced echelon form of  $A$  i. e. special solutions to  $Ux = 0$  forms the basis of  $N(A)$

4.  $N(A^T)$  are the left null spaces of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and consists of all the solution to the system  $A^T x = 0$ .

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If  $\rho(A) = k$  then  $\dim(N(A^T)) = m - k$ .

A basis for  $N(A^T)$  is obtained by looking at the zero rows of  $U$  and then tracing back to the corresponding rows of  $A$ .

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### Note :

1. The row space of  $A_{m \times n}$  is the column space of  $A^T$ .  
It is spanned by the rows of  $A$ .
2. The left null space contains all vectors  $y$  for which  $A^T y = 0$ .
3.  $N(A)$  and  $C(A^T)$  are subspaces of  $R^m$
4.  $N(A^T)$  and  $C(A)$  are subspaces of  $R^n$
5.  $\text{Dim } C(A) = \text{Dim } C(A^T) = r = \text{rank of } A$
6.  $\text{Dim } N(A) = n - r$  and  $\text{Dim } N(A^T) = m - r$ .
7. The dimension of the null space of a matrix is called its nullity.

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The rank- nullity theorem :

For any matrix  $A_{m \times n}$  ,

$\dim C(A) + \dim N(A) = \text{no. of columns}$  i.e

$$r + (n - r) = n$$

This law applies to as well.

Hence,  $\dim C(A^T) + \dim N(A) = m$  i. e

$$r + (m - r) = m$$

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Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

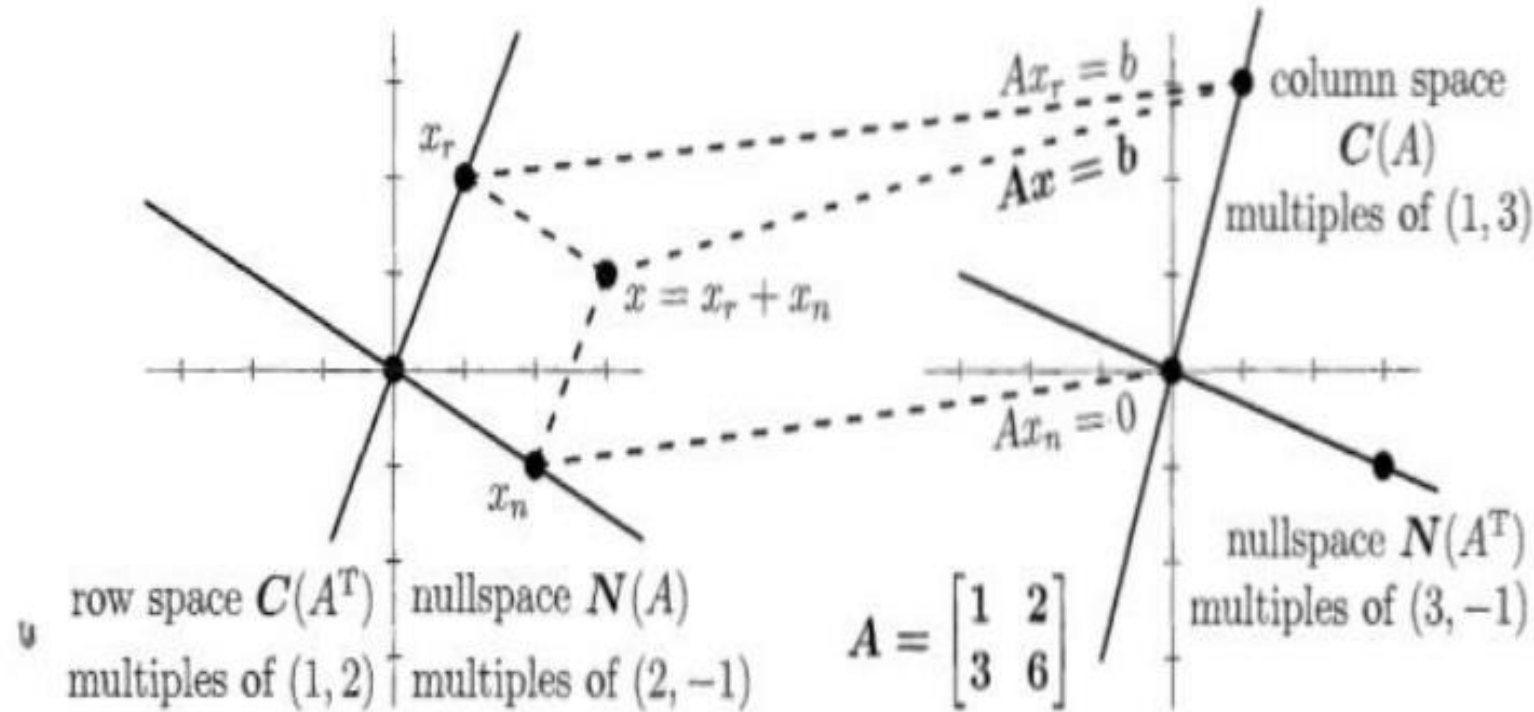
Then,  $m = n = 2$  and  $\text{rank } r = 1$ .

1.  $C(A)$  is the line through  $(1, 3)$
2.  $C(A^T)$  is the line through  $(1, 2)$
3.  $N(A)$  is the line through  $(-2, 1)$
4.  $N(A^T)$  is the line through  $(-3, 1)$



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E.g. : Find the dimensions and a basis each for the four fundamental subspaces of the matrix.

### Solution

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}; C(A) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} / c_1, c_2 \in R \right\}$$

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$$\text{Basis for } C(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \dim C(A) = \text{Rank of } A$$

$$c(A^T) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} / c_1, c_2 \in R \right\}$$

(or)

$$c(A^T) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / c_1, c_2 \in R \right\}$$

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$$\text{Basis for } C(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \dim C(A^T) = \text{Rank of } A$$

$$Ax = 0 \Rightarrow Ux = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x + 2y + z + 2t = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2y - z$$

$$t = 0$$

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Special solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(A) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} / c_1, c_2 \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for } N(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}; \dim N(A) = 2$$

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$$A^T x = 0$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = U^l$$

$$U^l y = 0 \Rightarrow x + y + 3z = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y - 3z$$

$$y + z = 0 \Rightarrow y = -z$$

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Special solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(A^T) = \left\{ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} / c_1 \in R \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis for } N(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} ; \dim N(A^T) = 1$$



**THANK YOU**

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