

# Homework 3

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## 1 $X^T X$ is invertible when $X$ is full rank

For  $X$  to be full rank, either when its rows or its columns are linearly independent. For example: If our matrix is an  $m \times n$  matrix with  $m < n$ , then it has full rank when its  $m$  rows are linearly independent or  $\text{Rank}(X) = m$ . If  $m > n$ , the matrix has full rank when its  $n$  columns are linearly independent or  $\text{Rank}(X) = n$ . If  $m = n$ , the matrix has full rank either when its rows or its columns are linearly independent (when the rows are linearly independent, so are its columns in this case).

Assume that  $m \leq n$  and  $\text{Rank}(X) = m$ , and let  $X^T X u = 0$  for some  $u \in R^m$ . We need to show that  $u = 0$ . We also have that

$$0 = (X^T X u, u) = (X u, X u),$$

and thus  $X u = 0$ . But as  $\text{Rank}(X) = m$ . (Otherwise, the columns of  $X$  would be linearly dependent, and hence its rank less than  $m$ .) Assume that  $X^T X \in R^{m \times m}$  is invertible. Then  $m = \text{Rank}(X^T X) \leq \text{Rank}(X) \leq \min\{m, n\}$ . Thus  $\min\{m, n\} = m$ ,  $\text{Rank}(X) = m$  and  $m \leq n$ .

## 2 To be continued