

(1) For each matrix A below, its columns will be labelled $\vec{a}_i$.

- Use R to write the columns of A as linear combinations of each other or state that this is not possible.
- Find a basis for $C(A)$, the column space of A and $N(A)$, the null space of A .
- Determine the dimensions of $C(A)$ and $N(A)$.

(a) $A \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

• Using the book algorithm for finding $N(A)$.

x_3 is free. So $x_1 + 2 = 0$
 $x_2 + 3 = 0$

So $x_1 = -2, x_2 = -3, x_3 = 1$.

$\vec{s}_3 = (-2, -3, 1)$

$N(A) = \{c\vec{s}_3 : c \text{ real}\}$

basis for $N(A) = \{\vec{s}_3\}$

dimension of $N(A) = 1$

• Just interpret $N(A)$. That is $A \cdot \vec{s}_3 = \vec{0}$ or

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ So $-2\vec{a}_1 - 3\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3 = \vec{0}$

Clearly, we must drop at least one of these three vectors in the basis of $C(A)$. How do we know 1 is sufficient?

basis for $C(A) = \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2\} = \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_3\}$

$\dim(C(A)) = 2$

(b) $A \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$N(A)$

• Find special solutions

Set $x_3 = 1, x_5 = 0$.

$x_1 + 2 = 0$ or $x_1 = -2$ and $x_2 = x_4 = 0$

$\vec{s}_3 = (-2, 1, 0, 0, 0)$

Set $x_5 = 1, x_3 = 0$.

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = -3, x_4 = 4$

$\vec{s}_5 = (0, -3, 0, 4, 1)$

basis for $N(A) = \{\vec{s}_3, \vec{s}_5\}, \dim(N(A)) = 2$.

(c) $A \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$N(A) = \{\vec{0}\}, \text{basis} = \{\}, \dim(N(A)) = 0$

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$ are linearly independent.

basis for $C(A) = \{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\} = \{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}\}$

non-trivial

(2) (summary of previous page) Suppose A is an $m \times n$ matrix of rank r .

(a) The dimension of $C(A)$ is r and a basis for $C(A)$ can be found by picking the columns of A that have pivots in R .

(b) The dimension of $N(A)$ is $n-r$ and a basis for $N(A)$ can be found by using the "free variable" algorithm

(3) Find a basis for the row space of A where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{row space of } A = \left\{ c \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + d \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + e \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}; c, d, e \text{ real} \right\} = C(A^T)$$

• Way 1: $A^T \rightarrow \text{ref}(A^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Using page 1, basis $= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 pick of col 1, col 2 of A^T .

• Way 2: From R where $R = \text{ref}(A)$.

Do row ops to find R .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 - r_1 \\ r_3 - 2r_1}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 + 2r_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = R$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vec{r}_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 - r_1 \\ -r_3 - 2r_1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 - r_1 \\ -(r_3 - 2r_1) + 2(r_2 - 2r_1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 - r_1 \\ -r_3 - 6r_1 + 2r_2 \end{bmatrix} = R$$

!! $\left(\begin{matrix} \text{row space} \\ \text{of} \\ A \end{matrix} \right) = \left(\begin{matrix} \text{row space} \\ R \end{matrix} \right)$ basis for $C(A^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Revisit 1b. basis row space $= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ dim = 3

So $\dim(\text{row space of } A) = \dim(C(A^T)) = r = \text{rank of } A.$

That is, the dimension of the col. space and row space

are the same even though they may not even be in the same space!!

If A is $m \times n$ matrix, $C(A)$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$
row space in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Last topic: "left" null space of $A \equiv$
null space of A^T

$A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0}$ is equivalent to $\vec{y}^T A = \vec{0}$

(using $B\vec{x} = \vec{x}^T B^T$)

If $m \times n$ matrix A has rank r , then

dimension of $N(A^T)$ = dimension of left null space of A = $m - r$

thinking: $C(A^T) = r$. So $N(A^T) = \# \text{ cols } A^T - r$
 $= m - r$

Where do these spaces live supposing A is $m \times n$...

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ m \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} & & & \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$\mathbb{R}^m$

$\mathbb{R}^n$

$r = C(A)$

$N(A^T)$

← dimensions sum to m

← dims sum to n

row space of $A = C(A^T) = r$

$N(A)$

$r = \text{rank}(A)$