

Last time:

- Null spaces
- Bases of subspaces of \mathbb{R}^n

- Bases of \mathbb{R}^n and null spaces

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(i) is lin ind.

(ii) spans the subspace

Today:

- Dimension.

- Bases criteria/computation.

- Rank and Nullity.

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1. Dimension Let V be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

Fact: All bases of V have the same number of elts (size).

Def. (Dimension) The dimension of V is the common cardinality of all its bases. We write the dimension as $\dim(V)$.

E.g. $V = \mathbb{R}^n$: we saw that any basis of V must have n vectors, so $\dim(\mathbb{R}^n) = n$.

$V = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: Note that $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis of V : (i) it's

lin. ind. since it contains a single nonzero vec. (ii) it spans V by

the def of V . It follows that $\dim V = |B| = 1$.

geometrically, this is a line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$V = \text{Span} \left\{ \underset{v_1}{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{v_2}{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}, \underset{v_3}{\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

Note: The set $B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis of V :

(i): $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ all cols are piv, so B is lin ind.

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(ii): $v_3 = 2v_1 + 5v_2$, so a typical elt $av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3$ in V

(can always be written as) $av_1 + bv_2 + c(2v_1 + 5v_2)$

$$= (a + 2c)v_1 + (b + 5c)v_2 \in \text{Span } B$$

so B spans V .

(it follows that B is a basis of V , hence $\dim V = |B| = 2$.)

2. Computation of bases and dimensions.

(a) \mathbb{R}^n .

We saw that any basis of \mathbb{R}^n must have n vectors
therefore \mathbb{R}^n has dimension n .

From the last lecture, we also see that:

Thm: (Basis criteria for \mathbb{R}^n) A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^n whenever
two of following three conditions hold:

- (1) $|S| = n$ (2) $S \Rightarrow \text{lin ind}$ (3). S spans \mathbb{R}^n .

Examples: see the last lecture.

(b) Null space / kernels.

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be the associated linear map with $T(x) = Ax \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $\text{Ker } T = \text{Null } A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(x) = Ax = 0\}$, the soln set of the equation $Ax = 0$, which has a p.v.f.

Def (Nullity) The nullity of A is $\text{Nullity}(A) = \dim(\text{Null } A)$.

Thm (basis and dimension of null spaces)

The constant vectors in the p.v.f. of the soln set $\{x \mid Ax = 0\}$ form a basis for $\text{Null } A = \text{Ker } T$. In particular,

$$\text{Nullity}(A) = \# \text{ non-pivot cols of } A = n - \# \text{ pivots in } A.$$

Example in two pages.

(c) Column spaces / Images

Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix and let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be the associated linear map with $T(x) = Ax \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $A = [T(e_1) \mid \dots \mid T(e_n)]$ and

$$\text{Col } A = \text{Span} \{ T(e_1), T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n) \} = \text{Im } T. \quad (\text{eg. } T(2e_1 + 3e_2 - e_3) = 2T(e_1) + 3T(e_2) - T(e_3))$$

Def (Rank) The rank of A is $\dim(\text{Col } A)$.

Thm (basis and dimension of column spaces)

The pivot cols of A (not $\text{EF}(A)$!) form a basis for $\text{Col } A$.

In particular, $\text{rank } A = \# \text{ pivot cols in } A$. "Rank-Nullity Thm"
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Corollary: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For any } m \times n \text{ matrix } A, \text{ we have } \text{Nullity}(A) + \text{Rank}(A) = \# \text{ cols of } A = n. \\ \text{For any linear map } T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \text{ we have } \dim(\ker T) + \dim(\text{Im } T) = \dim(\text{the domain}) = n. \end{array} \right.$

Examples. (i) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -4 & -8 & -12 \\ 0 & -8 & -16 & -24 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{matrix} P & P & \text{np.} & \text{np} \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} P & P \end{matrix}$
 $\rightarrow \text{EF.}$

The first two cols of A are pivot while the last two cols are not,

so $\text{Col}(A)$ has a basis $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ and hence has dimension 2, i.e., $\text{Rank } A = 2$

Also, we have $\text{Nullity } A = \# \text{ non-pivot cols in } A = 2$.

However, we don't know a basis for $\text{Null } A$ yet. To obtain a basis for $\text{Null } A$, we

reduce $\text{EF}(A)$ further to solve $A\bar{x} = 0$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \left\{ \bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid A\bar{x} = 0 \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} : \begin{matrix} x - z - 2w = 0 \\ y + z + 3w = 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} z + 2w \\ -z - 3w \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} : z, w \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + w \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : z, w \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{The set } B = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \text{Null}(A).$$

(ii) Find a basis for $\text{Col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)$.

Sol: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -15 & -10 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^A \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & -15 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

It follows that the pivot cols $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ form a basis of

$\text{Col}(A)$.

(iii) Find a basis for $\text{col} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \text{Span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)$.

Soln: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^B \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{EF. The pivot cols are the first two.}$

It follows that $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Col}(B)$.

3. The Rank-Nullity Thm.

Def. We define the dimension of $\{0\}$ to be 0.

Fact: If we have subspaces U, V in \mathbb{R}^n with $U \subseteq V$, then
 $\dim U \leq \dim V$, with equality holding iff $U = V$.

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Consequence: Given any subspace $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $\dim V \leq \dim \mathbb{R}^n = n$, with
 $\dim V = n$ only if $V = \mathbb{R}^n$. Similarly, $0 \subseteq V$ so $\dim V \geq \dim 0 = 0$,
with $\dim V = 0$ only if $V = 0$.

Point: By the Rank-Nullity Thm. for any linear map $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and its
standard matrix, we have

- (1) T is surj $\Leftrightarrow \text{Im } T = \mathbb{R}^m \Leftrightarrow \dim \text{Im } T = \text{Rank } A = m$ } A has full rank"
(2) T is inj $\Leftrightarrow \text{Ker } T = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dim \text{Ker } T = \text{Nullity } A = 0$ } some applications:
next time.