

## 4.5 Row and Column Spaces

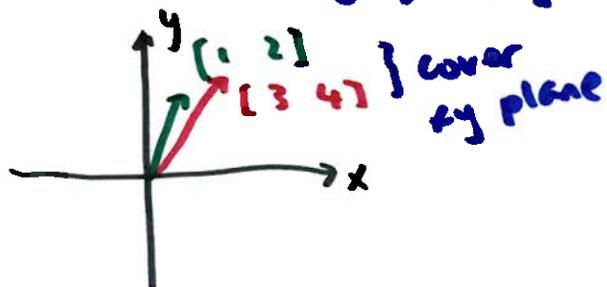
Given a matrix, all possible linear combos form the row space  
(space spanned by its rows)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Row}(A) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 2], [3 \ 4] \}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Row}(B) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 0], [0 \ 0] \} \\ = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 0] \}$$

what about a basis (minimum spanning set) of row space?

for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$



$[1 \ 2]$  and  $[3 \ 4]$  are linearly  
indp so form a basis for  
 $\text{Row}(A)$  which is  $\mathbb{R}^2$

so another basis is  $\{ [1 \ 0], [0 \ 1] \}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Row}(A)?$$

find a basis

$$\text{Row}(A) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ -2 \ 2], [1 \ 4 \ 3], [2 \ 2 \ 5] \}$$

but a basis? knowing a basis helps us see if the  $\text{Row}(A)$  is, for example,  $\mathbb{R}^3$

we need to find linearly indep vectors that span the same space ( $\text{Row}(A)$ )

Gaussian elimination produces row equivalent matrices and preserves row space

$$\text{for example, } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = B$$

NOT equal  
but are row equivalent  
same row space  
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$$\text{Row}(B) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 2], [0 \ -2] \} = \text{Row}(A)$$

back to  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$        $\text{Row}(A) = \text{Row}(B)$

$\text{Row}(B) = \text{span} \left\{ \underbrace{[1 \ -2 \ 2], [0 \ 6 \ 1]}_{\text{linearly indep}} \right\}$   
 $= \text{Row}(A)$

so, a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$  is  $\{[1 \ -2 \ 2], [0 \ 6 \ 1]\}$

To find a basis for row space, perform row reduction and identify the pivot rows (rows w/ pivots) and those pivots form a basis for row space

# of pivots  $\rightarrow$  rank of the matrix  
matrix  $A$  above is rank two

Column space: span of columns

all possible linear combos of columns

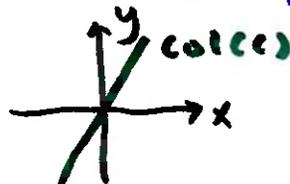
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{col}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Can we find a basis?

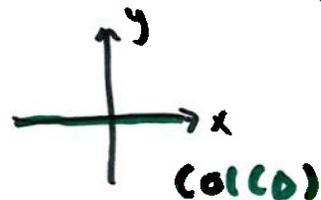
row ops preserve row space but does NOT, in general, preserve column space

for example,

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{col}(C) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = D \quad \text{col}(D) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



even though row ops change column space, the linear independency of column is preserved

for example,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  clearly, cols 1, 2 are indep

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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column 1, 2 pivot columns so are indep.

whatever columns that were indep remain indep after row reduction

use the reduced matrix to find the columns that were indep in the original matrix

back to  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$   $\text{col}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

reduce:  $\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{2} & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
pivot columns: these do NOT form a basis  
for  $\text{col}(A)$

but this tells us that columns 1 and 2  
in  $A$  are indep

so, since cols 1, 2 in  $A$  are indep, they form  
a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & -9 & 10 \\ 1 & 6 & -29 & -11 \end{bmatrix}$$

find basis for  
Row(A) and Col(A)

$$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -12 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -59 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot rows: all 3, so they form a basis for Row(A)

$$\left\{ [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1], [0 \ 2 \ -12 \ 7], [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -59] \right\}$$

pivot columns: 1, 2, 4, so we pick columns 1, 2, 4  
in the original matrix to form a

basis for Col(A)

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

NOT a basis:  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ -59 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
for Col(A)

given a set of vectors, if we want to know which are linearly indep, put them in as columns of a matrix and identify pivot columns which tells us which vectors are indep

(see previous example pretending the cols are the vectors)

another way to find basis for column space:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -9 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -9 \\ 3 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Row}(A^T) = \text{Col}(A)$$

$$\text{reduce } A^T: \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -17 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivot rows:  $[1 \ 4], [0 \ -17]$   
 $\rightarrow$  basis for  $\text{Row}(A^T)$

so, a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -17 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$