

## 4.5 Row and Column Spaces

Given matrix  $A$ , the vector space spanned by its rows is called the row space of  $A \rightarrow \text{Row}(A)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Row}(A) \text{ spanned by } \{ [1 \ 2], [0 \ 1] \}$$

notice for this  $A$ , the rows are linearly indep so a basis for  $\text{Row}(A)$  is

$$\{ [1 \ 2], [0 \ 1] \}$$

(another one:  $\{ [1 \ 0], [0 \ 1] \}$ )

so, the  $\text{Row}(A)$  here is  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow$  two-dim row space

try this one:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Row}(B) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 0], [0 \ 0] \}$$

basis:  $\{ [1 \ 0] \} \rightarrow$  one-dim row space

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{find basis for row space}$$

row space is spanned by  $\{[1 \ -2 \ 2], [1 \ 4 \ 3], [2 \ 2 \ 5]\}$

this set may not be a basis  $\rightarrow$  needs to be linearly indep

so, we need to see which vectors ~~are~~ form a linearly indep set  $\rightarrow$  a basis

Gaussian elimination uncovers the linear indep between the rows

$$C \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = D$$

C is NOT equal to D

but C and D are row equivalent

(row ops produce row eq. matrices)

row eq. matrices have the same row space

→ row ops. preserve row space

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↙ SAME ROW SPACE ↘

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

$$= \text{Row}(D) = \text{span} \left\{ [1 \ -2 \ 2], [0 \ 6 \ 1] \right\}$$

linearly indep so is a basis  
for  $\text{Row}(D)$  AND  $\text{Row}(C)$

the pivot rows of a matrix ~~are~~ form a basis  
for the row space of the matrix

the rank of a matrix is the number of pivots  
(which is the dimension of its row space)  
so the C matrix above is a rank Two matrix

the vector space spanned by a matrix's columns  
is its column space  $\rightarrow \text{col}(A)$

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

is this a basis?

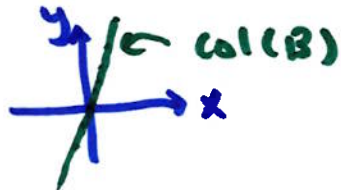
if not, can we find a basis?

still need to find the vectors among them that  
are linearly indep.

row operations, in general, do NOT preserve column space

for example,

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



$$\text{reduce } B: \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = C$$

$$\text{col}(C) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Even though row ops do NOT preserve column space,  
row ops do preserve the linear independency between  
columns

$$A \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B$$



linear indep columns  
correspond to the same  
columns in A

to find a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$ , we reduce A and  
identify the pivot columns in the reduce matrix  
~~those~~ columns in A are linear indep so form  
the corresponding  
a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for  
Row(A) and Col(A)

row ops  
→ ... →  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = B$

Since row ops preserve row space, pivot rows of B form a basis for Row(B) AND Row(A)

so, a basis for Row(A) is  $\left\{ [1 \ 2 \ 4], [0 \ 1 \ -2] \right\}$

Col(A), in general,  $\neq$  Col(B), so we can't use pivot columns of B to form a basis for Col(A)

however, the corresponding columns in A (where B has pivot columns) ARE linearly indep

cols 1 and 2 in B are indep, so cols 1 and 2 of A are also linearly indep so form a basis

a basis for Col(A) is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$



alternatively, to find basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  we can find a basis for  $\text{Row}(A^T)$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$



find basis for row space

$$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

so, a basis for  $\text{Row}(A^T)$  is  $\{ [1 \ 1 \ 3], [0 \ 1 \ 2] \}$

and a basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Example  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $\vec{v}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

are they linearly indep.?

if not, which ones are?

one way to find the answers is to put them as columns of a matrix and find a basis for the column space

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

find basis for  $\text{Col}(A)$

$$\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{3} & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

pivots in cols 1, 2, 4

cols 1, 2, 4 of  $A$  (not reduced) are linearly indep

so,  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_4$  are linearly indep.



matrix  $A$  :  $\text{col}(A)$   
 $\text{Row}(A)$   
 $\text{null}(A)$

one relationship :  $\text{Row}(A) \perp \text{null}(A)$

↑ perpendicular

every vector in  $\text{Row}(A) \perp$  every vector in  $\text{null}(A)$

why?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -9 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Row}(A) = \text{span} \{ [1 \ 2 \ 3], [4 \ -9 \ 17] \}$$

every vector in  $\text{Row}(A)$  is linear combo of the rows

$\text{null}(A)$  : solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & -9 & 17 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ pivots

↑  $x_3$  free     $x_3 = r$

solve:  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = r \begin{bmatrix} -6/17 \\ 5/17 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{null}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -61/17 \\ 5/17 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -61/17 r \\ 5/17 r \\ r \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{61}{17} r + \frac{10}{17} r + \frac{51}{17} r = 0$$

Same w/ row 2 and any linear combo of rows  
dot product = 0  $\rightarrow$  perpendicular