

## 4.6 Rank

If  $A$  is  $m \times n$ ,  $\dim \text{Col } A = \text{rank } A = \# \text{ of pivot columns} = \# \text{ basic variables}$   
Variables

$\dim \text{Nul } A = \# \text{ free variables}$

$\dim \text{Col } A + \dim \text{Nul } A = n$  (The Rank Theorem)

what about the row space of  $A$  (Row  $A$ )?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -7 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -16 & 22 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \sim B$$

row space of  $A$ : subspace spanned by rows of  $A$

$A$  and  $B$  above have the same row space.

We obtained  $B$  by row reductions, so rows of  $B$  are linear combos of rows of  $A$ , which means row space of  $B$  is contained in row space of  $A$ . But row operations are reversible, so we could have gotten  $A$  from  $B$  by doing ERO's.

Rows of  $A$  are therefore linear combos of rows of  $B$ . So row space of  $A$  is contained in row space of  $B$ . But if two spaces are contained within each other, they must be the same.

If  $A \sim B$ , then  $\text{Row } A = \text{Row } B$

The basis vectors of row space of either are the non zero rows of the echelon matrix. *Not from the original matrix*

*because row operations can change linear dependence.*

here, the basis of Row  $A$  or Row  $B$  is  $\{(1, 0, -5, 5), (0, -2, 3, -6)\}$

If we want to know which rows of  $A$  are basis vectors of Row  $A$ , we can find the ~~is~~ basis of  $\text{Col } A^T$ .

*here, the first two rows of  $B$  are linearly independent,*

*but this does NOT mean the first two rows of  $A$  are linearly independent.*

the above implies that  $\text{rank } A = \dim \text{Col } A = \dim \text{Row } A$   
 $= \dim \text{Col } A^T$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & -2 & 1 \\ -2 & -5 & 7 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 & -8 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A \sim B$$

Is  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$ ? Yes, 3 pivots, 3 linearly independent columns of 3 elements each, so they must form basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . basis for  $\text{Col } A = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Does  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  always have a solution for some  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

Yes, because  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$  so any  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a linear combo of columns of  $A$ .

basis for  $\text{Row } A = \{(1, 0, 9, 0), (0, 1, -5, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$

(same dimension as  $\text{Col } A$ )

If  $A$  is  $4 \times 5$  and  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 2$ . Is  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \boxed{1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \boxed{1} & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4 \quad x_5$

2 free variables

3 pivot columns,  $\text{rank } A = 3$

no,  $\text{Col } A \neq \mathbb{R}^3$  because  $\mathbb{R}^3$  vectors look like  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$

Is  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  always consistent?

no, because we need 4 basis vectors/columns to have  $\text{Col } A = \mathbb{R}^4$  (which guarantees  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is always consistent)

but we only have 3.

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Can a  $6 \times 9$  matrix have a two-dimensional null space?

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

2 free variables

7 basic "

but only 6 rows here,  
can't place all 7



What's the relationship between  $\text{Row } A$ ,  $\text{Col } A$ ,  $\text{Nul } A$ , and  $\text{Nul } A^T$ ?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & 12 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

basis for  $\text{Nul } A$ :  $x_3$  free  $x_2 = -3x_3$ ,  $x_1 = -2x_3$

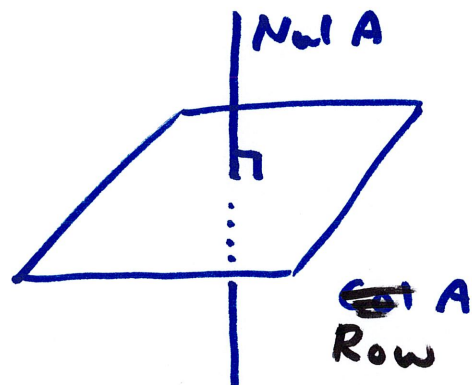
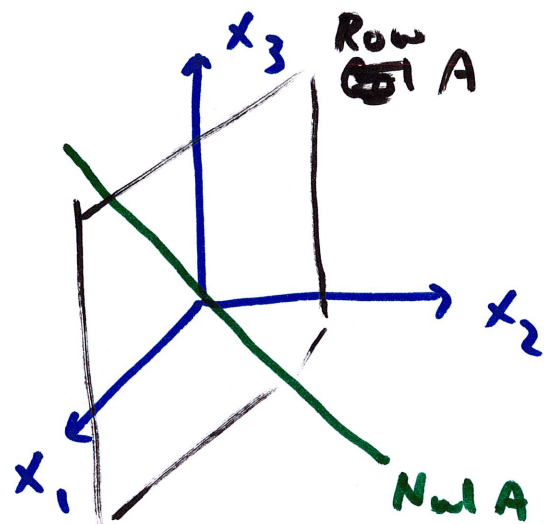
$$\text{Nul } A = \left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{Nul } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Col } A = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Row } A = \text{span} \left\{ (1, 0, 2), (0, 1, 3) \right\}$$

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 12 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 5/6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Nul } A^T = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -5/6 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



$$Nul A \perp Row A$$

