

HW 3 due Mon Oct 17.



Recall: Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$  matrix.

For any  $m \times m$  matrix  $E$ , every row of  $EA$  is a l.c. of rows of  $A$ , hence

$$R(EA) \subseteq R(A).$$

If  $E^{-1}$  exists (only need a left inverse) then

$$\begin{aligned} R(A) &= R(E^{-1}EA) \\ &\subseteq R(EA). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $R(A) = R(EA)$ .

For any matrix  $F$ , each col  $AF$  is a l.c. of cols of  $A$ , so

$$C(AF) \subseteq C(A)$$

& if  $F^{-1}$  exist (only need a right inverse) then

$$C(AF) = C(A).$$

If  $E, F$  invertible, also have isomorphisms

$$R(AF) \cong R(A)$$

$$C(EA) \cong C(A)$$

Key:

$$\dim R(EAF) = \dim R(A)$$

$$\dim C(EAF) = \dim C(A).$$

Fund. Theorem.:

Perform row & col ops. to get

$$EAF = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\implies \dim R(A) = \dim C(A) = r$   
called the rank of  $A$ .



Existence of Inverses.

Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ .

$$N(A) = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \right\}$$

Note:

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \iff \vec{x} \perp \text{to every row of } A$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_m^T \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a}_1^T \vec{x} \\ \vdots \\ \vec{a}_m^T \vec{x} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\iff \vec{a}_i^T \vec{x} = 0 \quad \forall i.$$

Jargon :  $N(A) = R(A)^\perp$



Abstract : Let  $V$  be any  
*inner prod.*  
vector space,  $U$  any subspace.

Define the orthogonal complement

$$U^\perp = \left\{ \vec{v} \in V : \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0 \right. \\ \left. \text{"U perp"} \quad \text{for all } \vec{u} \in U \right\}$$

e.g.  $U$  plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
 $U^\perp$  is the normal line.

HW Exercise :

- $U^\perp \subseteq V$  is also a subspace.
- $U \cap U^\perp = \{ \vec{0} \}$
- IF  $U$  is finite dimensional  
then  $\forall \vec{v} \in V \exists \vec{v}_1 \in U, \vec{v}_2 \in U^\perp,$   
 $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2.$

Jargon:  $U + U^\perp = V$ .

Combining (b,c):  $V = U \oplus U^\perp$   
*direct sum.*

i.e.  $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ ,  $\exists!$  <sup>unique</sup>  $\vec{v}_1 \in U, \vec{v}_2 \in U^\perp$   
 $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2$

[ Jargon: Given subspaces  
 $U, V \subseteq W$  define new  
subspaces

$U \cap V$  &  $U + V = \{ \vec{u} + \vec{v} \}$ . ]

• IF  $V$  is finite dim'd then

$$\dim U + \dim U^\perp = \dim V.$$

e.g. 2D plane & 1D perp line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

[ Generally:

$$\dim U + \dim V = \dim (U + V) - \dim (U \cap V). ]$$

Back to matrices:  $A$   $m \times n$

$$N(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$R(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\text{And } N(A) = R(A)^\perp$$

Hence

$$\dim R(A) + \dim N(A) = n \quad \# \text{ cols } A$$

"Rank-Nullity Theorem"

$$\text{i.e. } \dim N(A) = \# \text{ cols } A - \# \text{ ind rows } A$$

[Independent of Fund Theorem.]

Application [HW]:

New proof of existence of dim.

$$\text{Ind. } \{ \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_k \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{Span. } \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_l \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$$

Claim:  $k \leq l$ .

Proof: Let  $U = (\vec{u}_1 \cdots \vec{u}_k) \quad n \times k$   
 $V = (\vec{v}_1 \cdots \vec{v}_l) \quad n \times l$ .

Since  $\vec{v}$  span  $\exists A \quad l \times k$ .

$$U = VA$$

$n \times k \quad n \times l \quad l \times k$

Assume for contradiction that  $k > l$ , so  $A$  is short & wide.

Use Rank-Nullity to show

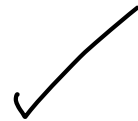
$$\dim N(A) \geq 1.$$

i.e.  $\exists \vec{x} \neq \vec{0}, A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

But then

$$U\vec{x} = VA\vec{x} = V\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

contradicts the independence of the  $\vec{u}$  vectors.



## Existence of Inverse Matrices :

Let  $A$  be  $m \times n$ .

Let  $r_R = \dim R(A)$

$r_C = \dim C(A)$

So  $\dim N(A) = n - r_R$

$\dim N(A^T) = m - r_C$ .

Fund Theorem :  $r_R = r_C$ .

(1)  $A$  has a right inverse

$$\Leftrightarrow AX = I_m$$

$\Leftrightarrow A\vec{x}_j = \vec{e}_j$  has solution  $\vec{x}_j$   
for each  $j$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_m \in C(A).$$

$$\Leftrightarrow C(A) = \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_C = m.$$



② similarly,  $A$  has a  
left inverse  $\iff r_R = n$ .

③ Combining ① & ②:

Since  $r_R = r_C = r$ , see

$A$  has 2-sided inverse

$$\iff r = m \text{ \& } r = n.$$

(hence  $m = n$ ).



In fact, for square  $A, B$ :

$$AB = I \iff BA = I.$$

Proof:

$$AB = I \implies A \text{ has right inverse}$$

$$\implies r = n$$

$$\implies A \text{ has a left inverse}$$

$$\text{say } CA = I.$$

But then

$$B = IB = CAB = CI = C$$

so  $B = C$  is a 2-sided inverse.

$$\text{Hence } BA = I.$$

Remark: This proof is surprisingly indirect!