

Class 8: 10/2

Announce: Grading of HW

Outline

I. Four subspaces: Dimension
Description
Orthogonality.

Last time: • All solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$: particular solution $\vec{x}_p$ + nullspace.
• Defined linear independence, basis, dimension.

Associated to a matrix A , we have 4 subspaces

1. Row space = span of row vectors = $C(A^T)$
2. Column space = span of column vectors = $C(A)$
3. Nullspace = all vectors $\vec{x}$ so that $A\vec{x} = 0 = N(A)$
4. Left nullspace = all vectors $\vec{x}$ so that $\vec{x}A = 0 = N(A^T)$

Today we'll describe a basis for each subspace and find dimension.

First, go back + cover full column rank, full row rank and solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ possibilities.

To describe the four subspaces, start with a matrix in reduced row echelon form.

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & -6 \\ 3 & 3 & 10 & -14 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

1. Row space of R is spanned by 1st and 2nd rows.
 - the rows are independent (look at 1st and 3rd columns).
 - third row adds nothing.

Fact: Row space of R is spanned by pivot rows, so $\dim = r$

2. Column space of R is spanned by 1st and 3rd columns.
 - they are independent (e_1, e_2)
 - other columns are linear combos of these.

Fact: Column space of R is spanned by pivot columns, so $\dim = r$.

3. Nullspace is spanned by special solutions and in fact, special solutions form a basis.

Note: Why are special solutions independent?

Fact: $\dim N(R) = \# \text{ free variables} = n - r$

4. Left nullspace: look for combo of rows to be 0.

But 1st & 2nd rows are independent.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} a(1, 1, 0, 2) & & \\ + b(0, 0, 1, -2) & & \text{So } a=b=? \quad (0) \\ + c(0, 0, 0, 0) & & c \text{ is free.} \\ \hline = (0, 0, 0, 0) & & \end{array}$$

Fact: $\dim N(R^T) = \# \text{ zero rows} = m - r$

$$\text{Basis} = (\underbrace{0, 0, 0, \dots, 0}_{r \text{ zeros}}, \underbrace{1, 0, 0, \dots, 0}_{m-r}), (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_r, \underbrace{0, 1, 0, \dots, 0}_{m-r}), \dots$$

Now, what does this tell us about A?

1. Row space of A = Row space of R (HW problem).

Why? $EA = R$ means rows of R are combos of rows of A.
 $A = E^T R$ means rows of A are combos of rows of R.

Basis of $C(A^T) = \text{pivot rows of R or pivot rows of A}$
 $\dim C(A^T) = r$

2. Column space of A $\neq$ Column space of R.

But! $\dim C(A) = \dim C(R) = r$

Also elimination preserves column relations.

That is if $A\vec{x} = 0$, $R\vec{x} = 0$ and vice versa.

So if a column of A is a linear combo of other columns, the same relation holds in R.

So pivot columns are independent in both.

* Pivot columns of A = basis for $C(A)$

3. $N(A) = N(R)$ (HW problem).

Same basis, same dimension
Special solutions $\rightarrow n-r$

4. Left nullspace: Need vectors $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ st

$$(x_1, \dots, x_m)A = \vec{0}$$

This is the same as asking for linear combos of rows of A that are $\vec{0}$.

When R has rows of zeros, this tells us that a linear combo of rows of $A = \vec{0}$!

$$\# \text{ zero rows of } R = \dim N(A^T) = m-r$$

Basis = last $m-r$ rows of E in $A = E^T R$.

(Alternately, use that left nullspace is $N(A^T)$.)

We know $\dim N(A) = n-r$, so $\dim N(A^T) = m-r$.

Theorem (Fund. Thm of Linear Alg. Part I)

$$\dim C(A) = \dim C(A^T) = \text{rank } r.$$

$$\dim N(A) = n-r$$

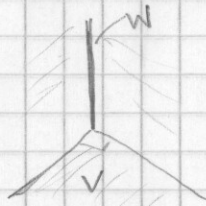
$$\dim N(A^T) = m-r$$

Part 2 of the theorem says that $C(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ is orthogonal (perpendicular) to $N(A^T) \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ and $C(A^T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is orthogonal to $N(A) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Definition: Two vectors $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$ are orthogonal if $\vec{v}^T \vec{w} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$.

Two subspaces V and W are orthogonal if $\vec{v}^T \vec{w} = 0$ for all $\vec{v} \in V$ and $\vec{w} \in W$.

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Fact: Nullspace and Row space are orthogonal.

Say $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Then $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{v}_m \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{So } \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{x} = 0$$

$$\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{x} = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$\vec{v}_m \cdot \vec{x} = 0$$

Upshot: $\vec{x}$ is orthogonal to every row of A .

But if $\vec{v} \in \text{row space of } A$, $\vec{v} = c_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_m\vec{v}_m$ (linear combo of rows)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \vec{v} \cdot \vec{x} &= c_1\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{x} + c_2\vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{x} + \dots + c_m\vec{v}_m \cdot \vec{x} \\ &= c_1 \cdot 0 + c_2 \cdot 0 + \dots + c_m \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } N(A) \perp C(A^T)$$

Same proof shows $N(A^T) \perp C(A)$.

In fact, something stronger is true. $N(A)$ and $C(A^T)$ are orthogonal complements (so are $N(A^T)$ and $C(A)$).

Definition: The orthogonal complement of a subspace V is the set of all vectors perpendicular to V .

We write $V^\perp$ (say " V perp")

Fundamental Thm of Linear Alg. Part 2

$N(A)$ is the orthogonal complement of $C(A^T)$ (in $\mathbb{R}^n$)

$N(A^T)$ is the orthogonal complement of $C(A)$ (in $\mathbb{R}^m$)