

Lecture 11, Vector spaces and general linear systems.

We consider $Ax=b$, for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$. We first consider $Ax=0$. We know if columns of A independent $\Rightarrow x=0$. If not, $Ax=0$ has nonzero solutions.

$\forall x, y$, s.t. $Ax=0, Ay=0$. we have

$A(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha Ax + \beta Ay = 0$. i.e., $\alpha x + \beta y$ is also a solution

We say the solution set of $Ax=0$, $N(A)$, the null space of A is a vector space.

$$N(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, Ax=0\}$$

e.g. a line passing through $(0,0)$ on \mathbb{P}^2 is a vector space
 $(x,y) \neq (0,0)$ is not.

A vector space is a space with $x+y$, αx defined satisfying 8 rules. Examples, 1) $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, 2) polynomials of degree $\leq n$.

A subspace S of a vector space V .

If $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $x, y \in S$. $\alpha x + \beta y \in S$.

Example: $C(A)$ column space of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m , $N(A)$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

$Ax=b$ has a solution iff. $b \in C(A)$ iff.

$b \in \text{Span}\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, $A = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$

The row space of A is $C(A^\top)$.

$\text{rank}(A) = \max \# \text{ of independent columns of } A$
 $= " " " \text{ rows of } A$.

Intersection of two ^{sub}spaces.

S, T are two subspaces, then $S \cap T$ is also a subspace, E.g. S is a line going through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 , and T a plane going through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 . Then $S \cap T$ can be

- 1) $\{0\}$, 2) S , if $S \subset T$.

Sum of two subspaces

$$S+T = \{x+y : x \in S, y \in T\}$$

E.g. $S = C(A)$, $T = C(B)$. $S+T = C([A, B])$

Direct sum: if $S \cap T = \{0\}$ $S+T = S \oplus T$.

$$\dim(S) + \dim(T) = \dim(S+T) + \dim(S \cap T)$$

$$\text{So } \dim(S) + \dim(T) = \dim(S \oplus T).$$

A set of vectors v_1, \dots, v_s independent if.

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_s v_s = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_s = 0.$$

$\dim(S) = \max \# \text{ of independent vectors of } S.$

E.g. the set of 2×2 matrices: M_2

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

are independent. $\Rightarrow \dim(M_2) = 4$.

We consider $Ax=0$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

when A is square and non-singular, GE with (partial) pivoting allows to find n (nonzero) pivots which are the diagonal elements of U in

$$PA = LU$$

P : permutation, L : unit lower-tri., U : upper-tri.

When $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is singular, we will not be able to find n pivots, for $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, the number of pivots we can find is $r = \text{rank}(A)$.

Take a rectangular $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$, assume up to k_1 steps, we can apply GE with pivoting

$$E_{k_1} P_{k_1} \cdots E_1 P_1 A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{matrix} & \\ \hline 0 & A_{\downarrow \uparrow} \end{array} \right),$$

where "*" indicate a possible non-zero block/matrix.
 $\Rightarrow P_i$'s are row exchanges
 \Rightarrow which may change from step to step

However, the first (few) columns of A_{k+1} is (are) zero. Write

$$A_k = \left(\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & a_k, * \end{array} \right)$$

where a_k is the first nonzero col of A_k .

(If $A_k=0$, the process is terminated). Then

use permutation \tilde{P}_{k+1} , s.t.

$$\tilde{P}_{k+1} A_k = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} 0 & \alpha_k & * \\ * & * & * \end{array} \right), \quad \alpha_k \neq 0.$$

Use elimination matrix \tilde{E}_k , s.t.

$$\tilde{E}_k \tilde{P}_k A_k = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} 0 & \alpha_k & * \\ 0 & 0 & A_{k+1} \end{array} \right)$$

If $A_{k+1}=0$, we terminate, otherwise, we apply the same procedure to A_{k+1} .

As we discussed on GE with pivoting,

$$E_r P_r \cdots E_1 P_1 = \hat{E}_r \hat{E}_{r-1} \cdots \hat{E}_1 P_r P_{r-1} \cdots P_1.$$

Then

$$P_r P_{r-1} \cdots P_1 A = \hat{E}_r^{-1} \cdots \hat{E}_1^{-1} U_0.$$

$$\hat{E}_r^{-1} \cdots \hat{E}_1^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_r & 0 \\ * & I_{m-r} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_1 & 0 \\ L_2 & I_{m-r} \end{array} \right)$$

Now let $Q_1 = (1, n_1)$ exchange of col 1 and n_1 ,

$\Rightarrow Q_r = (r, n_r)$, then

$$\underbrace{P_r \cdots P_1 A}_{P} \underbrace{Q_1 \cdots Q_r}_{Q} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_1 & 0 \\ L_2 & I_{m-r} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \alpha_1 & * \\ \alpha_r & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_1 & 0 \\ L_2 & I_{m-r} \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} u_1 & u_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{array} \right) (u_1, u_2)_r$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & \\ \hline E_1 & P_1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & \\ \hline E_2 & P_2 \end{array} \right) \cdots \left(\begin{array}{c|c} I & \\ \hline E_r & P_r \end{array} \right) E_{r+1} P_{r+1} \cdots E_{l-1} P_{l-1} A &= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} * & * \\ \hline 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline & A_{\text{left}} \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c|c} * & * \\ \hline 0 & d_1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline & A_{\text{left}} \end{array} \right) \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad h_k \text{ the index of the} \\
 &\quad \text{col corresponding to } d_k
 \end{aligned}$$

After r steps, we have

$$E_r P_r \cdots E_1 P_1 A = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & d_1 & * & \cdots & * \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & d_2 & * \cdots * \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & d_r & * \cdots * \\ 0 & & & & \end{array} \right) = E_0 U_0$$

U_0 is called a row echelon form (REF) of A .

The pivots, d_k , rather than always on the main diagonal in the nonsingular case, are possibly pushing towards the right of the matrix.

Reduced row echelon form (RREF)

Further apply Gauss-Jordan to

$$(U_1, U_2) \rightarrow (I_r, U_1^{-1}U_2)$$

$$PAQ = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_1 U_1 & 0 \\ \hline L_2 U_1 & I \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{I}_r, U_1^{-1}U_2} F.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} I_r & U_1^{-1}U_2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{F.} = (R)$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{cccc|ccc} n_1 & n_2 & \cdots & n_r & & & & \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & & & \\ & 1 & * & 0 & \cdots & & & \\ & & & \vdots & & & & \\ & & & 0 & \cdots & & & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & & & 1 & * & \cdots & * & \\ \hline & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{F.} R_0 \quad \text{reduced row echelon form RREF.}$$

$$A = P^T \left(\begin{array}{c|c} L_1 U_1 & \\ \hline L_2 U_1 & \end{array} \right) R \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} C R. \quad C = (c_{rn_1}, \dots, c_{rn_r})$$

where $A = (a_{ij})$

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Two important special cases.

1). $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is full column rank.

$r = n \leq m$, A is tall matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} PA &= \begin{pmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{pmatrix} U_1. \quad L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \text{ lower tri.} \\ &\quad U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \text{ upper tri.} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} L_1 U_1 \\ L_2 U_2 \end{pmatrix} I_n. \end{aligned}$$

$C = A$, $R = I_n$ ~~→ RREF~~

2) $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ full row rank

$r = m \leq n$. A is fat matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} A Q &= L_1 (U_1, U_2) \quad L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \not\equiv \text{lower tri.} \\ &= L_1 U_1 (I_m, U_1^{-1} U_2) \quad U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad \text{upper tri.} \end{aligned}$$

$C = L_1 U_1$, $R = (I_m, U_1^{-1} U_2)$.

Now we show $\text{rank}(A) = r$. # of pivots.

$$C = P^T \begin{pmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{pmatrix} U_1. \quad L_1 \text{ is unit lower tri}$$

L_1 is invertible

$$U_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & & \\ 0 & \alpha_2 & * \\ & 0 & \alpha_r \end{pmatrix} \text{ is invertible} \Rightarrow C \text{ has } r \text{ independent cols.}$$

$A = C(I_r, F)$, any col of A is a linear comb of cols of C

For any S set of columns of A . $S \supseteq r$

$$(a_{i1}, \dots, a_{is}) = CG, \quad G \in R^{r \times s}$$

Since $S \supseteq r$, there's nonzero $g \in R^{r \times s}$, $Gg = 0$.

$$(a_{i1}, \dots, a_{is})g = 0. \Rightarrow a_{i1}, \dots, a_{is} \text{ independent}$$

Col rank of $A = r$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } A^T &= \begin{pmatrix} I_r \\ F^T \end{pmatrix} C^T = \begin{pmatrix} I_r \\ F^T \end{pmatrix} \left(U_1^T L_1^T, U_1^T L_2^T \right) P \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} U_1^T L_1^T \\ F^T U_1^T L_1^T \end{pmatrix} \left(I_r \right) \xrightarrow{\text{L}_1^T L_2^T} \begin{pmatrix} U_1^T L_1^T \\ F^T U_1^T L_1^T \end{pmatrix} \left(I_r \right) P \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Row rank of $A = r$

Block elimination.

$$PAQ = \begin{pmatrix} W & H \\ J & K \end{pmatrix}^r$$

W is invertible
and $r(A)=r$.

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} W & H \\ 0 & K - JW^{-1}H \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} W & H \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } r(A)=r.$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} I_r & W^{-1}H \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$PAQ = \begin{pmatrix} W \\ J \end{pmatrix} W^{-1}(W, H) = CW^{-1}B$$