

# Lecture 3

Matrices and their col spaces.  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$A = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4}$$

$$A \text{ } m \times n. \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

difference matrix.

matrix-vector multiplication.

Computation.

$$Ax = [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \\ x_4 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$Ax = x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 + x_4 a_4$ . linear comb. of the col's of  $A$ .

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ x_3 - x_2 \\ x_4 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

All <sup>combinations</sup> ~~combs~~ of the col's  $\{Ax, x \in \mathbb{R}^n\} \Rightarrow$  col space of  $A$ .

Some col's may not contribute anything new: they're combinations of earlier col's we ~~may~~ have already included.

Example 1

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

each col gives a new direction  
the comb's fill  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$Ax = b. \quad x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  (linearly) independent Theorem.  
 $Ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

Example 2

$$A_2 = \begin{matrix} & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = a_3$$

two independent col's  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . Col space  $A$  is a plane

Example 3

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \\ 5 & 15 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_2 = 3a_1, \quad a_3 = 4a_1.$$

$a_1 \neq 0$ . independent.

Col space of  $A$  is a line =  $\left\{ c \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \quad C(A) = \{ Ax : x \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

(col) Rank of a matrix: maximum number of independent columns of the matrix

Thinking <sup>about</sup> ~~of~~ the col space of  $A$ .

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{upper triangular.}$$

all diagonal elements  $\neq 0$ .  $A_4$  has 4 independent col's

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{first three col's independent.}$$

$a_4 = a_1 - a_2 + a_3$

$$C(A_4) \neq \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{pmatrix} = (v_1 - v_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + (v_2 - v_3) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ + (v_3 - v_4) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + v_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation

$$\text{Span}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} = \text{col}(A)$$

the linear subspace spanned by  $a_1, \dots, a_n$   
spanned

$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{col}(A)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

All possibilities for  $m=3$ .

1.  $A$  has 3 independent col's  $\text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^3$
2. 2  $\text{col}(A) =$  a plane  
passes through
3. 1  $(0,0,0)$
4. single ~~pair~~ <sup>vector</sup>  $(0,0,0)$   $A = 0$ .

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , 2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , 3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , 4.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

How many cols of  $A$  are independent,

that number  $r$  is the "rank" of  $A$ .

which are the first  $r$  independent cols of  $A$ ?

They are a "basis" of  $\text{col}(A)$

### Matrices of rank one

Theorem: Every matrix of rank  $r$  is the sum of  $r$  matrices of rank one

$$A_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 12 & -8 \\ 2 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ has rank} = 1$$

$$a_2 = 3a_1, a_3 = -2a_1. \quad C(A_6) = \text{Span}\{a_1\} \\ = \text{Span}\left\{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right\} \\ = \left\{c\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} : c \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$$

write  $A$  row-wise  $A = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$

it's easy to see  $b_2 = 4b_1$ ,  $b_3 = 2b_1$ .

row-space of  $A$  is also one-dimensional

More generally,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & ma & pa \\ b & mb & pb \\ c & mc & pc \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{b}{a} b_1, \quad b_3 = \frac{c}{a} b_1.$$

Row rank = column rank for all matrices!

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & 12 & -8 \\ 2 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underbrace{\text{rank} = 1.}$$