

**Welcome to the
tutorial session of
week7 ! ! !**



**IN THIS TUTORIAL SESSION,
WE WILL FOCUS ON:**

1. Solution set of $Ax=b$
2. Linear independence
3. Basis
4. Rank

1. Solve a General linear system $Ax=b$

(1) Doing Gaussian elimination

(2) Compute null space $X_{special}$ of $Ax=0$. Express pivot variables as forms of free variables

(3) Compute a particular solution X_p to $Ax = b$

(4) The solution to $Ax=b$ is $X_{complete} = X_p + X_{special}$

Exercise 1

1. For the following augmented matrix

(1) Compute the RREF form

(2) Write the solution to $Ax=b$

$$A|b = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 8 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & 3 & 10 & 13 & 10 \end{array} \right]$$

2. Linear dependence

Claim 13.1 (linear dependence and span)

Suppose V is a linear space over \mathbb{R} . Suppose $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k \in V$.

If $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ are linear dependent, then there exists $t \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ such that:

- i) \mathbf{u}_t is a linear combination of $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$.
- ii) $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\} = \text{span}(\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{t-1}, \mathbf{u}_{t+1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\})$

Corollary: If $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ are linear independent, then $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$ can NOT be simplified (i.e. expressed as the span of $k - 1$ elements)

Exercise 2

Let $x_1, x_2,$ and x_3 be linearly independent vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that if x_4 is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n that is not in $\text{Span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, then $x_1, x_2, x_3,$ and x_4 are linearly independent.

3. Basis and dimension

(1) Definition of basis

Suppose V is a linear space over R . Suppose $\alpha\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\} \subseteq V$. We say U is a basis if

- (i) u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k are linearly independent.
- (ii) $\text{span}(U) = V$.

(2) Definition of dimension

Suppose V is a linear space. If V has a basis U with n elements, then we say the dimension of V is n , denoted as $\dim(V) = n$, or V is n -dimensional.

4. Rank

(1) Definition of rank

The rank of matrix A is defined as the number of nonzero pivots in RREF form of A .

(2) Column rank and Row rank

Theorem 7.6 The row space and column space both have the same dimension r . We call $\dim(\mathcal{C}(A))$ as column rank; $\dim(\mathcal{R}(A))$ as row rank. In brevity, column rank=row rank= rank, i.e.,

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}(A)) = \dim(\mathcal{R}(A)) = \text{rank}(A)$$

Exercise 3

For matrix $A \in R^{n \times n}$, we have $Ax=b$. Prove that this linear system has a solution iff $r(A) = r([A,b])$

Exercise4

$$r(A) + r(C) \leq r \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \leq r(A) + r(B) + r(C)$$

Exercise 5

$A \in R^{p \times n}, B \in R^{n \times q}$, Prove that $r(A) + r(B) \leq h + r(AB)$

Exercise 6

Given s matrices $A_1, \dots, A_s \in R^{n \times n}$, assuming $A_1 A_2 \dots A_s = 0$. Show that $r(A_1) + r(A_2) + \dots + r(A_s) \leq n(s - 1)$



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