

# 1ZC3 ENGINEERING MATH II-B (Linear Algebra I)

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(C03) Lecture 34

Yesterday

+ Theorem & consequences

$V$  finite-dimensional       $S$  finite set of vectors in  $V$   
 $W$  subspace of  $V$

- If  $\text{span}(S) = V$  but  $S$  too big to be a basis for  $V$ , we can throw out any vector that is a linear combination of any others until we get a basis for  $V$
- If  $S$  linearly independent but too small to be a basis for  $V$ , we can keep adding vectors not in the span until we get a basis
- $\dim(W) \leq \dim(V)$  &  $\dim(W) = \dim(V)$  iff  $W = V$  for  $V$ .

## 4.7 Row Space, Column Space & Null Space

... of  $A$

Take  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right] \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \bar{r}_1 \\ \bar{r}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{r}_m \end{array}$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \cdots \quad \uparrow$

$\bar{c}_1 \quad \bar{c}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \bar{c}_n$

row vectors  
of  $A$   
 The row  
space of  $A$   
 $\text{row}(A) =$   
 $\text{Span}\{\bar{r}_1, \dots, \bar{r}_m\}$   
 - subspace  
of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

*Column vectors of  $A$*

The column space of  $A$        $\text{col}(A) = \text{Span}\{\bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_n\}$  —  $\mathbb{R}^m$   
 Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

Recall  $\text{null}(A) = \{\bar{x} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ with } A\bar{x} = \bar{0}\}$

Recall from 3.4 (Lecture 24) : every solution  $\bar{x}$  to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  can be written

$$\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{some solution to } A\bar{w} = \bar{0} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{particular} \\ \text{solution to } A\bar{x} = \bar{b} \end{array} \quad \text{i.e. } \bar{w} \in \text{null}(A)$$

So if  $S = \{\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_e\}$  is a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$  then, given  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  & particular solution  $\bar{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ , the solution set for  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  looks like:

$$\{\bar{x}_0 + k_1\bar{v}_1 + \dots + k_e\bar{v}_e, \text{ for } k_1, \dots, k_e \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

How to find a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$ ?

→ it's a basis for the solution space to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ .  
*(We'll come back to this down below.)*

Recall We can write  $A\bar{x} = \underbrace{x_1\bar{c}_1 + \dots + x_n\bar{c}_n}_{\in \text{col}(A)}$

So  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b} \Leftrightarrow \bar{b} \in \text{col}(A)$

[ To write  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  as a linear combination of columns of  $A$ , solve for  $\bar{x}$  in  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  ]

The  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are the coefficients of  $\bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_n$ .

## Key Facts

If  $A$  can be transformed into  $B$  by an ERO

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Elementary Row Operation

then

(i)  $\text{null}(A) = \text{null}(B)$

$$\leftarrow A\bar{x} = \bar{0} \Leftrightarrow B\bar{x} = \bar{0}$$

(we know this one already  
— row reduction  $A \rightarrow K$   
with a column of zeros at end  
doesn't change solution space)

(ii)  $\text{row}(A) = \text{row}(B)$

(iii) the dependence relations between columns of  $A$  are

the same as the dependence relations between columns of  $B$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & -6 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 14 & 6 & -20 & -4 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 & 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find bases

for  $\text{null}(A)$ ,

$\text{row}(A)$  and  $\text{col}(A)$

& write the dependence  
between the columns of  $A$

We'll  
write this  
more  
formally  
at the  
end.

Solution

Take  $A$  to RREF :

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_3 = s \quad x_4 = t$$

To find a basis for  $\text{null}(A)$  :

Solve  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  : i.e. row reduce

$$x_1 + 2s - 2t = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 2t - 2s$$

$$x_2 - t = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = t$$

$$x_5 = 0$$

$$[A \mid 0]$$

$$\downarrow [R \mid 0]$$

$$\text{So solution : } \begin{bmatrix} 2t-2s \\ t \\ s \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So basis for null}(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

To find a basis for row(A) :

$$\stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \text{row}(R)$$

These are the rows containing the leading 1s.

we use the non-zero rows of R :

$$\left\{ [1, 0, 2, -2, 0], [0, 1, 0, -1, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0, 1] \right\}$$

as we can clearly see, looking at those leading 1s

To find a basis for col(A) : coming after 0s, that this set is lin. independent.

- we can read off dependence relations between columns of R

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\bar{v}_1 \quad \bar{v}_2 \quad \bar{v}_3 \quad \bar{v}_4 \quad \bar{v}_5$

Look for leading 1s

i.e. pivot columns

- they're standard basis vectors

← here  $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_5$

$$\bar{v}_3 = 2\bar{v}_1 \quad \bar{v}_4 = -2\bar{v}_1 - \bar{v}_2$$

We can read off a linear expression for each non-pivot column in terms of the pivot columns

Get same dependencies between columns of A : the pivot columns  
 (same coefficients)  $\bar{c}_3 = 2\bar{c}_1, \quad \bar{c}_4 = -2\bar{c}_1 - \bar{c}_2$

So  $\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_5\}$  is a basis for  $\text{col}(R)$

So  $\{\bar{c}_1, \bar{c}_2, \bar{c}_5\}$  is a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$

i.e.  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Note  
 $\overline{\text{col}(A)} \neq \text{col}(R)$   
in general!

Example from last time :

Find a basis for  $V = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Solution With  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\text{col}(A) = V$

So reduce  $A$  to RREF:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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pivot columns

first 2  
columns

So basis for  $V = \text{col}(A)$

is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  i.e.  $\{\bar{c}_1, \bar{c}_2\}$ .

↑  
first 2 columns of  $A$

So to summarize : given  $A$  to find  
bases for  $\text{null}(A)$ ,  
 $\text{col}(A)$ ,  $\text{row}(A)$ :

① Reduce  $A$  to its RREF  $R$

② (a) Solve  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  using  $[R \mid 0]$ ;  
 $\text{null}(A)$  basis for  $\text{sol}^n$  space = basis for  $\text{null}(A)$

(b) Non-zero rows of  $R$

$\text{row}(A)$  are a basis for  $\text{row}(A)$  ( $= \text{row}(R)$ ) .

(c) If indices of the pivot columns of  $R$  are  
 $\text{col}(A)$   $i_1, \dots, i_e$  (e.g. 1st, 3rd, 10th)

then  $\{\bar{c}_{i_1}, \dots, \bar{c}_{i_e}\}$  <sup>is</sup> are a basis for  $\text{col}(A)$   
<sup>here in this example</sup>  
 $\uparrow$   
 columns of  $A$   $\left( \{\bar{c}_1, \bar{c}_3, \bar{c}_{10}\} \right)$

& linear relationships between columns of  $A$   
 are true between columns of  $R$  (& vice versa)

More formally: if  $\bar{v}_r$  is a <sup>(non-pivot)</sup> column of  $R$  with

$\bar{v}_r = \sum_{j=1}^e k_{rj} \bar{v}_{i_j} + \dots + \sum_{l=1}^e k_{rl} \bar{v}_{i_l}$ , where  $\bar{v}_{i_j}$  are the  
same coefficients  $\uparrow$  corresponding columns  $\downarrow$  pivot columns,  
 then  $\bar{c}_r = \sum_{j=1}^e k_{rj} \bar{c}_{i_j} + \dots + \sum_{l=1}^e k_{rl} \bar{c}_{i_l}$ .