

Row Space, Column Space, Null Space

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Row Space:

Def: If A is a $m \times n$ matrix, then the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n spanned by the row vectors of A is called Row Space of A .

Notation: $\text{Row}(A)$

Column Space:

Def: The subspace of \mathbb{R}^m spanned by the column vectors of A is called Column Space of A .

Notation: $\text{Col}(A)$

Remember:

- ★ Basis for $\text{Row}(A) \rightarrow$ non-zero rows in RREF.
- ★ Basis for $\text{Col}(A) \rightarrow$ Pivot-Element in RREF.

No. of Basis element of $\text{Row}(A) = \text{Row rank of } A$
" " " " " $\text{Col}(A) = \text{Col rank of } A$

Row rank = Column rank = Rank of A .

Null-Space:

Def: The solution space of the system of eq's $Ax=0$, which is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n is called Null-Space of A .

Notation: $\text{null}(A)$

$$A = \begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow & a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ R_2 \rightarrow & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ & \vdots & & & & \\ R_n \rightarrow & a_{n1} & a_{n2} & a_{n3} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_n \end{matrix}} \right\} m \times n$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 = (a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, \dots, a_{1n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ R_2 = (a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}, \dots, a_{2n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ R_3 = (a_{31}, a_{32}, a_{33}, \dots, a_{3n}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ \vdots \\ R_n = (a_{n1}, a_{n2}, a_{n3}, \dots, a_{nn}) \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \\ R_n \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{Row Vectors}$$

$$S = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_m\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

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spanned by S → Row Space.

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, C_n = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$S = \{C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$$

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spanned by S → Column Space

Rank of matrix

Def: ★ The dimension of Row(column) of a matrix A is called the rank of A.

★ Both rank of row space and column space are equal.

Example: Find the basis for $\text{row}(A)$ & $\text{col}(A)$.

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 2 & -6 & 9 & -1 & 8 & 2 \\ 2 & -6 & 9 & -1 & 9 & 7 \\ -1 & 3 & -4 & 2 & -5 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow R_1 \\ \rightarrow R_2 \\ \rightarrow R_3 \\ \end{matrix}$

Sol: Step-I: Find the RRE-form of the given matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \sim R_2 - 2R_1 \\ \sim R_3 - 2R_1 \\ \sim R_4 + R_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -14 & 13 & 28 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & -2 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \sim R_1 - 4R_2 \\ \sim R_3 - R_2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} R_1 \rightarrow \\ R_2 \rightarrow \\ R_3 \rightarrow \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & -3 & 0 & -14 & 0 & -37 \\ 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \boxed{1} & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \sim R_2 + 2R_3 \\ \sim R_1 - 13R_3 \end{matrix}$$

which is the RRE-form of the given matrix.

Basis for $\text{row}(A) = B_1 = \{R_1, R_2, R_3\} \in \mathbb{R}^6$

where

$$R_1 = (1, -3, 4, -2, 5, 4)$$

$$R_2 = (2, -6, 9, -1, 8, 2)$$

$$R_3 = (2, -6, 9, -1, 9, 7)$$

Basis for $\text{column}(A) = B_2 = \{C_1, C_3, C_5\} \in \mathbb{R}^4$

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 9 \\ 9 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row rank = 3

Column rank = 3

Example: Find the null-space of the matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 4} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

Augmented matrix:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \sim R_2 - R_1 \\ \sim R_3 - 4R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \sim R_1 - R_2 \\ \sim R_3 + R_1 \end{array}$$

which is RREF-form.

$$x_1 + 0x_2 - x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$0x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_3 + 2x_4$$

$$x_2 = -2x_3 - 3x_4$$

So,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_3 + 2x_4 \\ -2x_3 - 3x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N(A) = \left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Basis of } N(A) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Nullity:

Number of Basis elements of $N(A)$
= Nullity of A .

$$N(A) = 2$$

Example: Find the Null Space, Row-Space, Column Space of a given matrix?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 2 & -2 & -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{RREF: } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/3 & 5/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4/3 & -1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column Space:

$$\left\{ c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Row-Space:

$$\left\{ R_1 = (1, 0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}), R_2 = (0, 1, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}) \right\}$$

$$x_1 + \frac{1}{3} x_2 + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + \frac{1}{3} t + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} s = 0$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{1}{3} t - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} s$$

$$x_3 = t$$

$$x_4 = s$$

$$x_2 + \frac{4}{3} x_3 - \frac{1}{3} x_4 = 0$$

$$x_2 + \frac{4}{3} t - \frac{1}{3} s = 0$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{4}{3} t + \frac{1}{3} s, \quad x_3 = t, \quad x_4 = s$$

$$\text{Null space} = \left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}, 1, 0 \right), \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 1 \right) \right\}$$

