

1. Let A be an 8×6 matrix such that $Ax = 0$ has only the trivial solution. Answer the following questions:

$$\dim \text{col } A = 6 \quad \therefore \text{rank } A = 6$$

- What is the rank of A ?
- Is $Ax = b$ consistent for all $b \in \mathbb{R}^8$?

- A. 0, Yes
- B. 6, Yes
- C. 6, No
- D. 8, Yes
- E. 8, No
- F. 2, Yes

Since A is 6×8 , and $\text{rank } A = 6$,
 $\dim \text{col } A = 6 < 8$. Hence there are
 vectors b in \mathbb{R}^8 s.t. $Ax = b$ is not
 consistent. (Recall: $Ax = b$ is consistent
 $\iff b \in \text{col } A$.)

2. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The third row of B^{-1} is:

- A. $[1 \ 2 \ 1]$
- B. $[-1 \ 1 \ 1]$
- C. $[-3 \ 1 \ 2]$
- D. $[0 \ 0 \ 1]$
- E. $[1 \ 1 \ -1]$
- F. B is not invertible.

$$[B \mid I_3] \sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\sim \left[\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right]$$

3. Let

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

a) Find a basis for the row space of A .

b) Find a basis for the column space of A .

c) Find a basis for $\ker A = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid Ax = 0\}$.

d) Find the dimension of $\{Ax \mid x \in \mathbf{R}^4\}$.

$$\text{c) } [A \mid 0] \underset{\text{above}}{\overset{\text{from}}{\sim}} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} \textcircled{1} & s & t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \textcircled{1} & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \therefore \begin{cases} x_1 = -s - t \\ x_2 = s \\ x_3 = 3s \\ x_4 = t \end{cases} ; s, t \in \mathbf{R}$$

$\therefore \{(-1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 0, 3, 1)\}$ is a basis for $\ker A$
(Since it consists of the basic solutions.)

b) Since the leading ones in the RREF form of A sit in columns 1 & 3, $\{(1, 2, 1), (0, -1, -1)\}$ is a basis for $\text{col } A$.
(By the col. space alg.)

a) By (*) and the row space alg.,
 $\{(1, 1, 0, -1), (0, 1, 1, -3)\}$ is a basis for $\text{row}(A)$

d) Since $\{Ax \mid x \in \mathbf{R}^4\} = \text{col}(A)$, & $\dim \text{col } A = \text{rank } A = 2$,
 $\dim \{Ax \mid x \in \mathbf{R}^4\} = 2$.

4. Let $u_1 = (0, 1, 1, 0)$, $u_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$, $u_3 = (0, 1, -1, 0)$, and $U = \text{span}\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$.

a) Show that $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is an orthogonal set.

b) Briefly explain why $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is a basis of U .

c) Find the best approximation to $(1, -1, 2, -1)$ by vectors in U .

d) Extend $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ to a basis of \mathbb{R}^4 .

a) $u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0$, $u_1 \cdot u_3 = 1 - 1 = 0$, $u_2 \cdot u_3 = 0$. Moreover, each of u_1, u_2 & u_3 is non-zero. Hence $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is orthogonal.

b) Since $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ spans U (by defⁿ of U), and (a) shows $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is orthog. and so (i.e.) $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is a basis of U .

c) We compute $\text{proj}_U(1, -1, 2, -1) = \left(\frac{(1, -1, 2, -1) \cdot u_1}{\|u_1\|^2} \right) u_1 + \left(\frac{(1, -1, 2, -1) \cdot u_2}{\|u_2\|^2} \right) u_2 + \left(\frac{(1, -1, 2, -1) \cdot u_3}{\|u_3\|^2} \right) u_3$
 $= \frac{1}{2} (0, 1, 1, 0) + \frac{-1}{1} (0, 0, 0, 1) + \frac{-3}{2} (0, 1, -1, 0) = (0, -1, 2, -1).$

d) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ & & & v_4 \end{bmatrix}$. We choose $v_4 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ so $\text{rank } A = 4$.

$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & & & v_4 \end{bmatrix}$, so if $v_4 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, $\text{rank } A = 4$ so $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^4 .

5(a). State whether the following is true or false, and justify your answer.

- If you say the statement may be false, you must give an explicit example - with numbers, matrices, or functions (as is appropriate), if possible, or an argument using theorems and facts from class.
- If you say the statement is always true, you must give a clear explanation.

(i) Let $\{u, v\}$ be linearly independent in \mathbf{R}^{2016} . If A is an invertible 2016×2016 matrix, then $\{Au, Av\}$ is also linearly independent in \mathbf{R}^{2016} .

Suppose $aAu + bAv = 0$ for scalars $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then multiplying by A^{-1} (on the left) of both sides yields $au + bv = 0$. But $\{u, v\}$ is l.i., so $a = b = 0$. Hence $\{Au, Av\}$ is l.i.

ANSWER

TRUE

(ii) The rows of a 3 by 5 matrix are always linearly dependent.

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Then $\text{rank } A = 3$ and the rows of A are thus l.i. ($\dim \text{row}(A) = 3$)

ANSWER

FALSE

5(b). Let A be a $n \times n$ matrix with real entries. Give three additional statements equivalent to

"There is $b \in \mathbf{R}^n$ such that the system $Ax = b$ is inconsistent,"

one each in terms of:

(So A is not invertible)

(i) The general solution of $Ax = 0$: has at least one parameter;

therefore $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solns.

(i.e. the general soln = $\{x \mid Ax = 0\}$ is infinite)

(ii) The column space of A : has dimension $< n$

($\neq \mathbf{R}^n$)

(iii) the invertibility (or not) of A : A is not invertible

6. [Bonus/Challenge]

Suppose A is an invertible 15×15 matrix and B is any 15×12 matrix with $\text{rank } B = 12$. Prove carefully that $\text{rank } AB = 12$.

(You cannot choose A or B : your proof must work for all A and B satisfying the conditions above.)

Let $B = [b_1 \dots b_{12}]$ be B in block column form.

We know (since $\text{rank } B = 12$) that $\{b_1, \dots, b_{12}\}$ is l.i.

Now $AB = [Ab_1 \quad Ab_2 \quad \dots \quad Ab_{12}]$ (ie $Ab_j = j^{\text{th}}$ col. of AB)

It suffices to show that $\{Ab_1, \dots, Ab_{12}\}$ is l.i.,

since $\text{rank } AB \leq 12$.

Suppose $a_1 Ab_1 + \dots + a_{12} Ab_{12} = 0$ for scalars a_1, \dots, a_{12} .

Multiplying by A^{-1} on the left of both sides of

this equation, we obtain $a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_{12} b_{12} = 0$.

But $\{b_1, \dots, b_{12}\}$ is l.i., so $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{12} = 0$.

Hence $\{Ab_1, \dots, Ab_{12}\}$ is l.i. and thus

$$\text{rank } AB = 12.$$