

L03 Bases of $R(A)$ and $N(A)$

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If $A \in C^{m \times n}$ has rank r , then $\dim[\mathcal{R}(A)] = r$. So A has r LI columns that form a basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$. Also $\dim[\mathcal{N}(A)] = n - r$. So there are $n - r$ LI vectors in C^n that form a basis for $\mathcal{N}(A)$. How can we find these bases?

(2) Matrices in reduced row echelon form

A matrix is in reduced row echelon form if

- (i) the number of leading zeros in rows is increasing
- (ii) the first non-zero element is 1, and is the only non-zero element in the column.

Ex1: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ are in the reduced row echelon form.

(3) Bases of $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$ when A is in reduced row echelon form.

The columns of A associated with (ii) form a basis of $R(A)$.

Solve equation $Ax = 0$ for variables in x associated with the columns in (ii), using other variables as free ones, one can find a basis for $N(A)$.

Ex2: For A in Ex1, A_1 and A_3 are LI; $A_2 = 2A_1$ and $A_4 = 5A_1 + 3A_3$.

So $\text{rank}(A) = 2 = \dim[\mathcal{R}(A)]$ and $[A_1, A_3]$ is a basis for $R(A)$.

With $\dim[\mathcal{N}(A)] = n - \text{rank}(A) = 4 - 2 = 2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} x \in N(A) &\iff Ax = 0 \iff \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \\ &\iff \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2x_2 - 5x_4 \\ x_2 \\ -3x_4 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = x_2 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \iff x \in \text{Span} \left[\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &\left[\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \text{ is a basis for } \mathcal{N}(A). \end{aligned}$$

(4) Find bases of $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$ via matrix B

Suppose $Ax = 0 \iff Bx = 0$. Then

$x \in \mathcal{N}(A) \iff Ax = 0 \iff Bx = 0 \iff x \in \mathcal{N}(B)$. Thus $\mathcal{N}(A) = \mathcal{N}(B)$ share basis.

If B_{i_1}, \dots, B_{i_r} form a basis for $\mathcal{R}(B)$, then A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_r} form a basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$.

Ex3: Suppose $Ax = 0 \iff Bx = 0$, $B = (B_1, B_2, B_3)$ and $[B_1, B_3]$ is a basis for $\mathcal{R}(B)$.

$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \implies B \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \implies \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$. So A_1 and A_3 are LI.

$\exists x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ 1 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$ such that $Bx = 0 \implies Ax = 0$. So A_2 is a LC of A_1 and A_3 .

Hence $[A_1, A_3]$ is a basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$.

2. Elementary row operations and elementary matrices

(1) Elementary row operations

- (i) Interchanging i th row and j th row ($r : (i) \leftrightarrow (j)$)
- (ii) Multiplying the i th row by $\alpha \neq 0$ ($r : \alpha(i)$)
- (iii) Changing the j th row to the original j th row plus $\alpha \times i$ th row ($r : \alpha(i) + (j) \rightarrow (j)$)

(2) Elementary matrices

Elementary row operations on identity matrices produce elementary matrices.

Ex4: $I_3 \xrightarrow{r: 2(1)+(3) \rightarrow (3)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = E.$

(3) Effects of multiplying a matrix from left by an elementary matrix.

Suppose $I \xrightarrow{*} E(*)$. Then $E(*)A = B \iff A \xrightarrow{*} B$.

Ex5: With E in Example 4, $EA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$

(4) Properties of elementary matrices

Elementary matrices are non-singular. If E is an elementary matrix, so are E^{-1} and E' .

Ex6: With elementary matrix E in Example 4, $EF = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_3.$

So $E^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an elementary matrix produced by $-2(1) + (3) \rightarrow (3)$.

3. Find bases of $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$.

(1) Convert A by a sequence of elementary operations to B in reduced row echelon form.

Ex7: $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r: (1) \leftrightarrow (3)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & -3 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\xrightarrow{r: [-1](1)+(i) \rightarrow (i), i=2,3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = B$

(2) With the operations in (1)

$(E_k \cdots E_1)A = B$ and hence $A = (E_1^{-1} \cdots E_k^{-1})B$. So $Ax = 0 \iff Bx = 0$.

Pf $Ax = 0 \implies (E_k \cdots E_1)Ax = 0 \implies Bx = 0 \implies (E_1^{-1} \cdots E_k^{-1})Bx = 0 \implies Ax = 0$.

(3) Find bases of $\mathcal{R}(A)$ and $\mathcal{N}(A)$

- (i) Convert A to its reduced row echelon for B
- (ii) Find bases of $\mathcal{R}(B)$ and $\mathcal{N}(B)$
- (iii) If B_{i1}, \dots, B_{ir} for a basis of $\mathcal{R}(B)$, then A_{i1}, \dots, A_{ir} form a basis of $\mathcal{R}(A)$
A basis of $\mathcal{N}(B)$ is a basis of $\mathcal{N}(A)$.

Ex8: For A in Ex7, $\text{rank}(A) = 2 = \dim[\mathcal{R}(A)]$. $[A_1, A_2]$ is a basis for $\mathcal{R}(A)$.

$A_3 = A_1 + 2A_2$ and $A_4 = A_1 - A_2$. $\dim[\mathcal{N}(A)] = 4 - 2 = 2, \dots$

L04 Matrix inverses

1. Inverses

(1) Definitions

For $A \in C^{m \times n}$, B is a left-inverse of $A \stackrel{def}{\iff} BA = I_n$.
 C is a right-inverse of $A \stackrel{def}{\iff} AC = I_m$.
 For $A \in C^{m \times n}$ D is inverse of $A \stackrel{def}{\iff} AD = I_n = DA$.

(2) Iff-conditions for left-inverses

Let A^L be any individual left-inverse or the collection of all left-inverses of A . Then

(a) $A^L \neq \emptyset$ (b) $\text{rank}(A) = n$ (c) $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(B) \ \forall B \in C^{m \times p}$
 are equivalent.

(a) \Rightarrow (b): $n = \text{rank}(I_n) = \text{rank}(A^L A) \leq \text{rank}(A) \leq n$. So $\text{rank}(A) = n$.

(a) \Leftarrow (b): The reduced row echelon form for A is $\begin{pmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. There exists $H = \begin{pmatrix} H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix}$ such

that $HA = \begin{pmatrix} H_1 A \\ H_2 A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_n \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. So $H_1 A = I_n$. Hence $H_1 \in A^L$. Hence $A^L \neq \emptyset$.

(a) \Rightarrow (c): $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(A^L AB) \leq \text{rank}(AB)$. So $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(B)$.

(b) \Leftarrow (c): $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(AI_n) = \text{rank}(I_n) = n$.

Comment: Not all A has L-inverse since not all A has full column rank.

Ex1: For $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = (1, a) \in A^L$ for all $a \in R$. So left-inverse for A is not unique.

(3) Iff-conditions for right-inverses

Let A^R be any individual right-inverse or the collection of all right-inverses of A . Then

(a) $A^R \neq \emptyset$ (b) $\text{rank}(A) = m$ (c) $\text{rank}(BA) = \text{rank}(B) \ \forall B \in C^{p \times m}$
 are equivalent.

Proof. Skipped.

Comments: A^R may or may not be existent, may or may not be unique.

(4) Iff-conditions for inverse

Let A^{-1} be a inverse of A . Then

(a) A^{-1} exists (b) $\text{rank}(A) = n$
 (c) $\text{rank}(BA) = \text{rank}(B) \ \forall B$ and $\text{rank}(AD) = \text{rank}(D) \ \forall D$
 are equivalent.

Proof. **(a) \Rightarrow (b):** A^{-1} exists $\Rightarrow A^L \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) = n$.

(b) \Rightarrow (c): A has full row rank $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(BA) = \text{rank}(B)$;
 A has full column rank $\Rightarrow \text{rank}(AD) = \text{rank}(D)$.

(c) \Rightarrow (a): $\text{rank}(BA) = \text{rank}(B)$ for all $B \Rightarrow A^R \neq \emptyset$.
 $\text{rank}(AD) = \text{rank}(D)$ for all $D \Rightarrow A^L \neq \emptyset$.

$A^L = A^L I_n = A^L A A^R = I_n A^R = A^R$. Let $B = A^L = A^R$.

Then $AB = I_n = BA$. So B is an inverse of A .

Ex2: If A^{-1} exists, then it is unique.

Suppose both B_1 and B_2 are inverse of A . Then $B_1 = B_1 I_n = B_1 A B_2 = I_n B_2 = B_2$.

2. Useful properties

(1) If A^{-1} exists, then $A^L = A^{-1} = A^R$.

Proof. Show $A^L = A^{-1}$. \subset : $B \in A^L \implies BA = I \implies BAA^{-1} = IA^{-1} \implies B = A^{-1}$.
 \supset : $A^{-1}A = I \implies A^{-1} \in A^L$.

(2) If $A \in C^{n \times n}$ and $AB = I_n$, then $B = A^{-1}$; If $A \in C^{n \times n}$ and $BA = I_n$, then $B = A^{-1}$.

Proof. Show the first one. $n = \text{rank}(I_n) = \text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A) \leq n$.

So $\text{rank}(A) = n$. Hence A^{-1} exists. $AB = I_n \implies B = A^{-1}AB = A^{-1}I = A^{-1}$.

(3) If $(A|I) \xrightarrow{e,r} (I|B)$, then $B = A^{-1}$.

Proof. $(A|I) \xrightarrow{e,r} (I|B)$ implies that $DA = I$ and $DI = B$. So $B = D = A^{-1}$.

3. Some useful inverses

(1) Simple rules

$$\begin{aligned} (A')^{-1} &= (A^{-1})'; & (\bar{A})^{-1} &= \overline{(A^{-1})}; & (A^*)^{-1} &= (A^{-1})^* \\ (\alpha A)^{-1} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} A^{-1} \text{ where } \alpha \neq 0; & (AB)^{-1} &= B^{-1}A^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Skipped.

(2) Diagonal blocked matrices $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$.

Proof. $\begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & B^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} AA^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & BB^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = I$.

(3) Four-blocked matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11.2}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$$

where $A_{11.2} = A_{11} - A_{12}A_{22}^{-1}A_{21}$.

Pf: $\begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21} & I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11.2} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21} & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11.2}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{22}^{-1}A_{21} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11.2}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{12}A_{22}^{-1} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$

Ex3: Let $A_{22.1} = A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22.1}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proof. $\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22.1}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ -A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} = I$

Ex4: $(A|I) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{e,r} \dots \xrightarrow{e,r} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

So $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$