

Last time • A basis of a subspace  $W$  of a finite dim vector space  $V$

✓ can be extended to a basis of  $V$

- The sum  $U+W$  of subspaces of a v. space  $V$ .
- elementary properties of linear maps, null space/kernel, range, nullity and rank.

Recall  $N(T:V \rightarrow W) = \{v \in V \mid T(v) = 0\}$ ,  $R(T) = \{T(v) \mid v \in V\} \equiv \text{image of } T$ . (see p70)

Stated but didn't have time to prove: (Text calls it dimension theorem)

Rank/nullity Theorem:  $T: V \rightarrow W$  linear,  $V$  finite dimensional

$$\Rightarrow \dim V - \dim N(T) = \dim R(T).$$

Proof Since  $N(T) := \{v \in V \mid T(v) = \vec{0}\}$  is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space, it has a finite basis.

Call it  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m\}$ . We can extend it to a basis

$\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z_1, \dots, z_k\}$  of  $V$  (so that  $\dim V = m+k$ ).

Claim  $\{T(z_1), \dots, T(z_k)\}$  is a basis of  $R(T) \subseteq T(V)$ .

Note that claim  $\Rightarrow \dim R(T) = k = m+k - k = \dim V - \dim N(T)$

Proof of claim

(i)  $\forall w \in R(T) \exists v \in V$  s.t.  $w = T(v)$ .

Since  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z_1, \dots, z_k\}$  is a basis of  $V \exists d_1, \dots, d_m, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}$

so that  $v = \sum_{i=1}^m d_i y_i + \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j z_j$

Since  $y_1, \dots, y_m \in N(T)$ ,  $T(y_1) = T(y_2) = \dots = T(y_m) = \vec{0}$

$\Rightarrow w = T(v) = \sum d_i T(y_i) + \sum \lambda_j T(z_j) = \sum \lambda_j T(z_j)$ .

$\therefore \{T(z_1), \dots, T(z_k)\}$  spans  $R(T)$ .

Suppose  $\exists c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$c_1 T(z_1) + \dots + c_k T(z_k) = \vec{0}$$

Then  $\vec{0} = T(c_1 z_1 + \dots + c_k z_k)$ .

$\Rightarrow c_1 z_1 + \dots + c_k z_k \in N(T)$

$\Rightarrow c_1 z_1 + \dots + c_k z_k = d_1 y_1 + \dots + d_m y_m$  for

some  $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . But  $\{y_1, \dots, y_m, z_1, \dots, z_k\}$  is a basis

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_n = d_1 = \dots = d_m = 0$$

$\therefore \{T(z_1), \dots, T(z_n)\}$  is linearly independent. □

Aside. What does  $\dim N(T)$  measure?

Lemma 7.1 Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map. For any  $v_1, v_2 \in V$

$$T(v_1) = T(v_2) \Leftrightarrow v_1 - v_2 \in N(T)$$

Consequently  $T$  is 1-1  $\Leftrightarrow N(T) = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow \dim N(T) = 0$ .

Proof.  $T(v_1) = T(v_2) \Leftrightarrow 0 = T(v_1) - T(v_2) = T(v_1 - v_2)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow v_1 - v_2 \in N(T)$ .

- $T$  is 1-1  $\Leftrightarrow \forall v_1, v_2 \in V \quad T(v_1) = T(v_2) \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2$
- $\Leftrightarrow \forall v_1, v_2 \in V \quad T(v_1 - v_2) = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 - v_2 = 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in V \quad T(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$
- $\Leftrightarrow N(T) = \{0\}$ . □

Lemma 7.2 Suppose  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is linear,  $\dim V, \dim W < \infty$  and  $\dim V = \dim W$ . Then

$$\overline{T \text{ is 1-1}} \Leftrightarrow T \text{ is onto.}$$

Proof  $T$  is onto  $\Leftrightarrow R(T) = W \Leftrightarrow \dim W = \dim R(T)$ .  
 $\dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T)$  by rank/nullity.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T \text{ is onto} &\Leftrightarrow \dim V = \dim W = \dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \dim N(T) = 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow N(T) = \{0\} \Leftrightarrow T \text{ is 1-1.} \end{aligned}$$
□

Corollary 7.3 Suppose  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is linear,  $\dim V = \dim W < \infty$  as in 7.2. Then either

- The equation  $Tx = b$  has exactly one solution  $\forall b \in W$

Or  $\exists b \in W$  s.t.  $Tx = b$  has no solutions  
 and  $Tx = \vec{0}$  has infinitely many solutions.

Proof •  $Tx = \vec{0}$  has exactly one solution  $\Leftrightarrow N(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  (7.1)  $T$  is 1-1  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7.2)  $T$  is onto

$\Leftrightarrow \forall b \in W, Tx = b$  has exactly one solution.

•  $Tx = \vec{0}$  has more than one solution

$\Leftrightarrow T$  is not 1-1  $\Leftrightarrow N(T) \neq \{\vec{0}\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \dim N(T) > 0$  (and  $Tx = \vec{0}$  has infinitely many solutions)

$\Leftrightarrow \dim R(T) = \dim V - \dim N(T) < \dim V = \dim W$

$\Leftrightarrow R(T) \neq W \Leftrightarrow T$  is not onto

$\Leftrightarrow \exists b \in W$  s.t.  $Tx = b$  has no solutions.

□

Recall A  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$   
 defines a linear map  
 $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{pmatrix}$

The nullity of the matrix  $A$  is, by definition  
 $\dim \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = \vec{0} \} = \dim(N(A))$

The nullity of the linear map  $A$ .

The rank of the matrix  $A$  is, by definition,

$$\dim \left( \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \right)$$

$$= \dim(\text{span} \{ \text{columns of } A \})$$

$$\text{Now } w \in \text{span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$w = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{pmatrix} a_{1n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Leftrightarrow w = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow w \in R(A)$$

Hence rank of a matrix  $A =$  rank of the linear map  
 $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

Lemma 7.4 Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map, suppose  $\dim V = n$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ . Then  $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$  spans  $R(T)$ .

Proof Since  $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\} \subseteq R(T)$  and  $R(T)$  is a subspace

$$\forall \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R} \quad \lambda_1 T(v_1) + \dots + \lambda_n T(v_n) \in R(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{span}\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\} \subseteq R(T)$$

Conversely, given  $w \in R(T) \exists v \in V$  st  $w = T(v)$

Since  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis  $\exists \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $v = \sum \lambda_i v_i$

$$\rightarrow w = T(v) = T\left(\sum \lambda_i v_i\right) = \sum \lambda_i T(v_i) \in \text{span}\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(T) \subseteq \text{span}\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$$

Remark Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $A$

is  $Ae_j$  where  $e_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow j^{\text{th}} \text{ slot}$ .

$$\text{Check } Ae_j = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{1j} \cdot 1 + a_{1j+1} \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{1n} \cdot 0 \\ a_{21} \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{2j} \cdot 1 + \dots + a_{2n} \cdot 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \cdot 0 + \dots + a_{mj} \cdot 1 + \dots + a_{mn} \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{1j} \\ a_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{pmatrix}$$