

June 14 (Lecture 10)

Overview: The bulk of today will be spent on looking at how various geometrical operations in \mathbb{R}^2 and up can be seen as linear maps! Then we'll get started on subspaces associated to linear maps and matrices (more connections between all of these “linear” things).

Learning Goals:

- Identify certain geometric transformations as linear maps.
- Compute subspaces associated to linear maps and matrices.

As you're getting settled:

- I hope Test 1 went well for everyone! *Marking is in progress, still. ☺*
- Homework 5 is due Tuesday night, 11:30 pm Pacific as usual.
- Homework 6 will be out Tuesday during the day.

3.4 Subspaces Associated to Linear Maps/Matrices

- Non-homog. SLE $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$: “Is \vec{b} the output of f_A ?” $f_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$?
- Homog. SLE $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$: “Does f_A send \vec{x} to $\vec{0}$?” $f_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$?

p.192 **Definition.** Let $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear map. The *range* (or *image*) of L is $\text{range}(L) = \{L(\vec{x}) : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$.

p.193 The *nullspace* (or *kernel*) of L is $\text{Null}(L) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : L(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\}$.

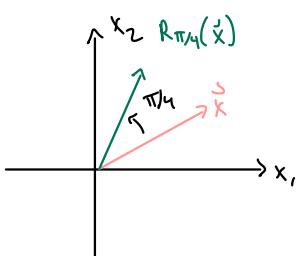
Example. Let $R_{\pi/4} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be CCW rotation by $\pi/4$.

$$\text{range}(R_{\pi/4}) = \{R_{\pi/4}(\vec{x}) : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2\} = \mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m.$$

$$\text{Note that } \vec{x} = R_{\pi/4}(\underbrace{R_{-\pi/4}(\vec{x})}_{\vec{y}}) = R_{\pi/4}(\vec{y}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$$\text{Null}(R_{\pi/4}) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : R_{\pi/4}(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\} = \{\vec{0}\}$$

(Rotating does not change the norm of \vec{x} !)

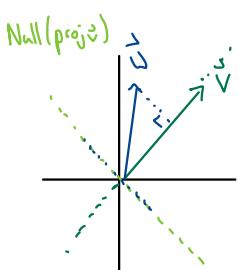


Example. What are $\text{Range}(\text{proj}_{\vec{v}})$ and $\text{Null}(\text{proj}_{\vec{v}})$, if $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

$\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \vec{v} = c\vec{v}$, and by linearity all scalar multiples of \vec{v} are obtained. Thus,

$$\text{Range}(\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}) = \text{span}\{\vec{v}\}.$$

For $\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$, we require $\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \vec{v} = \vec{0}$, or $(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{v} = \vec{0}$. Since $\vec{v} \neq \vec{0}$, the only way this occurs is when $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$. Solving the SLE $\Rightarrow \text{Null}(\text{proj}_{\vec{v}}) = \text{span}\{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\}$.



p.193 **Theorem (3.4.1).** If $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear, then $L(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$.

Proof. $L(\vec{0}) = L(0 \cdot \vec{0}) = 0 \cdot L(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$.

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p. 193-194 **Theorem.** Let $L : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear map, with standard matrix $[L]$.

(3.4.2) Range(L) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^m .

(3.4.3) Null(L) is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n .

(3.4.4) $\vec{x} \in \text{Range}(L)$ if and only if \vec{x} is a LC of t columns of $[L]$.

(3.4.6) $\vec{x} \in \text{Null}(L)$ if and only if $[L]\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

Proof. For 3.4.2, 3.4.3. Range(L) and Null(L) are non-empty, by 3.4.1. If $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, $L(\vec{x})$ and $L(\vec{y}) \in \text{Range}(L)$, then:

$$sL(\vec{x}) + tL(\vec{y}) = L(s\vec{x} + t\vec{y}) \in \text{Range}(L), \text{ by linearity of } L! \checkmark$$

If $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \text{Null}(L)$:

$$L(s\vec{x} + t\vec{y}) = sL(\vec{x}) + tL(\vec{y}) = s\vec{0} + t\vec{0} = \vec{0}. \checkmark$$

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p. 195, 196, 200 **Definition.** Let $A \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$. The four fundamental subspaces associated to A are:

- the column space of A , denoted $\text{Col}(A)$:

$$\left\{ A\vec{x} : \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \text{columns of } A \right\} = \text{Range}(f_A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m.$$

- the nullspace of A , denoted $\text{Null}(A)$:

$$\left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \right\} = \text{Null}(f_A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- the row space of A , denoted $\text{Row}(A)$:

$$\text{span} \left\{ \text{rows of } A \right\} = \text{Col}(A^\top) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- the left nullspace of A :

$$\left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \vec{x}^\top A = \vec{0}^\top \right\} = \text{Null}(A^\top) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m.$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ l \times m & m \times n \end{matrix}$

Note.

All four of those
Sets are subspaces!

Example. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & -2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & -7 & -5 \\ -1 & -4 & 6 & 18 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 18 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute each of the four fundamental subspaces for A .

Col(A): What is $\text{span}\{\text{cols of } A\}$? Row-reduce A and find a basis!

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 2 & 4 & -2 & 6 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & -4 & -7 & -5 \\ -1 & -4 & 6 & 18 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 18 & 7 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] = B_1 \text{ in RREF.}$$

The 4th and 5th columns are LC's of the first 3, and moreover, the set of the first 3 vectors is LI.

So ... $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$.

Null(A): What are the solutions to $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$?

Again: $A \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} B = \text{RREF}(A)$. x_4, x_5 are free variables! $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -2x_4 + x_5 \\ -x_4 - x_5 \\ -4x_4 - 2x_5 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \\ -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Row(A): Row ops replace rows with LC's of rows. So, performing row ops does not change the row space!

$$\Rightarrow \text{Row}(A) = \text{Row}(B) = \text{Col}(B^T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

(or $\text{col}(A^T)$)

Null(A^T): Solve $A^T\vec{y} = \vec{0}$: $A^T \xrightarrow{\text{row ops}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = C$, so $\text{Null}(A^T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

p. 197, 199, **Theorem.** Let $A \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$. The number of vectors in a basis for each of the fundamental subspaces is:

$$(3.4.5) \quad \text{Col}(A) : \text{rank}(A).$$

$$(3.4.7) \quad \text{Null}(A) : n - \text{rank}(A).$$

$$(3.4.8) \quad \text{Row}(A) : \text{rank}(A).$$

- $\text{Null}(A^T) : m - \text{rank}(A)$.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(A^T) &= \# \text{vectors in a basis for } \text{Col}(A^T) \\ &= \dots \text{Row}(A) \\ &= \text{rank}(A) \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\text{rank}(A) = \# \text{leading ones in RREF for } A \rightarrow \text{basis for } \text{Col}(A).$$

$$= \# \text{non-zero rows in RREF for } A \rightarrow \text{basis for } \text{Row}(A).$$

$$n - \text{rank}(A) = \# \text{of free variables in sol'n set to } Ax = 0 \rightarrow \text{basis for Null}(A).$$

$$\begin{aligned} m - \text{rank}(A) &= \# \text{of free variables in sol'n set to } A^T y = 0 \rightarrow \text{basis for Null}(A^T). \\ &= m - \text{rank}(A^T) \end{aligned}$$



p 201 **Theorem** (3.4.9, Rank-Nullity Theorem). Let $A \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$. If there are k vectors in a basis for $\text{Null}(A)$, then $\text{rank}(A) + k = n$.

Proof. $\text{rank}(A) + k = \cancel{\text{rank}(A)} + n - \cancel{\text{rank}(A)} = n.$



Example. Suppose that B is a non-zero 3×7 matrix. What can you say about the number of vectors in a basis for $\text{Col}(B)$ or $\text{Null}(B)$?

$$B = 3 \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c} \hline & & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{rank}(B) + \# \text{vectors in a basis for } \text{Null}(B) = 7 \\ \bullet \text{since } B \text{ has 3 rows, } \text{rank}(B) \leq 3. \text{ (also } \geq 1\text{).} \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \text{rank}(B) \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \text{ so } \# \text{basis vectors for } \text{Col}(B) \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

$$\text{and } \# \text{basis vectors for } \text{Null}(B) \in \{4, 5, 6\}.$$

Note.

"# basis vectors for a subspace"

→ def'n of dimension of a subspace, to see later!

Summary. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, B the RREF of A , and C the RREF of A^T .

Subset	Notation	Abstract description	Concrete description
Column space	$\text{Col}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$	$\vec{b} \text{ st. } A\vec{v} = \vec{b}$ for some $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$	Span of the columns of A corresponding to columns of B with leading ones.
Row space	$\text{Row}(A) = \text{Col}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$	$\vec{c} \text{ st. } A^T \vec{v} = \vec{c}$ $\iff \vec{v}^T A = \vec{c}^T$	Span of the non-zero rows of B / columns of B^T .
Null space	$\text{Null}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$	$\vec{x} \text{ st. } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$	(span of) solution vectors to $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.
Left null space	$\text{Null}(A^T) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$	$\vec{y} \text{ st. } A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0}$ $\iff \vec{y}^T A = \vec{0}^T$ "left"	(span of) solution vectors to $C\vec{y} = \vec{0}$.

Theorem (3.4.10, Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra).

Let $A \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{R})$. We have:

1. $\text{Null}(A) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \vec{x} \cdot \vec{r} = 0 \text{ for all } \vec{r} \in \text{Row}(A) \}$.

2. $\text{Null}(A^T) = \{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m : \vec{y} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \text{ for all } \vec{c} \in \text{Col}(A) \}$.

3. If B_1 is a basis for $\text{Row}(A)$ and B_2 is a basis for $\text{Null}(A)$, then $B_1 \cup B_2$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

4. If B_3 is a basis for $\text{Col}(A)$ and B_4 is a basis for $\text{Null}(A^T)$, then $B_3 \cup B_4$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^m .

Picture.

