

## § 4.2 Column Space & Null Space

Recall A vector space is a set of vectors that supports addition and scaling and

satisfies: ① Has  $\vec{0}$  ② commutative (+) ③ associative (+) ④ distributive (+)

Key  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V \Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$   
 $a\vec{u} \in V \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

$V$  is a vector space.

$\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \in V$

A linear combination of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  is a vector of the form  $a_1\vec{v}_1 + \dots + a_p\vec{v}_p$  ( $a_1, \dots, a_p$  scalars)

The subspace spanned by  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$  (by varying the scalars).

This is denoted by  $\text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$   
 called spanning set or generator.

Def A  $m \times n$  matrix

$\text{col}(A) =$  column space of  $A$

= subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  spanned by columns of  $A$

=  $\text{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$

(if  $A = [\vec{a}_1 \dots \vec{a}_n]$ )

$\text{null}(A) =$  null space of  $A$

= solution set of system  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

=  $\{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$

=  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid x_1\vec{a}_1 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{0} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

e.x  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

①  $\text{nul}(A) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -5x_3 - 6x_4 \\ x_2 &= -2x_3 - 3x_4 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

②  $\text{col}(A) = ?$

$\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  can be expressed by linear combo of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$\therefore \text{col}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^2$$

Linear Transformation

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} \quad (T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m)$$

$$\text{Kernel (nullspace)} (T) = \{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(\vec{x}) = 0 \}$$

= "pre-image" of 0

$$\text{Range}(T) = \{ \text{all values of } T \} = \text{columnspace}$$

Def (more general lin. trans)

$V, W$  vector spaces

A linear transformation is a map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  satisfying

①  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$

②  $T(a\vec{v}) = aT(\vec{v})$ .

ex.  $V = \{ \text{all continuous functions on } \mathbb{R} \}$

$$W = \mathbb{R}$$

$$T: V \rightarrow W$$

$$f \mapsto f(2)$$