

① Recall: Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix with rank  $r$

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} R$$

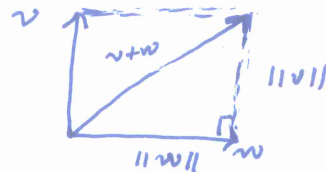
1.  $C(A^T) = C(R^T)$  has dimension  $r$  with pivots rows of  $R$  as a basis
2.  $C(A)$  has dimension  $r$  with pivot columns of  $A$  as a basis
3. The  $n-r$  special solutions for  $Rx=0$  are a basis for  $N(A) = N(R)$
4. The  $m-r$  special solutions for  $A^T x=0$  are a basis for  $N(A^T)$ .

## Chapter 4 Orthogonality

### § 4.1 Orthogonality of the Four Subspaces.

Orthogonal vectors  $v \cdot w = v^T w = 0$

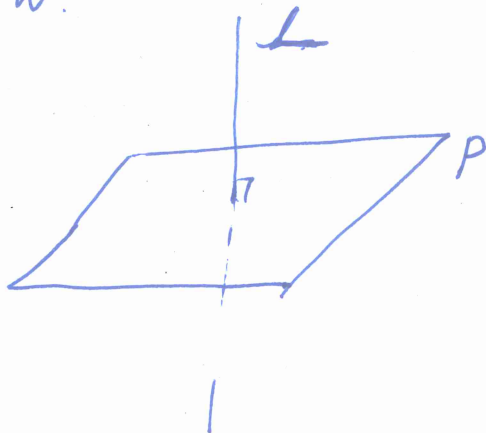
$$\Rightarrow \|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2 = \|v+w\|^2 \quad \text{Pythagoras Law}$$



Def Let  $V$  and  $W$  be subspaces of a vector space.

$V$  and  $W$  are orthogonal if  $v^T w = 0$  for all  $v$  in  $V$  and all  $w$  in  $W$ .

Ex.



② Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix.

$N(A)$  and  $C(A^T)$  are orthogonal subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

Consider  $Ax = 0$

$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_m \end{bmatrix} x = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \cdot x \\ \vdots \\ r_m \cdot x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  each row vector of  $A$  is perpendicular to  $x$ .

$\Rightarrow C(A^T)$  is orthogonal to  $N(A)$

Ex 3 (numerical example)

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 1 + 3 - 4 = 0 \\ 5 + 2 - 7 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Similarly,  $N(A^T)$  and  $C(A)$  are orthogonal in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Orthogonal Complements.

Fact: Let  $A$  be a  $m \times n$  matrix.

~~Motivation~~: dimension of  $N(A)$  + dimension of  $C(A^T) = n$ .

Def: The orthogonal complement of a subspace  $V$  contains every vector that is perpendicular to  $V$ . This orthogonal space is denoted

$$\text{by } V^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid Ax = 0\}$$

$$C(A^T)^\perp = N(A)$$

$$N(A)^\perp = C(A^T) \text{ (it can be shown) (by Fact)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } C(A)^\perp = N(A^T)$$

$$N(A)^\perp = C(A)$$

Fundamental  
Theorem of  
Linear Algebra,  
Part 2.

Note: the only vector in two orthogonal subspaces is the zero vector.

③ ~~Assume~~ If  $v \cdot v = 0$   $v^T \cdot v = 0$ , then  $v = 0$

Combining Bases from Subspaces (starting with correct number of vectors, one property of a basis produces the other)

Any  $n$  independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . So they are a basis.

Any  $n$  vectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must be independent. So they

$\Downarrow$  Let  $A = [v_1, \dots, v_n]$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix

1. If  $n$  columns of  $A$  are independent, they span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . So  $Ax = b$  is solvable
2. If  $n$  columns span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , they are independent. So  $Ax = b$  has only one solution.

(uniqueness implies existence and existence implies uniqueness)

Pf:  $[A \ b] \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss-Jordan}} [R \ d]$

1.  ~~$R$  has  $n$  pivot columns,  $Rx = d$  is solvable for any  $b$~~   
 $R$  has  $n$  pivot columns  $\Rightarrow R = I$

$\Rightarrow Ax = b$  is solvable for any  $b$

2.  $Ax = b$  is solvable for any  $b$

$\Rightarrow R$  has  $n$  pivot ~~columns~~ <sup>rows</sup>  $\Rightarrow R = I$

$\Rightarrow Ax = 0$  has only zero solution.

Let  $v_1, \dots, v_r$  be a basis for  $C(A^T)$

$w_1, \dots, w_{n-r}$  — — — — —  $N(A)$

We can show that  $v_1, \dots, v_r, w_1, \dots, w_{n-r}$  are independent

So they are a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\Rightarrow$  ~~for~~ for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x = x_r + x_n$ ,  $x_r \in C(A^T)$ ,  $x_n \in N(A)$

Ex 5.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ split } x = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ into } x_r + x_n = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(I will show you how to make this splitting by a project in my next ~~lecture~~ lecture)