

# Finding a matrix's inverse

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 6 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  Find  $A^{-1}$ .

$$[A | I] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-2R_1 + R_2 \\ -6R_1 + R_3}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -15 & 0 & -6 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -15 & 0 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{-3R_2 + R_3} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -15 & 0 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 42 & 1 & 16 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -15 & 0 & -6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/42 & 9/21 & -1/14 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{15R_3 + R_2 \\ -2R_3 + R_1}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1/21 & 5/21 & 1/7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 15/42 & -2/7 & 8/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/42 & 9/21 & -1/14 \end{array} \right]$$

$A^{-1}$  (but could be arithmetic errors; didn't take my time.)

## 2.3 The Invertible Matrix Theorem

For an  $n \times n$  matrix...

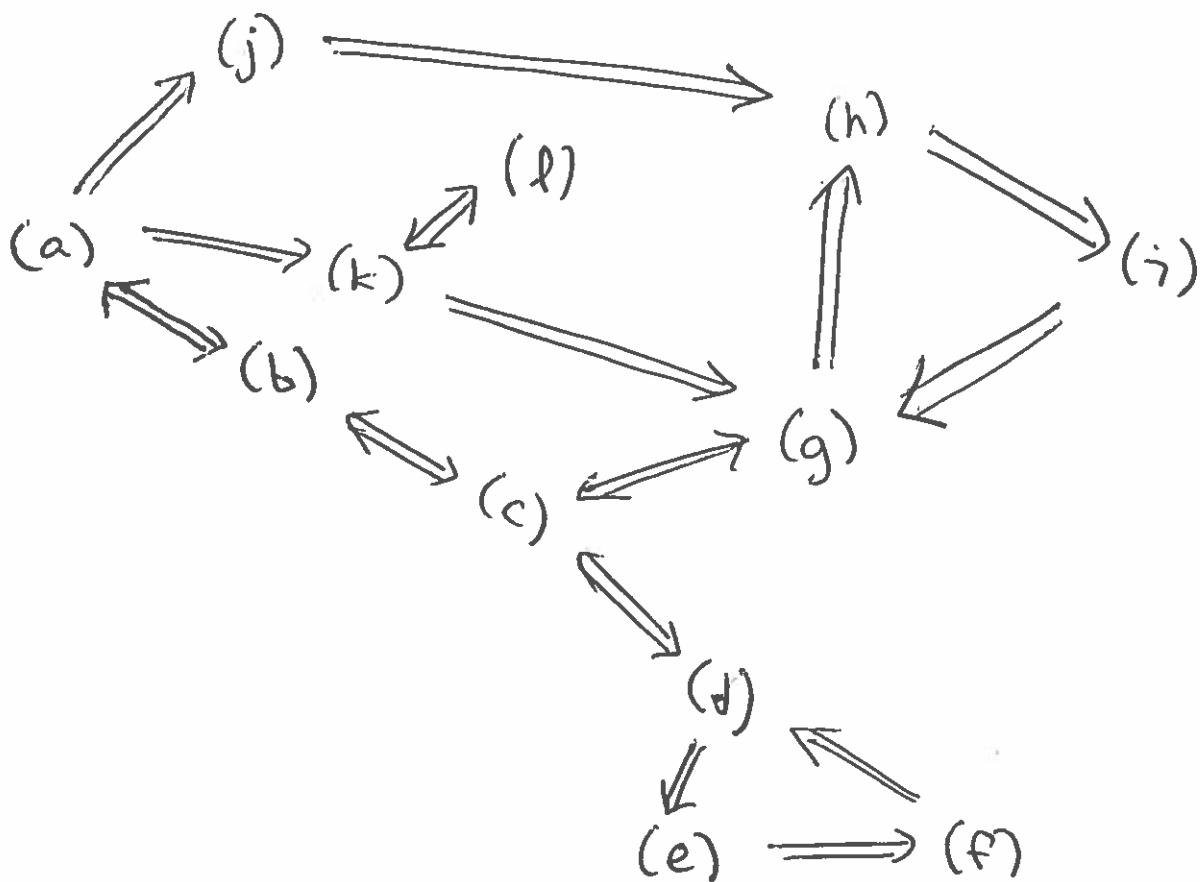
"A is an invertible matrix" means there is some other matrix " $A^{-1}$ " where  $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$  and  $A^{-1} \cdot A = I$ .

This section lists 11 other things about A that are equivalent.

- (a) A is invertible.
- (b) A row reduces to I.
- (c) A has a pivot positions.
- (d) The equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution.
- (e) The columns of A are linearly independent.
- (f) The transformation  $T_A$  (defined by  $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ ) is one-to-one.
- (g) The equation  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has at least one solution for all vectors  $\vec{b}$ .
- (h) The columns of A span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (i) The transformation  $T_A$  is onto.
- (j) There exists a matrix C with  $A \cdot C = I$ .
- (k) There exists a matrix D with  $D \cdot A = I$ .
- (l)  $A^t$  is invertible.

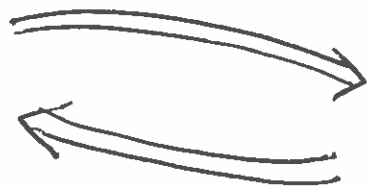
"left-inverse"

"right-inverse"



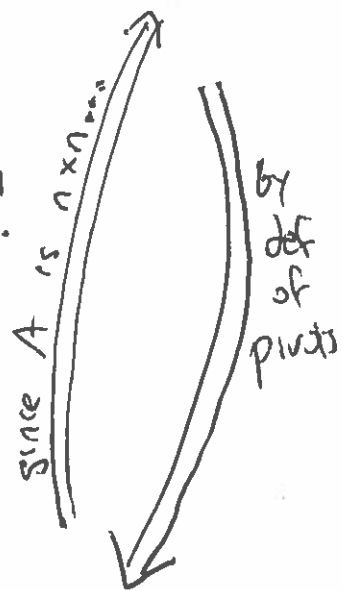
(a)  $A$  is invertible.

(There exists " $A^{-1}$ " with  
 $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$  and  
 $A^{-1} \cdot A = I$ )



(b) A row reduces to  $I$

In 2.2 we showed that the row reducers that change  $A$  to  $I$ , change  $I$  to  $A^{-1}$ .



(c) " $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ " has only the trivial solution.

$[A | \vec{0}]$  there's no free columns... so the system has 1 sol.

(c)  $A$  has  $n$  pivot positions.

(d) " $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ " only has trivial sol

nontrivial  
If  $A$ 's columns are dependent,  
there are  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  where  
 $c_1\vec{a}_1 + c_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$   $\iff$   $[\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$

(e) The  $n$  columns of  $A$   
are linearly independent

If  $T_A$  is not one-to-one, there  
are  $\vec{u} \neq \vec{v}$ , with  $T_A(\vec{u}) = T_A(\vec{v})$   
 $\implies T_A(\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{0}$   
 $\implies A \cdot (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{0} \implies (u_1 - v_1)\vec{a}_1 + (u_2 - v_2)\vec{a}_2 + \dots = \vec{0}$   
by item (e),  $u_1 = v_1, u_2 = v_2, \dots$   
contradiction.

a nontrivial sol  
to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

(f)  $T_A$  is one-to-one.

Assuming f...  $T_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$  forces  $\vec{x}$  to be  $\vec{0}$ .

$A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  only has  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
as a solution.

(d)

So item (d) is true.

(c)  $A$  has  $n$  pivots.

↕ we only have  $n$  rows  
by Theorem 4

(g) The equation " $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ " ~~is~~ is consistent  
for all  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

↘ there is an  $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$  solving  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ ,

(h) The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(For any  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there is some  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  with  
 $c_1\vec{a}_1 + c_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$ )

Take  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Assuming h,  $\exists c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  where  $c_1\vec{a}_1 + c_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + c_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$ .  $\Rightarrow A \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \vec{b} \Rightarrow T_A \left( \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = \vec{b}$ .

(i)  $T_A$  is onto.

(for every  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there is  $\vec{x}$  with  $T_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$ .)

Assuming (i), no matter what  $\vec{b}$  is,  $T_A(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$  has a solution. So no matter what  $\vec{b}$  is  $A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a sol.

(g)

(a)  $A$  is invertible.

(there is an " $A^{-1}$ " with  $A \cdot A^{-1} = I$  and  $A^{-1} \cdot A = I$ )

let  $C = A^{-1}$

let  $D = A^{-1}$

(j) There is a matrix  $C$  with  $A \cdot C = I$ .

Suppose  $\vec{b}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $(AC)\vec{b} = I\vec{b} = \vec{b}$

take vector  $C\vec{b}$ 's  $\Rightarrow A(C\vec{b}) = \vec{b}$

entries as weights for columns of  $A$  and...

(h) The cols of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (for any  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  there is an  $\vec{x}$  with  $x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n = \vec{b}$ )

(g) " $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ " has at least one solution  $\vec{x}$  no matter what  $\vec{b}$  is.

(k) There exists  $D$  with  $DA = I$

~~consider  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  
then  $(DA)\vec{b} = I\vec{b} = \vec{b}$~~

$\vec{x} = D\vec{b}$  is certainly one solution to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .

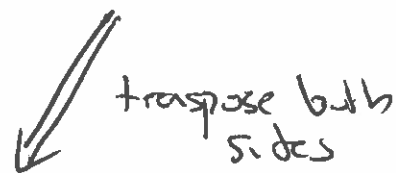
Consider  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow DA\vec{x} = D\vec{b}$   
 $\Rightarrow I\vec{x} = D\vec{b}$   
 $\vec{x} = D\vec{b}$

(l)  $A^T$  is invertible...



$A^T$  invertible  
 $(A^T)(A^T)^{-1} = I$  (now apply transpose... to both sides)  
 $((A^T)^{-1})^T \cdot \cancel{(A^T)^T} = I$   
 $A$  (take  $D$  to be  $((A^T)^{-1})^T$ )

(k) there is a matrix  $D$  where  $DA = I$ .



$$A^T \cdot \underline{D^T} = I$$

So  $A^T$  has a right inverse...  
by item (j)  $A^T$  is invertible...  
So (l).

Ex Is  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & -7 & 0 \\ 8 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible?

well  $A^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 & 8 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in REF, and it has 3 pivots. So  $A^+$  is invertible by item (c)

So by (1),  $A$  is invertible.

Ex Is  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & -3 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible?

don't waste effort on full RREF

start row reducing

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible?

we can see  $A$  has 4 pivot positions. By IMT (c),  $A$  is invertible

we can see that  $\bar{a}_4 = -2\bar{a}_1$ . The columns of  $A$  are not linearly indep.

By IMT (e),  $A$  is not invertible.

Ex  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  invertible?

Well,  $A^T$  has dependent columns. So by IMT,  $A^T$  is not invertible, So by IMT,  $A$  is not invertible.

Ex For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  
 If  $A$ 's columns are linearly independent,  
 do the columns of  $A^2$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

$A$ 's columns lin indep  $\xrightarrow{\text{IMT}}$   $A$  is invertible.

$$\implies A \cdot A^{-1} = I$$

$$\implies A A A^{-1} = A I$$

$$\implies A A A^{-1} A^{-1} = A I A^{-1}$$

$$= A^2 (A^{-1})^2 = I$$

by IMT  $\nearrow$

$A^2$  is invertible.

$\Downarrow$  IMT

columns of  $A^2$   
 span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

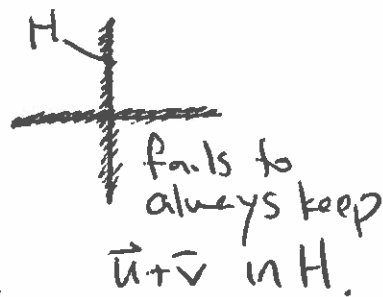
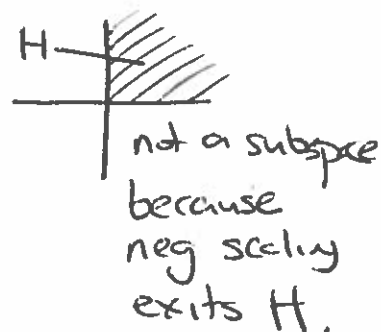
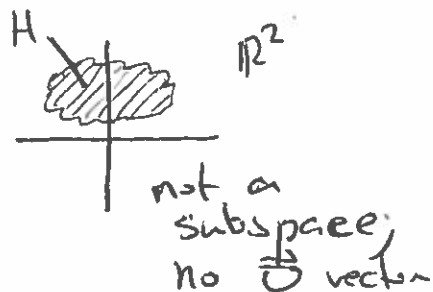
# 2.8 Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

set of all

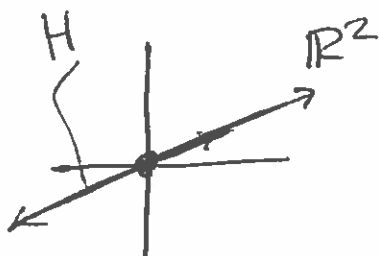
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

A subspace  $H$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where

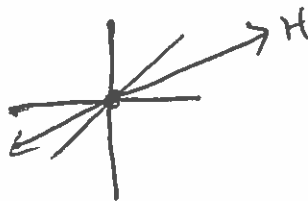
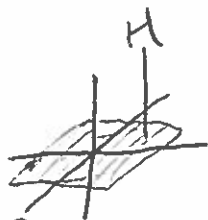
- $\vec{0}$  is in  $H$
- for  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are in  $H$ , it needs to be the case that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H$ .
- for  $\vec{u} \in H, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , it needs to be the case that  $c \cdot \vec{u}$  is in  $H$ .



subspaces      not subspaces



In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  any line through  $\vec{0}$  is a subspace



In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  any plane or line passing through  $\vec{0}$  is a subspace.

Fact Any span of a set of vectors is a subspace.

$$\text{If } H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_p \} \\ = \left\{ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p \mid c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

• Is  $\vec{0}$  in  $H$ ? Yes  $0\vec{v}_1 + 0\vec{v}_2 + \dots + 0\vec{v}_p \in H \\ \Rightarrow \vec{0} \in H$

• If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  are in  $H$ ...

$$\vec{b} = b_1 \vec{v}_1 + b_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + b_p \vec{v}_p$$

$$\vec{a} = a_1 \vec{v}_1 + a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_p \vec{v}_p$$

$$\text{Consider } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_1 + b_1) \vec{v}_1 + (a_2 + b_2) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + (a_p + b_p) \vec{v}_p$$

So  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is in  $H$ .

• If  $\vec{a}$  is in  $H$ ,  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\text{Then } c \cdot \vec{a} = (ca_1) \vec{v}_1 + (ca_2) \vec{v}_2 + \dots + (ca_p) \vec{v}_p$$

$\Rightarrow c\vec{a}$  is in  $H$

Ex In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , why is any line through  $\vec{0}$  automatically a subspace?

Because it is  $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}\}$

pick some vector on line other than  $\vec{0}$ .

Ex ~~Is~~  $\{\vec{0}\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?  
Is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

well  $\{\vec{0}\} = \text{Span}\{\vec{0}\}$ . So... yes.

We call  $\{\vec{0}\}$  a trivial subspace.

Ex Is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? Yes. Trivially (the other trivial subspace).

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , the column space of  $A$ ,  $\text{Col } A$ , is defined as the span of  $A$ 's columns. Note  $\text{Col } A$  is automatically a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\text{Col } A = \text{Span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Well,  $\text{Col } A$  is  $\text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

$\text{Col } A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
(any span is a subspace)

Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{Col } A$ ?  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Do scalars } c_1, c_2, c_3 \\ \text{exist such} \\ c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} ? \end{array} \right.$

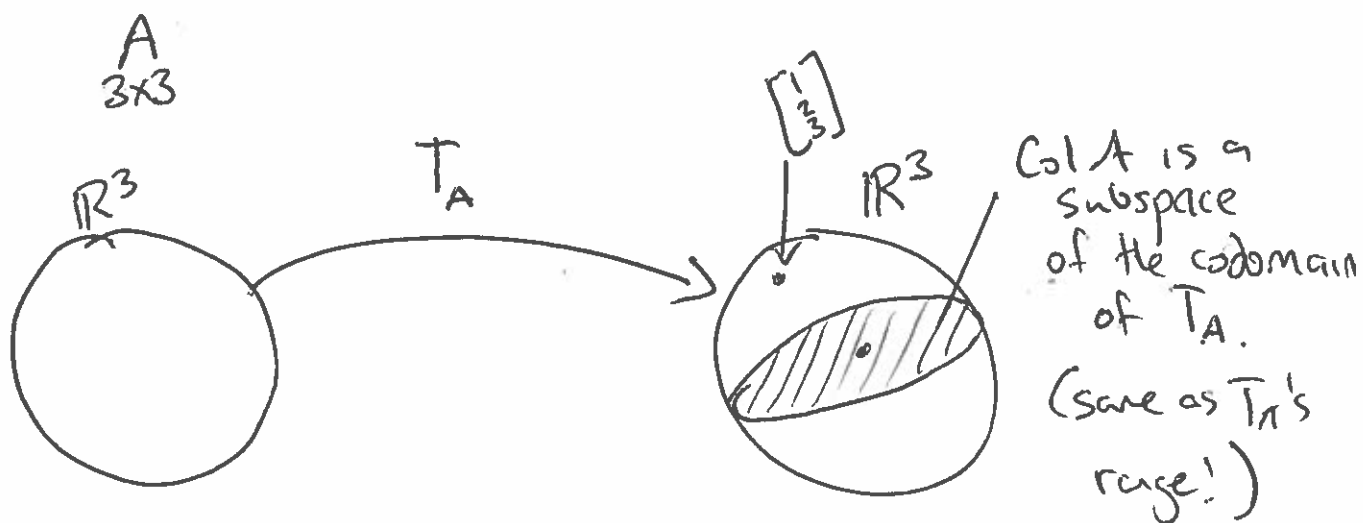
So...  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow{\text{REF}}$   $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{array} \right]$

No solution for  $c_1, c_2, c_3$ .

So... no.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not

in  $\text{Col } A$ .



Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , write  $\text{Col} A$  as a span of linearly independent vectors.

Trivial:  $\text{Col} A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$   
 but these are dependent.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-\bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 = \bar{a}_3$$

still holds here!

$$-\bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 = \bar{a}_3$$

wrote this for columns of  $A$ 's RREF...

$\bar{a}_3$  is redundant. The non-pivot column is redundant. So  $\text{Col} A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 9 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 11 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Write Col A  
as a Span  
of lin ind  
vectors.

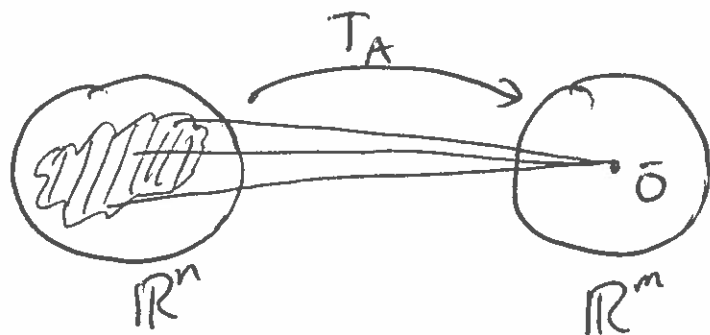
RREF  $\rightarrow$  1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> are pivot cols

So Col A = Span  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

The Null Space of A,  $\text{Nul } A$ , is defined as

$m \times n$  domain of  $T_A$

the set of all vectors  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  
 $A \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .



Is  $\text{Nul } A$   
a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

•  $\vec{0}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ ?  $\checkmark$

• If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are in  $\text{Nul } A$ , then  $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$  and  $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ .

Then  $A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ . So  $\vec{u} + \vec{v}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

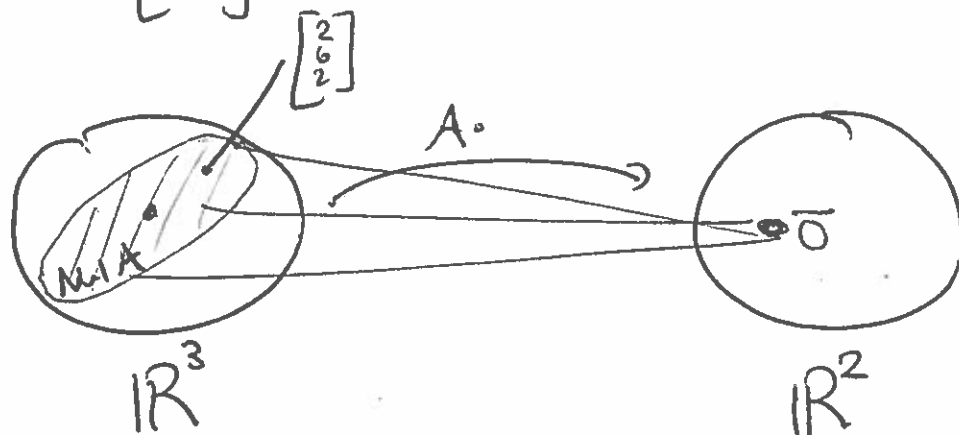
• If  $\vec{u}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ ,  $A(c\vec{u}) = c \cdot A(\vec{u}) = c\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

So  $c\vec{u}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\text{Nul } A$ ?

Check  $A \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Yes,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ .



Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -5 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\text{Nul } A$  as the span of linearly independent vectors.

Imagine  $\vec{x}$  is in  $\text{Nul } A$ . So...  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
 So  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$  to solve for  $\vec{x}$ .

RREF  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\downarrow$   $x_1 = x_2$   
 $\downarrow$   $x_2 = 3x_3$   
 $\downarrow$   $x_3$  free

So sol set is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x_3 \\ 3x_3 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

So solution set is  $\left\{ x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid \text{where } x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

So  $\text{Nul } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . (Done.)

Ex  
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -5 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Write  $\text{Nul } A$  as span of lin. indep vectors.

... the sol set to  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ ...

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 3 & 1 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{RREF}} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 7 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -11 & 1 & -7 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

RREF  
 $\xrightarrow{\dots}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 7/11 & -39/11 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/11 & 7/11 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$\downarrow$   $x_1$  free  
 $\downarrow$   $x_2$  free  
 $\downarrow$   $x_3$  free  
 $\downarrow$   $x_4$  free

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{11}x_3 - \frac{7}{11}x_4$$

$$x_1 = -\frac{7}{11}x_3 + \frac{39}{11}x_4$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{7}{11}x_3 + \frac{39}{11}x_4 \\ \frac{1}{11}x_3 - \frac{7}{11}x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -7/11 \\ 1/11 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} 39/11 \\ -7/11 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Nul } A = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -7/11 \\ 1/11 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 39/11 \\ -7/11 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

