

$R(A) \equiv$ column space of A

$$\begin{aligned} \dim R(A) &= \text{rank } A \\ &= \# \text{ L.I. columns of } A \\ &= \# \text{ L.I. Rows of } A \\ &= \# \text{ of nonzero pivots associated with } A \\ &= \# \text{ of nonzero singular values associated with } A \\ &= \text{dim of the largest nonzero determinant} \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

$$\dim R(A^T) = r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{N}(A) &= n - r \\ &= (\# \text{ of variables}) - (\# \text{ of basic variables}) \\ &= \# \text{ of free variables} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \mathcal{N}(A^T) &= m - r \\ &= (\# \text{ of equations}) - (\# \text{ of basic variables}) \\ &= \# \text{ of constraints on } b \text{ vector.} \end{aligned}$$

General solution

claim:

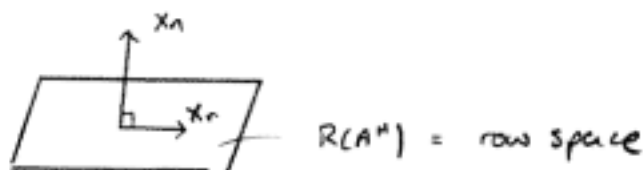
Any solution x to $Ax = b$ may be written as:

$$x = x_r + x_n$$

where $x_n \in \mathcal{N}(A)$, i.e. $Ax_n = 0$

$x_r \in R(A^T)$, i.e. $x_r = A^T v$ for some v

Visualize



Claim $x_r \perp x_n$

Check
$$\begin{aligned} x_r^H x_n &= y^H A x_n \\ &= y^H 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad x_r \perp x_n !$$

Facts

- 1) Elements in $\mathcal{N}(A)$ are \perp (orthogonal) to elements in $R(A^H)$

Idea:
$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right]^A \left[\begin{array}{c} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{array} \right] = 0$$

2) $R(A^H) = [\mathcal{N}(A)]^\perp$

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Relationships

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- Two important $Ax = b$ problems

- 1) suppose $Ax = b$ has no solution

Find x which minimizes the distance between b and $Ax \sim \|b - Ax\|$

Least "Square" Error (LSE) Problem

2) Suppose $Ax=b$ has a solution but it is not unique.

Find a solution x which minimizes the size of x , $\|x\|$.

Minimum Norm Problem.

• Solving LSE Problems

$$\min_x \|b - Ax\|$$

Define: $\langle y, z \rangle = z^T y$ ← inner product

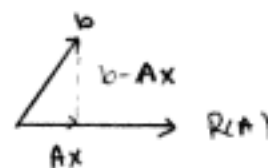
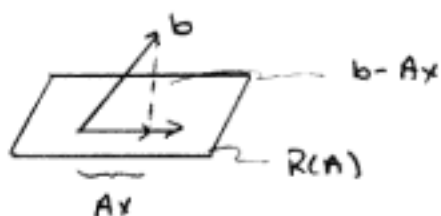
std
euclidean
norm

$$\Rightarrow \|z\| = \sqrt{\langle z, z \rangle} = \sqrt{z^T z}$$

Solution

x is a minimizing solution iff

$$b - Ax \perp R(A)$$



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$$\perp Ay \text{ for all } y$$

$$y^T A^T (b - Ax) = 0 \text{ for all } y$$

$$y^T (A^T b - A^T Ax) = 0 \text{ for all } y$$

$$\therefore \text{holds for } y = A^T b - A^T Ax$$

and

$$y^T y = 0 \therefore y = 0$$

$$A^T Ax = A^T b$$