

# Orthogonality of the Four subspaces

Looking ahead (part I) (part II)

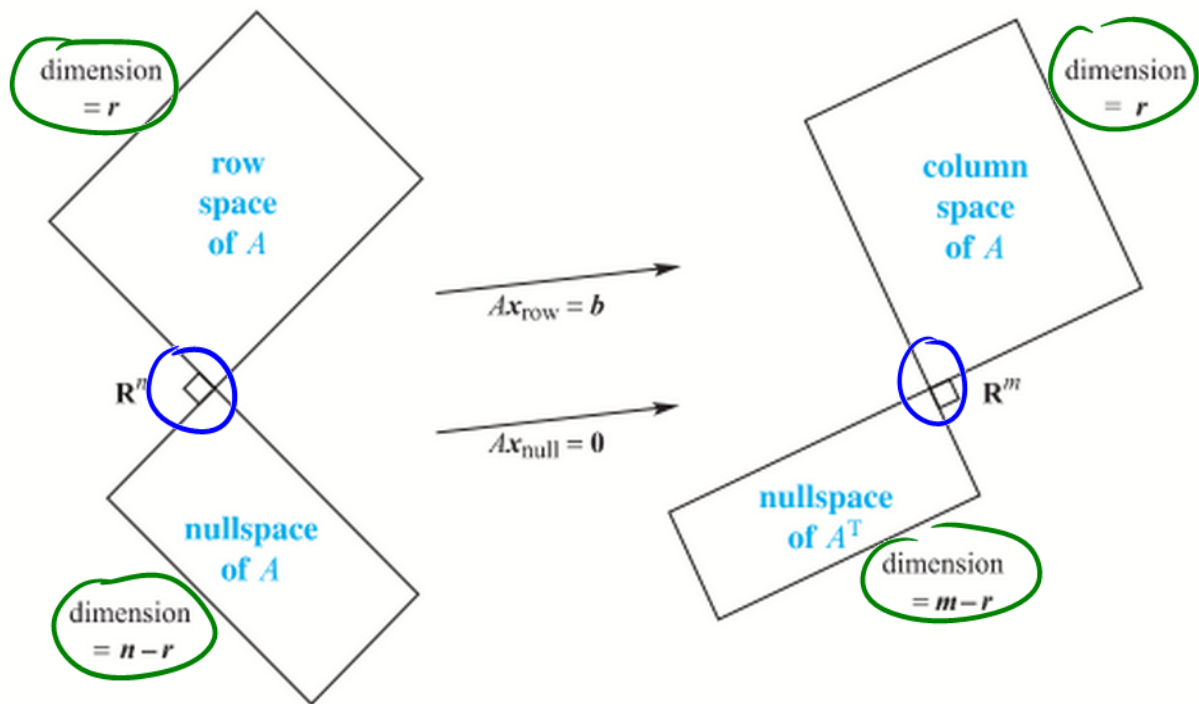
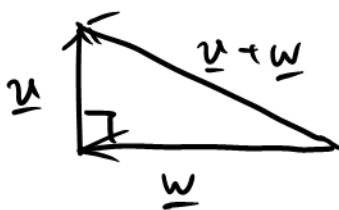


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## Orthogonal vectors



Two vectors are orthogonal (= perpendicular) if  $\underline{u}^T \underline{w} = 0$   
 or  $\|\underline{u} + \underline{w}\|^2 = \|\underline{u}\|^2 + \|\underline{w}\|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} (\underline{u} + \underline{w})^T (\underline{u} + \underline{w}) &= \underline{u}^T \underline{u} + \underline{w}^T \underline{w} + \underline{w}^T \underline{u} + \underline{u}^T \underline{w} \\ &= \|\underline{u}\|^2 + \|\underline{w}\|^2 \Rightarrow \underline{w}^T \underline{u} = \underline{u}^T \underline{w} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

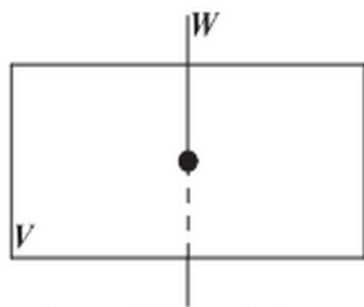
Note: All vectors are orthogonal to zero vector

# Orthogonal subspaces

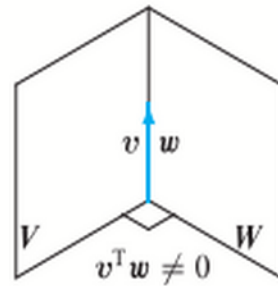
**Def** Subspace  $S$  is orthogonal to subspace  $T$  if every vector in  $S$  is orthogonal to every vectors in  $T$

$$(\underline{v}^T \underline{w} = 0 \quad \forall \underline{v} \in S, \quad \forall \underline{w} \in T)$$

Ex:



orthogonal line and plane



non-orthogonal planes

Figure 23: Orthogonality is impossible when  $\dim V + \dim W >$  dimension of whole space.

( If  $S \cap T$  contains any vector (except  $\underline{0}$  )  
 $\Rightarrow S$  &  $T$  cannot be orthogonal )  
 (  $\underline{0}$  is orthogonal to itself  $\underline{0}^T \underline{0} = 0$  )

Nullspace is orthogonal to row space

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

Why?  $\forall \underline{x} \in N(A), A \underline{x} = \underline{0}$

$$A \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{row 1} \\ \text{row 2} \\ \vdots \\ \text{row } m \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{row 1} \cdot \underline{x} = 0 \\ \text{row 2} \cdot \underline{x} = 0 \\ \vdots \\ \text{row } m \cdot \underline{x} = 0 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{x}$  is orthogonal to every row of  $A$

so it's also orthogonal to all comb. of

rows of  $A \Rightarrow N(A) \perp C(A^T)$

Left Nullspace is orthogonal to col. space

$N(A^T) \perp C(A)$ ; both orthogonal subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

Reason:  $\forall \underline{y} \in N(A^T), A^T \underline{y} = \underline{0}$

$$A^T \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{col } 1^T \\ \text{col } 2^T \\ \vdots \\ \text{col } n^T \end{bmatrix} \underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{y}$  is orthogonal to every col. of  $A$

$\Rightarrow \dots \dots \dots$  all comb. of cols of

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

Orthogonal complements (V perp)

**Def** The orthogonal complement  $V^\perp$  of subspace  $V$  contains every vector perpendicular to  $V$

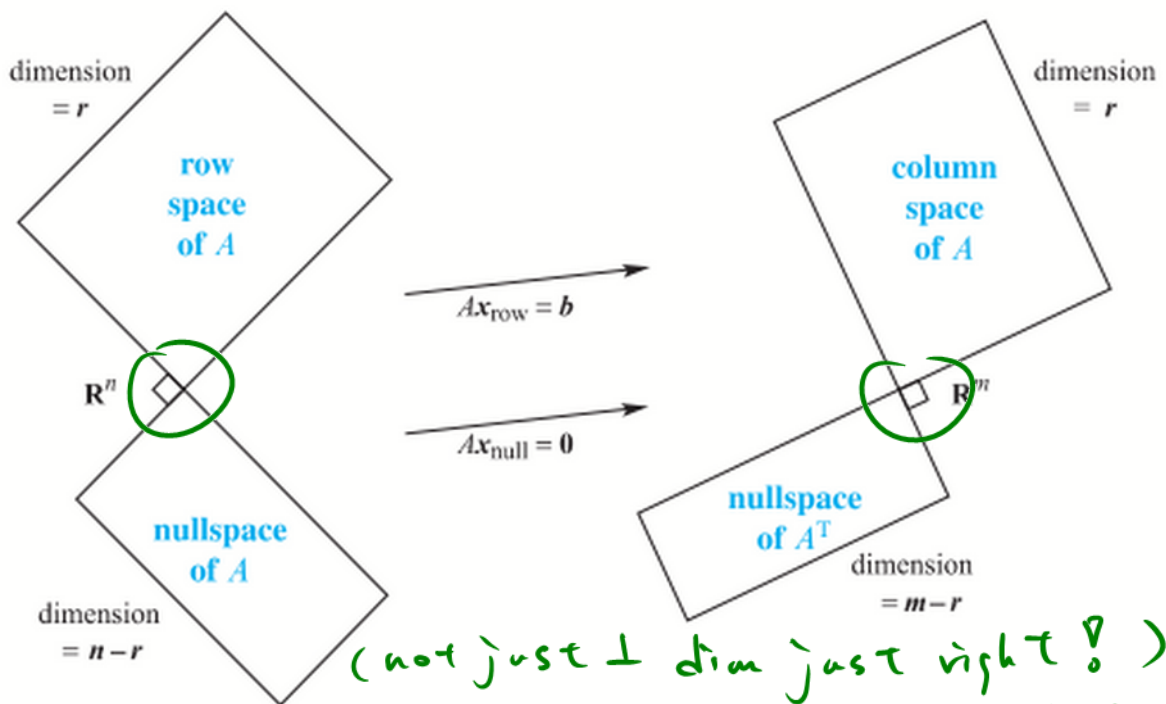


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# Fundamental Thm of Linear Algebra (part II)

(1)  $N(A)$  is the orthogonal complement of  $C(A^T)$   
(in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

(2)  $N(A^T)$  " " " " of  $C(A)$   
(in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ )

Reason for (1):

$$\forall \underline{x} \text{ orthogonal to rows of } A, A\underline{x} = \underline{0} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{x} \in N(A) \Rightarrow N(A) = C(A^T)^\perp$$

(reverse is also true, i.e.,  $C(A^T) = N(A)^\perp$ )  
PS by contradiction: if  $\exists \underline{v}$  orthogonal to  $N(A)$   
but not in  $C(A^T)$ , we can add  $\underline{v}$  as a  
new row of matrix:  $A' = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ \underline{v}^T \end{bmatrix}$  without  
changing  $N(A)$  (if  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$ , then  $A'\underline{x} = \underline{0}$   
since  $\underline{v}^T \underline{x} = 0$ )

$$\text{then } \dim C(A'^T) = \dim C(A^T) + 1 = r + 1$$

$$\text{but } \dim N(A') = \dim N(A) = n - r$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - r) + (r + 1) = n + 1 \neq n \text{ (contradiction!)}$$

(Reason for (2) follows by changing  $A$  to  $A^T$ )

Ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dim C(A^T) = 1 \Rightarrow \dim N(A) = 3 - 1 = 2$$

(basis:  $(1, 2, 5)$ ) (basis: two special sols)

By orthogonal complement,  $N(A)$  is the plane  
perpendicular to  $(1, 2, 5)$

## Row space & Nullspace components

Since  $C(A^T)$  &  $N(A)$  are orthogonal complements  
 $(C(A^T) = N(A)^\perp \text{ \& } N(A) = C(A^T)^\perp)$

every  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be splitted into

$$\underline{x} = \underbrace{\underline{x}_r}_{\substack{\text{row space} \\ \text{component}}} + \underbrace{\underline{x}_n}_{\substack{\text{nullspace component} \\ \text{(later)}}}$$

(will prove this)

### Multiplying by A

Note 1:  $A \underline{x}_n = \underline{0}$  (nullspace component goes to zero)

Note 2:  $A \underline{x}_r = A \underline{x} = \underline{b}$  (row space component goes to  $C(A)$ )

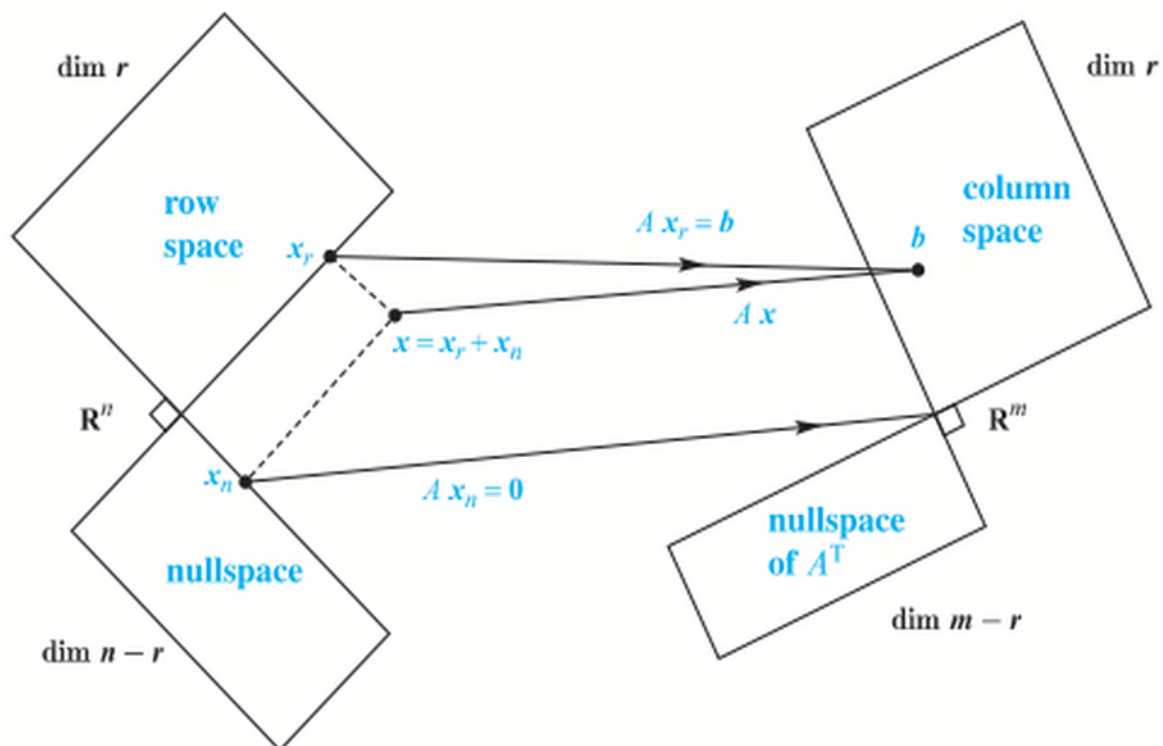


Figure 25: This update of Figure 24 shows the true action of  $A$  on  $\underline{x} = \underline{x}_r + \underline{x}_n$ . Row space vector  $\underline{x}_r$  to column space, nullspace vector  $\underline{x}_n$  to zero.

Note 3: Every vector  $\underline{b} \in C(A)$  comes from a unique vector  $\underline{x}_r \in C(A^T)$

(pf:  $\exists \underline{x}_r, \underline{x}_{r'} \in C(A^T)$  s.t.

$$A\underline{x}_r = A\underline{x}_{r'} \Rightarrow A\underline{x}_r - A\underline{x}_{r'} = \underline{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(\underline{x}_r - \underline{x}_{r'}) = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{x}_r - \underline{x}_{r'} \in N(A)$$

$$\text{Since } \underline{x}_r, \underline{x}_{r'} \in C(A^T) \Rightarrow \underline{x}_r - \underline{x}_{r'} \in C(A^T)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_r - \underline{x}_{r'} = \underline{0} \text{ since } N(A) \perp C(A^T)$$

This implies that there is a  $r \times r$  invertible matrix hiding inside  $A$

(From  $C(A^T) \rightarrow C(A)$ ,  $A$  is invertible & pseudo-inverse will invert it in sec. 7.3)

Ex:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{3} & \boxed{0} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{5} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{invertible}}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & \boxed{3} & 4 & 5 \\ \boxed{1} & 2 & \boxed{4} & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ invertible}}$$

### Combining Bases from subspaces

Recall: Basis = indep. + span the space

But when the count is right, we only need one of them, i.e.,

- Any  $n$  indep. vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must span  $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$  they are basis

- Any  $n$  vectors that span  $\mathbb{R}^n$  must be indep.  $\Rightarrow$  they are basis

Equivalent statements: ( $A_{n \times n}$ )

- If  $n$  cols of  $A$  are indep, they span  $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  solvable  $\forall \underline{b}$
- If  $n$  cols of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , they are indep.  $\Rightarrow A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  has only one sol.

(PF: If  $n$  cols indep, then no free vars  $\Rightarrow$  sol.  $\underline{x}$  unique &  $n$  pivots  
 $\Rightarrow$  back sub. solves  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  sol. exists

If  $n$  cols span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  is solvable  $\forall \underline{b}$  (sol. exists)  
 $\Rightarrow n$  pivots  $\Rightarrow$  no free vars  
 $\Rightarrow$  sol. unique)

Combining bases from  $C(A^T)$  &  $N(A)$

We have  $r$  basis from  $C(A^T)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $(n-r) \dots \dots N(A) \dots \mathbb{R}^n$

Combined together

A total of  $r + (n-r) = n$  indep. vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , they span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\left( \text{If } \underbrace{a_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + a_r \underline{v}_r}_{\underline{x}_r} + \underbrace{a_{r+1} \underline{v}_{r+1} + \dots + a_n \underline{v}_n}_{\underline{x}_n} = \underline{0} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_r = -\underline{x}_n \Rightarrow \underline{x}_r, \underline{x}_n \text{ in both}$$

$$C(A^T) \text{ \& } N(A) \text{ but } C(A^T) \perp N(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_r = \underline{x}_n = \underline{0}$$

Since  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_r$  are basis of  $C(A^T)$

$\underline{v}_{r+1}, \dots, \underline{v}_n \dots \dots \dots N(A)$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_r = a_{r+1} = \dots = a_n = 0$$

( $n$  vectors are indep.)

So for every  $\underline{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\underline{x} = \underline{x}_r + \underline{x}_n$$