



Thm. If  $A \in M_{n \times n}$ , then

$$\dim(\text{Null}(A)) = \# \text{ of free variables}$$

$$\dim(\text{Null}(A)) + \dim(\text{Col}(A)) = n.$$

$$= n - \# \text{ pivots} \\ = n - \dim(\text{Row}(A))$$

Pf. Denote  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_s\}$  to be a basis of  $\text{Null}(A)$ .

$\{\vec{d}_1, \dots, \vec{d}_t\}$  to be a basis of  $\text{Col}(A)$ .

For each  $\vec{d}_i$  we choose  $\vec{v}_i$  s.t.  $A(\vec{v}_i) = \vec{d}_i$ .

Now we claim that  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_s, \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_t\}$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

1)  $\{\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_t\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\forall \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n. \quad A\vec{w} = \sum \beta_i \vec{d}_i$$

$$\Rightarrow A(\vec{w} - \sum \beta_i \vec{v}_i) = A\vec{w} - \sum \beta_i A(\vec{v}_i) \\ = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{w} - \sum \beta_i \vec{v}_i \in \text{Null}(A)$$

$$\text{so } \vec{w} - \sum \beta_i \vec{v}_i = \sum \alpha_i \vec{e}_i \quad \text{for some } \alpha_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{w} = \sum \alpha_i \vec{e}_i + \sum \beta_i \vec{v}_i$$

2) Linear Independent:

$$\text{Suppose } \vec{w} = \sum \alpha_i \vec{e}_i + \sum \beta_i \vec{v}_i = \vec{0}.$$

$$\text{Then } A\vec{w} = \sum \beta_i \vec{d}_i = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \beta_i = 0 \text{ since } \{\vec{d}_i\} \text{ are}$$

and then  $\sum \alpha_i \vec{e}_i = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0$  since  $\{\vec{e}_i\}$  are linearly independent.

$\{\vec{e}_i\}$  is linearly independent.

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# Determinant

1.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$

$$a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{33} + a_{12} \cdot a_{23} \cdot a_{31} + a_{13} \cdot a_{21} \cdot a_{32}$$

$$\ominus (a_{13} \cdot a_{22} \cdot a_{31} + a_{12} \cdot a_{21} \cdot a_{33} + a_{11} \cdot a_{23} \cdot a_{32})$$

2. Another equivalent definition is to use minor

$$a_{11} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} - a_{12} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix} + a_{13} \cdot \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

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minor<sub>1,1</sub> minor<sub>1,2</sub> minor<sub>1,3</sub>

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a \cdot d - b \cdot c$$

3. Or one can define  $\det(A)$  to be

$$a_{11} \cdot m_{1,1} - a_{21} \cdot m_{2,1} + a_{31} \cdot m_{3,1}$$

$\det(A^T)$   
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 $\det(A)$

Thm.  $A \in M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  then.

1) switch  $\vec{r}_i$  and  $\vec{r}_j$   $R_{ij}$   $\det(R_{ij} \cdot A) = -\det(A)$

2) replace  $\vec{r}_i$  by  $\vec{r}_i + \lambda \vec{r}_j$   $R_{ij,\lambda}$   $\det(R_{ij,\lambda} A) = \det(A)$

3) scalar  $\vec{r}_i$  by  $\lambda$   $R_{i,\lambda}$   $\det(R_{i,\lambda} A) = \lambda \cdot \det(A)$

Therefore, we can use echelon form to compute  $\det(A)$ .

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} \vec{r}_1 = \vec{a} + \vec{b} \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{pmatrix} \right| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} \vec{a} \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{pmatrix} \right| + \left| \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b} \\ \vec{r}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{r}_n \end{pmatrix} \right|$$

if  $A'$  is an echelon form, then we compute that.

$$\det(A') = (A')_{11} \times (A')_{22} \times \dots \times (A')_{nn}$$

Use the 1st column det to compute determinant.

ex.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

①  $\leftrightarrow$  ②  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  4

③  $\rightarrow$  ③ - ①  
④  $\rightarrow$  ④ + ①  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  -4

③  $\rightarrow$  ③  $\times \frac{1}{2}$   $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  -2

④  $\rightarrow$  ④ + ③  
③  $\rightarrow$  ③ + ②  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  -2