

Lecture 15: Quick review from previous lecture

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix.

- The **kernel** of A is

$$\ker A = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n : A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}\}$$

- The **image** of the matrix A is the set containing of all images of A , that is,

$$\text{img } A = \{A\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\} = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$$

- The **coimage** of A is the image of its transpose, A^T . It is denoted $\text{coimg } A$:

$$\text{coimg } A = \text{img } A^T = \{A^T \mathbf{y} : \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } A^T\} = \text{span}\{\text{rows of } A\}$$

- The **cokernel** of A is the kernel of its transpose, A^T . It is denoted $\text{coker } A$:

$$\text{coker } A = \ker A^T = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m : A^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$$

Today we will

- continue discussing Sec. 2.5 the kernel and image, coker, and coimg.
- discuss Sect. 3.1 Inner Products

- Lecture will be recorded -

- Exam (2/1~~4~~²⁴, Wed.) is **closed book** and everyone needs to **open camera**.
- During the exam, you can see Exam 1 problems through
 - 1) Canvas:

Assignments → Exam 1

2) instructor's share screen via Zoom (contains first couple of problems due to the limit of screen).

However, there is an **alternate way** of building a **basis for coimg A** . This method will let us see a **profound connection** between “img A ” and “coimg A ”.

Observation.

- Performing for Gaussian elimination: (a) adding a multiple of one row to another row; and (b) permuting the order of rows, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} = A \xrightarrow{\text{row operations}} U \text{ (row echelon form)} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- Both row operations (a) and (b) above obviously do **not** change the row span (the **row space of A**)
 $\text{coimg } A = \text{span} \{ w_1, \dots, w_m \} = \text{span} \{ u_1, \dots, u_m \}$.

Consequently, we have

Conclusion 1: The row echelon matrix U has exactly the **same row space** as the original matrix A .

Conclusion 2: Therefore, we can construct a **basis for the (row space) coimg A**

by bringing A to row echelon form using Gaussian elimination, and take the **nonzero rows as the basis vectors**.

Example 5. The same matrix as in Example 3:

$$A \longrightarrow U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then a basis of coimg(A) (img(A^T)) is

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Fact 6: If the rank of A is r , the basis we construct for $\text{coimg } A$ will have r vectors. Thus,

$$\underline{\dim(\text{img } A)} = \underline{\dim(\text{coimg } A)} = r$$

$$\text{img } A = \text{span} \{ \text{columns of } A \}$$

$$\text{coimg } A = \text{span} \{ \text{rows of } A \}$$

§ coker A

To build a basis for **coker** A , solve the n -by- m homogeneous system $A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$, and set each free variable to 1, and the others to zero.

*In other words, apply the exact same procedure as for finding a basis for $\ker A$.

Q: What is the dimension of **coker** A ?

It is the number of free variables in $A^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$. Since A^T has m columns and rank r , there are $m - r$ free variables, hence

Fact 7: If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with $\text{rank}(A) = r$, then

$$\underline{\dim(\text{coker } A)} = \underline{m - r}$$

Summary:

We can summarize what we've learned about the four fundamental subspaces in the following theorem, called the *Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra*:

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, and let r be its rank. Then

$$\underline{\dim \text{coimg } A} = \underline{\dim \text{img } A} = \underline{\text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^T} = r,$$

$$\underline{\dim \ker A} = n - r,$$

$$\underline{\dim \text{coker } A} = m - r.$$

**Again, a very useful (and surprising) aspect of this theorem is that the column space and row space of A have the same dimension, equal to the rank r of A .

Summary

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with $\text{rank}(A) = r$.

$$A \xrightarrow[\text{row operations}]{} U \text{ (row echelon form)}$$

dim	Vector Space	Basis
$n-r$	$\ker(A)$	Solve $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, each free variable gives a basis vector
r	$\text{img}(A)$	columns of A where the pivots occur
r	$\text{coimg}(A)$	(1) columns of A^T where the pivots occur or (2) nonzero rows of U containing pivots
$m-r$	$\text{coker}(A)$	Solve $A^T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, each free variable gives a basis vector

Example 4: Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}_{3 \times 4}$$

Find a basis for $\ker A$, $\text{img} A$, $\text{coimg} A$, $\text{coker} A$, respectively.

$$A \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} - \textcircled{1} \end{matrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{rank } A = 2$$

① A basis for $\text{img} A$: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. $\dim(\text{img} A) = 2$

② " for $\text{coimg} A$: $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. $\dim(\text{coimg} A) = 2$

③ A basis for $\ker A$: $\dim(\ker A) = 4 - 2 = \underline{2}$

Find \mathbf{x} so that $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$. Free variables x_1, x_4

$$(2) : -x_2 - x_3 - 2x_4 = 0.$$

$$x_2 = -x_3 - 2x_4.$$

$$(1) : x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -x_3 - x_4$$

$$\ker A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -x_3 - x_4 \\ -x_3 - 2x_4 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a basis for } \ker A.$$

(4) A basis for $\text{coker } A = \ker(A^T)$: $\dim \text{coker } A = m - r = 1$.

$$\underline{A^T x = 0}$$

$$A^T \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{coker } A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_3 \\ -x_3 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \mid x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

A basis for $\text{coker } A$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. #

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{A_{m \times n}} & \mathbb{R}^m \\ \ker A & & \text{img } A \\ \text{cimg } A & & \text{coker } A \end{array}$$

3 Inner Products and Norms

3.1 Inner Products

§ Inner products in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^n

Definition: If $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)^T$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$ are any two vectors in \mathbb{R}^n , then we define their **inner product**, denoted $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$, by:

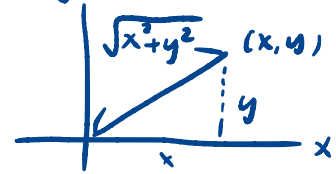
$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Note that

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \overbrace{\mathbf{y}^T}^{(y_1, \dots, y_n)} \overbrace{\mathbf{x}}^{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}} = \underline{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}} \quad (x_1, \dots, x_n) \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

As in \mathbb{R}^2 , if $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)^T$ is a vector, then the ‘‘Pythagorean Theorem’’ tells us that its length is given by $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, and is denoted by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle}$$



Definition: We will use this to define the length of vectors in \mathbb{R}^n and denote the length of a vector \mathbf{x} by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

We call $\|\mathbf{x}\|$ the **norm of \mathbf{x}** .

If $\mathbf{x} \neq 0$, then $\|\mathbf{x}\| > 0$. In addition, we also have

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = 0.$$

Example 1. If $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{y} = (-2, 1, 2)^T$, then

(1) find $\|\mathbf{x}\|$, $\|\mathbf{y}\|$, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y} \rangle$ and also normalize \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} .

(2) Is $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$?

$$(1) \quad \|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3.$$

normalize \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} .

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\|\mathbf{y}\|} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + 3\mathbf{y} \rangle = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = -5 + 0 + 7 \\ &= \underline{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + 3 \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle &= \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 3 \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\ &= 2 + 3 \cdot 0 = \underline{2}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Yes.

Q: Based on these observations on $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ on \mathbb{R}^n above, what properties do you think they should hold for a “general” inner product.

§ Abstract definition of general inner products

Definition: Let V be a vector space. An **inner product** on V is a function that assigns every pairing two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in V to obtain a real number, denoted

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle,$$

such that for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and scalars $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$, the following hold:

(1) **Bilinearity**:

$$\langle c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = c\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle + d\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle,$$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w} \rangle = c\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + d\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w} \rangle,$$

(2) **Symmetry:** $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{v} \rangle$,

(3) **Positivity:** $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle > 0$ whenever $\mathbf{v} \neq 0$. Moreover, $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{v} = 0$.

Definition: A vector space V equipped with a specific inner product is called an **inner product space**.

The associate **norm** of a vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ is defined as

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle}. \quad (\text{By (3), } \|\mathbf{v}\| \geq 0)$$

In other words, an inner product space V that is a vector space equipped with an additional way of pairing two vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in V to obtain a real number, denoted $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$.

vector space + "inner product" \Rightarrow inner product space

Example 2. We have known that the inner product on \mathbb{R}^n defined earlier by

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

satisfies these three axioms.

Example 3. Show that for all vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} in an inner product space V ,

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 = 2(\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \rangle \stackrel{(1)}{=} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2 + 2\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \|\mathbf{y}\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2 =$ To be continued!

§ The same vector space V can have many different inner products.

For example, while we originally equipped \mathbb{R}^n with the standard inner product $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$, we can also define “other” inner products on \mathbb{R}^n as well. See discussions below.

Example 4. (Another inner products on \mathbb{R}^n) If c_1, \dots, c_n are positive numbers, we can define

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = c_1 x_1 y_1 + \dots + c_n x_n y_n = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i y_i. \quad (1)$$

This is a legitimate inner product (check this as an exercise). It is called a **weighted inner product**, with weights c_1, \dots, c_n .

Observe that while we can write the ordinary inner product on \mathbb{R}^n as $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$, we can write the above **weighted inner product** as