

L21: Tues., Apr. 18.

Last time: Rank - nullity  
Range / onto

This time: Quick recap of... the class?  
Determinants.

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The following statements are equivalent:

•  $A$  row-reduces to  $I_n$  ( $A$  is row-equiv. to  $I_n$ )

• For any  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique solution

•  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  has only the trivial solution

$$\vec{x} = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$$
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 & \dots & \vec{a}_n \\ | & | & | & & | \\ | & | & | & & | \\ | & | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

•  $\dim(\text{col}(A)) = n$ .  $\text{col}(A) = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$A\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{a}_n$$

•  $\dim(\text{nul}(A)) = 0$ .  $\text{nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}_n\}$

•  $A^{-1}$  exists ( $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  implies that, further  $A_L^{-1} = A_R^{-1} = A^{-1}$ )

• The columns of  $A$  are linearly independent

• The rows of  $A$  are linearly independent.

• The columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$

• The rows of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

• The l.t.  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  s.t.  $L(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ , has range  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\text{ran}(L) = \text{col}(A)$$

• The l.t. above has kernel  $\ker(L) = \text{nul}(A) = \{\vec{0}_n\}$



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- The l.t. is onto, because  $\text{ran}(L) = \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- The l.t. is one-to-one because  $\text{mul}(A) = \ker(L) = \{\vec{0}_m\}$ .

Determinants.

Recall (?): Let  $S := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be the set of the  $1^{\text{st}}$   $n$  many positive integers. An arrangement  $j_1 j_2 j_3 \dots j_n$  of the elts. of  $S$  is called a permutation of  $S$ .

Ex. If  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then

4213	is a perm. of $S$
3241	— " —
2134	— " —
1234	— " —
4321	— " —

There are  $\frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{4!}$  many ~~choices~~ permutations of  $S$ .  
"four factorial"

EX. The permutation 4132 of  $S$  corresponds to a function  $f: S \rightarrow S$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 4 \\ f(2) &= 1 \\ f(3) &= 3 \\ f(4) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Ex.  $1234 \rightarrow 2134 \rightarrow 2314 \rightarrow 3214 \rightarrow 3241$   
(4 swaps)

IDEA: The # of inversions of a permutation is equal to the # of swaps necessary to get that permutation from  $123\dots n$ .

("Proof by example" - see above)

(Actual proof - see p. 170-171 in text)

• If the # of swaps required to build a permutation is EVEN, then we call that permutation an EVEN PERMUTATION

• \_\_\_\_\_ ODD, \_\_\_\_\_ ODD \_\_\_\_\_

For any set  $S$ , exactly half of the permutations are odd; except  $S = \{1\}$  the other \_\_\_\_\_ are even.

e.g.,  $S = \{1, 2\}$  has  $|S| = 2$ , and  $2!$  is even

$S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  has  $|S| = n$ , and  $n! = [n \cdot (n-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2]$