

## Chapter 4 Review

**Theorem:** Let  $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  be a set of vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $A = [a_1 \dots a_m]$  be a matrix and  $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be the linear transform defined by  $T(x) = Ax$ . Let  $B$  be an echelon form of  $A$ . Then the following objects are equal:

- The set of vectors killed by  $T$ ,
- $\{x : Ax = 0\}$  (this is the set of homogeneous solutions to  $Ax = 0$ ),
- $\text{null}(A)$ ,
- $\{x : T(x) = 0\}$ ,
- $\ker(T)$ ,
- number of rows of all zeros in  $B$ ,

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- The set of vectors hit by  $T$ ,
  - $\{T(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^m\}$ ,
  - $\text{range}(T)$ ,
  - $\text{col}(A)$ ,
  - $\text{span}(S)$ ,

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- $\dim(\text{col}(A))$ ,
  - $\dim(\text{range}(T))$ ,
  - $\dim(\text{span}(S))$ ,
  - $m - \text{nullity}(A)$  (rank-nullity theorem),
  - $m - \dim(\ker(T))$ ,
  - $\dim(\text{row}(A))$ , (think of this as maximal number of linear independent equations in  $Ax = 0$ ),
  - number of pivots in  $B$ ,

**Example:** Let  $T(x) = Ax$ , where  $A$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & -4 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and has reduced echelon form  $B$  given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- What is the range of  $T$ ?
- What is the kernel of  $T$ ?
- What is the row space of  $A$ ?
- What is the rank of  $A$ ?
- What is the nullity of  $A$ ?
- Write the columns corresponding to the free variables as a linear combination of the pivot columns.

- What is the general solution to  $Ax = 0$ ?
- What is the general solution to  $Ax = [2 - 3, 4]^t$ ?
- What is a vector not in the range of  $T$ ?

**Example:** Answer all the same questions as above but for an invertible transform.

**Example:** Give an example of a linear transform  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(1, 1, 0) = (1, 0)$  and  $T(0, 1, 2) = (1, 2)$ .

- What is the smallest possible rank such an example could be?
- What is the largest possible rank such an example could be?
- What is the smallest possible nullity such an example could be?
- What is the largest possible nullity such an example could be?