

MAT240: Abstract Linear Algebra Lecture:

Question 1: Can we choose P, Q so that PAQ is “simpler”?

Question 2: What’s “simpler”?

Answer to Question 2:

Claim:

Let $B = \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ then $\text{rank}(B) = k$, where k is the number of row/columns of I

$$T_B: F^n \rightarrow F^m, \quad v \rightarrow Bv$$

$$\text{rank}(B) = \text{rank}(T_B) = \dim(R(T_B))$$

$$R(T_B) = \text{span}\{e_1 \dots e_k\}$$

$$\text{rank}(T_B) = k$$

“Elementary Matrices”

Three kinds $E_{i,j}^1, E_{i,c}^2, E_{i,j,c}^3$

1. $E_{i,j}^1 = \text{interchange row/column } i \text{ with row/column } j$

$$E_{i,j}^1 A = A \text{ with rows } i, j \text{ interchanged.}$$

$$A E_{i,j}^1 = A \text{ with columns } i, j \text{ interchanged.}$$

$$\text{Claim: } E_{i,j}^1 \text{ is invertible and } (E_{i,j}^1)^{-1} = E_{i,j}^1$$

$$\text{Proof: } E_{i,j}^1 E_{i,j}^1 = I$$

2. $E_{i,c}^2 = \text{multiply row or column } i \text{ by a constant } c \text{ (} c \text{ cannot equal } 0 \text{). If } c = 0, \text{ then the matrix is not invertible.}$

$$E_{i,c}^2 A = A \text{ with row } i \text{ multiplied by } c.$$

$$A E_{i,c}^2 = A \text{ with column } i \text{ multiplied by } c.$$

$$\text{Claim: } E_{i,c}^2 \text{ is invertible and } (E_{i,c}^2)^{-1} = E_{i,c}^2$$

$$\text{Proof: } E_{i,c}^2 E_{i,c}^{2-1} = I$$

3. $E_{i,j,c}^3 = \text{add a multiple of one row to another.}$

$E_{i,j,c}^3 A = A$ with c times row j added to row i .

$AE_{i,j,c}^3 = A$ with c times column j added to column i .

Claim: $(E_{i,j,c}^3)^{-1} = E_{i,j,-c}^3$

Proof: (as above)

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(\dots E_4 E_1 A E_2 E_3 \dots) = \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = k$$

So:

$E_{i,j}^1 A$: Interchange rows i & j

$E_{i,c}^2 A$: Multiply row i by c

$E_{i,j,c}^3 A$: Add c times row j to row i .

These are called "Elementary Row Operations"

Theorem: Every A can be r/c -reduced to $\begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{E.g } A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & 0 & 10 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 2 & 9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\frac{1}{4}R2, \frac{1}{8}R3, \frac{1}{6}R4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R1 \leftrightarrow R2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{5}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{R3-R1, R4-R1, \frac{1}{2}R2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & -1 & -\frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{R1-R2, R3*-\frac{4}{3}, R4*-2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{3} & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Corollary 1:

$$\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A^T)$$

Proof:

$$A \xrightarrow{r \setminus c \text{ operations}} \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^T \xrightarrow{c \setminus r \text{ operations}} \begin{pmatrix} I_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: these are not the same matrix, just in the set format.

Comment: it is hard to interpret A^T in VS.

A^T as a linear transformation:

$$A \in M_{m \times n} \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} | & | & | \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ | & | & | \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \text{span}(c_1, \dots, c_n) = \text{column} - \text{space}(A)$$

$$A \in M_{m \times n} \rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} \sim & r_1 & \sim \\ & \vdots & \\ \sim & r_n & \sim \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \text{span} = \text{row} - \text{space}(A)$$

Corollary 2: $\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{column} - \text{space}(A)) = \dim(\text{row} - \text{space}(A))$

Proof 1 (deals with the first equals sign in the equation above):

$$\dim(R(T_A)) = \text{rank} A$$

$$T_A e_i = c_i$$

$$R(T_A) = \text{span}(c_1, \dots, c_n)$$

$$\dim(R(T_A)) = \dim(\text{span}(c_1, \dots, c_n))$$

$$\text{rank}(A) = \dim(\text{column} - \text{space}(A))$$

Proof 2 (deals with the second equals sign in the equation above):

$$\dim(\text{row} - \text{space}(A)) = \dim(\text{column} - \text{space}(A^T))$$

$$\text{rank}(A^T) = \text{rank}(A)$$

$$= \dim(\text{column} - \text{space}(A))$$