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Gilbert Strang: professor at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

<https://math.mit.edu/~gs/>

His lectures on Linear Algebra are freely available at **MITOPENOURSEWARE**

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# Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a matrix of size  $(m \times n)$  then

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})^\perp$$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A})^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^T)^\perp$$

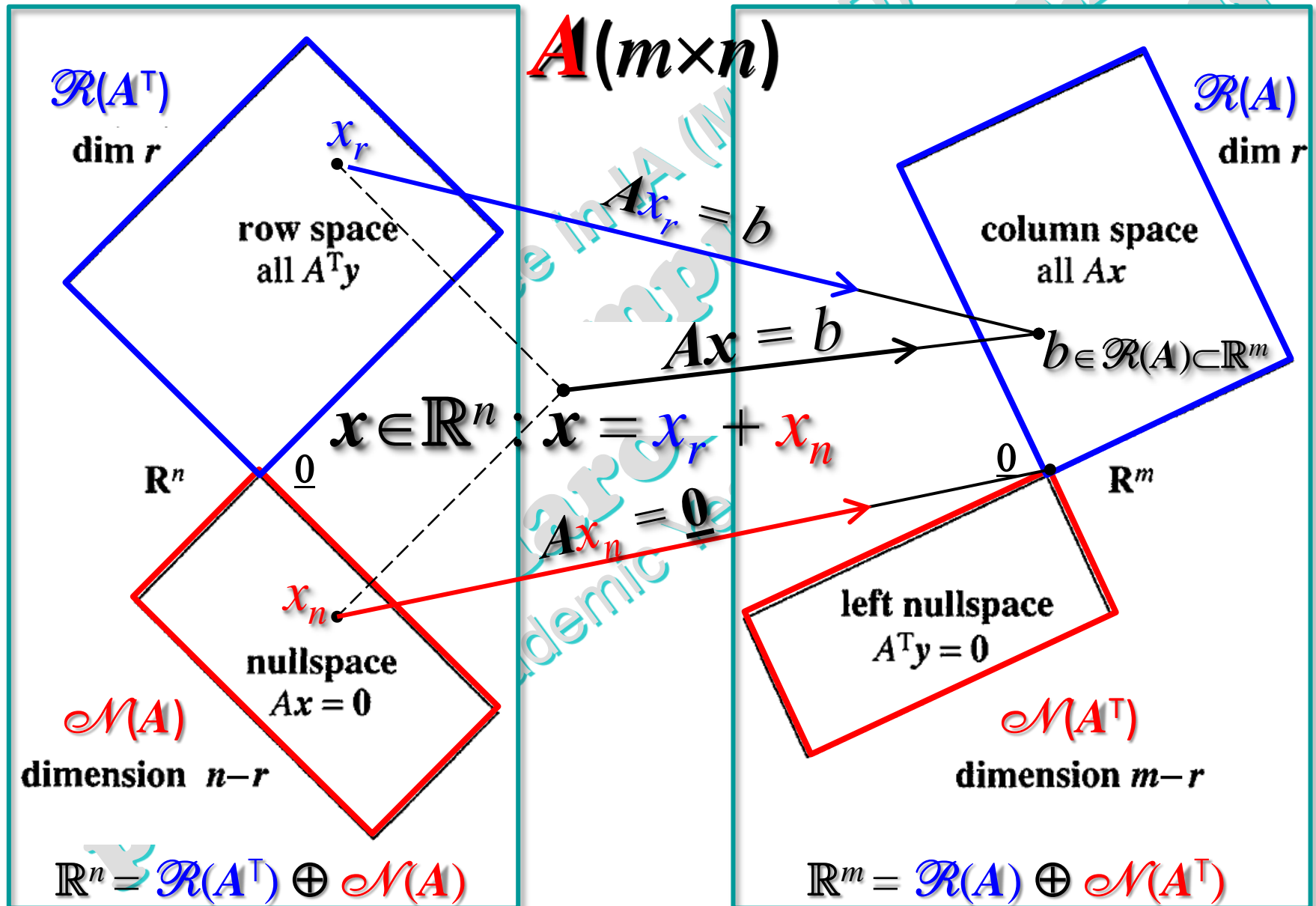
Its **proof** is based on the definition of  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A})$

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathbf{A} \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \}$$

It contains all the vectors ( $\mathbf{v}$ ) which are orthogonal to the rows in  $\mathbf{A}$ , so that it is orthogonal to  $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{A}^T)$ .

For the other two subspaces we consider  $\mathbf{A}^T$  in place of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Graphical representation of Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra





# Lab.: compute the 4 fund. subspaces of $A$ where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$A(3 \times 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(A), \mathcal{N}(A^T) &\subseteq \mathbb{R}^3 : \mathcal{R}(A) = \mathcal{N}(A^T)^\perp \\ \mathcal{R}(A^T), \mathcal{N}(A) &\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 : \mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{N}(A)^\perp \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp \iff \text{Grassmann Formula}$$

$$\dim[\mathcal{N}(A^T)] = 3 - \dim[\mathcal{R}(A)] = 1$$

## MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

```
A=sym([1 2 3; 4 7 5]');
disp(rank(A))
2
RA=colspace(A)
RA =
[ 1, 0]
[ 0, 1]
[-11, 7]
disp(rank(double([RA A])))
2
NAT=null(A')
NAT =
11
-7
1
disp(RA'*NAT)
0
0
```

the columns are independent

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

two basis for the same subspace

$$\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \perp \mathcal{R}(A) \begin{cases} \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 0 \\ \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\mathcal{R}(A), \mathcal{N}(A^T)$  are orthogonal

## MATLAB

```
A=[1 2 3; 4 7 5]';
disp(rank(A))
2
RAT=orth(A')
RAT =
-0.34998 0.93676
-0.93676 -0.34998
NA=null(A)
NA =
2x0 empty double matrix
```

$$\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{0\}$$

$\mathcal{N}(A)$  contains only the null vector

# Fundamental Theorem and its applications

Gauss elimination

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gauss elimination}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3 pivots

$$\dim[\mathcal{R}(A)] = 3 = \dim[\mathbb{R}^3]$$



"staircase" matrix S

$$\mathcal{R}(A) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

we can compute  $\mathcal{N}(A^T)$

without  $A^T$ , as  $\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp = \{\underline{0}\}$  ... why?

# Fundamental Theorem and its applications

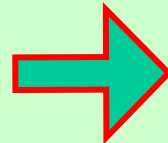
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{G^{\downarrow}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

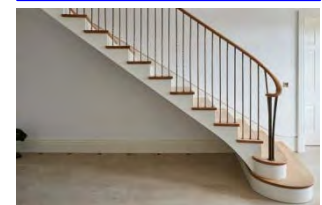
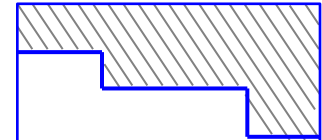
Gauss-Jordan elimination  
(row-reduced echelon form → SC2\_02c)

```
A=sym([1 0 2 0;0 2 2 0;1 -1 1 1]);
S=rref(A)
```

```
S =
[ 1 0 2 0 ]
[ 0 1 1 0 ]
[ 0 0 0 1 ]
```



"staircase" matrix S



```
RAT=colspace(A')
```

```
RAT =
[ 1, 0, 0 ]
[ 0, 1, 0 ]
[ 2, 1, 0 ]
[ 0, 0, 1 ]
```

```
RST=colspace(S')
```

```
RST =
[ 1, 0, 0 ]
[ 0, 1, 0 ]
[ 2, 1, 0 ]
[ 0, 0, 1 ]
```

$$\mathcal{R}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(S^T)$$

The row subspaces are the same

# Fundamental Theorem and its applications

MATLAB Symbolic Math Toolbox

```
A=sym([1 0 2 0; 0 2 2 0; 1 -1 1 1]);  
S=rref(A)
```

```
S =  
[ 1 0 0 ]  
[ 0 1 0 ]  
[ 0 0 1 ]  
[ 0 0 0 ]
```

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

"staircase" matrix  $S$   
row-reduced echelon form

```
RA=colspace(A)
```

```
RA =  
[ 1, 0, 0 ]  
[ 0, 1, 0 ]  
[ 2, 1, 0 ]  
[ 0, 0, 1 ]
```

```
RS=colspace(S)
```

```
RS =  
[ 1, 0, 0 ]  
[ 0, 1, 0 ]  
[ 0, 0, 1 ]  
[ 0, 0, 0 ]
```

```
rank(RA)
```

```
ans =
```

```
3
```

```
rank([RA RS])
```

```
ans =
```

```
4
```

$$\mathcal{R}(A) \neq \mathcal{R}(S)$$

The column subspaces differ



# Example

Compute the components of  $u=(3,2)^T$ , along the directions of  $V$  and  $w=V^\perp$ , where  $V=\text{span}\{v\}$ ,  $v=(2,1)^T$ .

$$V = \mathcal{R}(v)$$

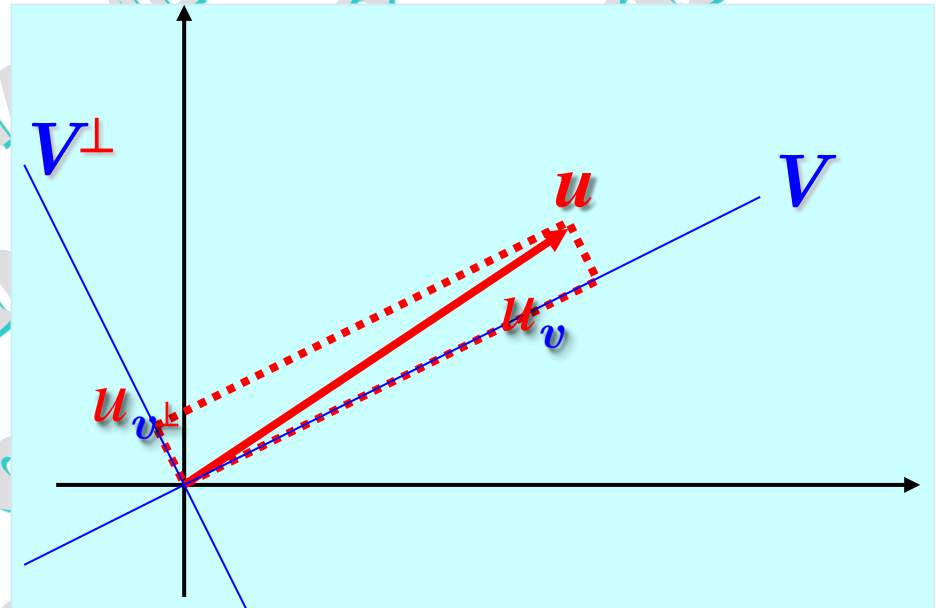
$$w = V^\perp = \mathcal{R}(v)^\perp = \mathcal{N}(V^T)$$

$$V^\perp = \text{span}\{(-1, 2)^T\}$$

$$u = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

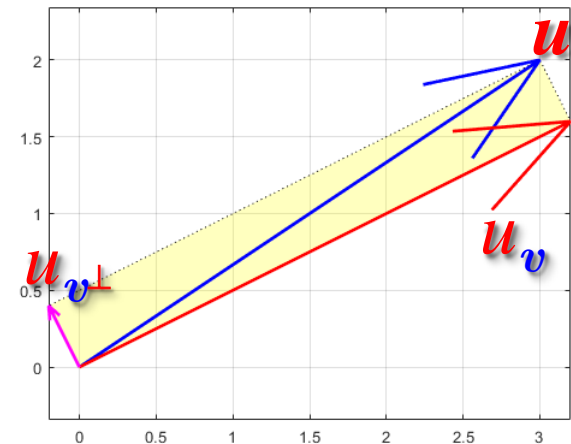
linear system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.6 \\ 0.2 \end{pmatrix}$$



```

u=[3 2]'; V=[2 1]';
W=null(V'); A=[V W]; c=A\u;
uV=c(1)*V; uW=c(2)*W;
P=[zeros(2,1) uV u uW];
figure; h=patch(P(1,:),P(2,:), 'y');
set(h, 'LineStyle', ':', 'FaceAlpha', 0.25);
axis equal; grid on; hold on; box on;
h=compass(complex(u(1),u(2)), 'b');
h=compass(complex(uV(1),uV(2)), 'r');
h=compass(complex(uW(1),uW(2)), 'm');
    
```



# Example

Compute, in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the angle between the planes:

$$\pi_1 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad \pi_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\pi_1 \equiv 3x + 5y - 6z = 0$$

$$\pi_2 \equiv z = 0$$

$$\eta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi_1 = \mathcal{R}(A), \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi_2 = \mathcal{R}(B), \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The coefficients of each cartesian equation form a basis for  $\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{R}(B)^\perp$

$$\mathcal{N}(A^T) = \mathcal{R}(A)^\perp \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N}(B^T) = \mathcal{R}(B)^\perp$$

```
[x,y]=meshgrid([-6 6]); z1=(3*x+5*y)/6;
z2=zeros(size(x)); surf(x,y,z1);
set(h,'FaceAlpha',.5); hold on; h=surf(x,y,z2);
n1=[3 5 -6]'; n2=[0 0 1]'; % normals
cosTH=dot(n1,n2)/(norm(n1)*norm(n2));
TH=acos(abs(cosTH))*180/pi;
disp([TH subspace(n1,n2)*180/pi])
```

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