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## Key Homework 13

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- a) True!
- b) False!
- c) True!
- d) False!

### Strang Page 5 no: 2

$A=[1 \ 3 \ 0 \ 2 \ -1; \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 4 \ -3; \ 1 \ 3 \ 1 \ 6 \ -4]$ ,  $R=rref(A)$

```
A =
  1     3     0     2    -1
  0     0     1     4    -3
  1     3     1     6    -4
R =
  1     3     0     2    -1
  0     0     1     4    -3
  0     0     0     0     0
```

Let  $E2inv$  denote the new  $E$  matrix consisting of the first two columns of  $E$ , while  $R2$  consists of the first two rows of  $R$ .

$E2inv=[A(:, 1) \ A(:, 3)]$ ,  $R2=R(1:2, :)$

```
E2inv =
  1     0
  0     1
  1     1
R2 =
  1     3     0     2    -1
  0     0     1     4    -3
```

We check the result.

$A$ ,  $E2InvR2=E2inv*R2$

```
A =
  1     3     0     2    -1
  0     0     1     4    -3
  1     3     1     6    -4
```

$$E2InvR2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Observe that reordering the rows of a matrix does not change the dependency relations among its columns. This implies that the Reduced Row Echelon form of a matrix is independent of the order of the rows. Reorder the rows of  $A$  to obtain a matrix  $B$  such that the first  $k$  rows of  $B$  are linearly independent and the last  $n - k$  rows of  $B$  are linear combinations of the first  $k$  rows of  $B$ . Computing the reduced row echelon form of  $B$  must result in a matrix with  $k$  non-zero rows. Since  $\text{rref}(B) = \text{rref}(A)$  this implies that  $k = r = \text{rank}(A)$ . We now know that the rank of  $A$  is not just the number of linearly independent columns of  $A$ , it is also the number of linearly independent rows of  $A$ . The latter gives us that  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same rank  $r$ , and therefore they have the same number of pivot columns even though the column numbers can be different.

As an example take:

$$A = [0 \ 0 \ 0; \ 0 \ 0 \ 0; \ 0 \ 1 \ 0], \quad \text{rref}A = \text{rref}(A), \quad \text{rref}A^T = \text{rref}(A')$$

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

$$\text{rref}A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rref}A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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a)

$$R = [1 \ 0 \ 2 \ 3; \ 0 \ 1 \ 4 \ 5; \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0], \quad x = \text{nulbasis}(R), \quad y = \text{nulbasis}(R')$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -3 \\ -4 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b)

$R=[0 \ 1 \ 2; \ 0 \ 0 \ 0; \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ ,  $x=\text{nulbasis}(R)$ ,  $y=\text{nulbasis}(R')$

```
R =
    0     1     2
    0     0     0
    0     0     0
x =
    1     0
    0    -2
    0     1
y =
    0     0
    1     0
    0     1
```

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a)

$A=[1 \ 2 \ 3; \ 1 \ 2 \ 4]$ ,  $\text{rrefA}=\text{rref}(A)$

```
A =
    1     2     3
    1     2     4
rrefA =
    1     2     0
    0     0     1
```

$\text{answer}=[A(:, 1) \ A(:, 3)]$

```
answer =
    1     3
    1     4
```

b)

$A=[1 \ 2 \ 3; \ 2 \ 4 \ 6]$ ,  $\text{rrefA}=\text{rref}(A)$

```
A =
    1     2     3
    2     4     6
rrefA =
    1     2     3
    0     0     0
```

$\text{answer}=[A(1, 1)]$

```
answer =
    1
```

c)

$A=[0 \ 1 \ 0; \ 0 \ 0 \ 1; \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$ ,  $\text{rrefA}=\text{rref}(A)$

```
A =
    0     1     0
    0     0     1
    0     0     0
```

```
rrefA =
    0     1     0
    0     0     1
    0     0     0
```

```
answer=[A(1:2, 2:3)]
```

```
answer =
    1     0
    0     1
```

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Gauss-Jordan elimination applied to this new matrix produces an  $m$  by  $r$  matrix  $P$ , whose first  $r$  rows form the  $r$  by  $r$  identity matrix, while the last  $m - r$  rows are zero rows. Clearly the rank of  $P$  equals  $r$ .

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In problem 7 we proved that the rank of a matrix equals the rank of its transpose,  $\text{rank}(P^T) = \text{rank}(P) = r$ .

```
A=[1 2 3; 2 4 6; 2 4 7], rrefA=rref(A)
```

```
A =
    1     2     3
    2     4     6
    2     4     7
```

```
rrefA =
    1     2     0
    0     0     1
    0     0     0
```

```
P=[A(:, 1) A(:,3)], PT=P', rrefPT=rref(P')
```

```
P =
    1     3
    2     6
    2     7
```

```
PT =
    1     2     2
    3     6     7
```

```
rrefPT =
    1     2     0
    0     0     1
```

```
ST=[PT(:,1), PT(:, 3)], S=ST'
```

```
ST =
    1     2
    3     7
```

```
S =
    1     3
    2     7
```

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a)

A column of  $AB$  equals  $A$  times the corresponding column of  $B$ . Therefore, if a column of  $B$  happens to be a linear combination of the previous columns of  $B$ , then the same column of  $AB$  will be the same linear combination of the previous columns of  $AB$ . In formula: If

$\vec{b}_k = \alpha_{k-1} \vec{b}_{k-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 \vec{b}_1$ , then

$$A \vec{b}_k = A (\alpha_{k-1} \vec{b}_{k-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 \vec{b}_1) = \alpha_{k-1} A \vec{b}_{k-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 A \vec{b}_1.$$

b)

Observe that the rank of  $B$  equals 1. It is trivially true that the rank of  $IB$  equals the rank of  $B$ .

The next lower rank number is zero. Only the zero matrix has rank zero.  $AB = 0$ , for instance if:

$$B = [1 \ 2; \ 3 \ 6], \quad A = [-3 \ 1; \ -3 \ 1], \quad AB = A \cdot B, \quad \text{rank} AB = \text{rank}(AB)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ A &= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ AB &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{rank} AB &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{rank}(B^T A^T) \leq \text{rank}(A^T) \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A B) \leq \text{rank}(A).$$

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If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n$  by  $n$  matrices and  $AB = I$ , then  $n = \text{rank}(I) = \text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank}(A) \leq n$ , which implies that  $\text{rank}(A) = n$ , so  $A$  is invertible and therefore  $B = A^{-1}$  and  $BA = I$ .

This is very quick proof of the fact that if a square matrix has a right inverse, then it is invertible. Similarly if, we focus on  $B$  rather than on  $A$ , we immediately deduce that if a square matrix has a left inverse, then it is invertible.

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a)

$$A = [1 \ 1 \ 0; \ 1 \ 1 \ 4; \ 1 \ 1 \ 8], \quad B = [A \ A], \quad \text{rref} A = \text{rref}(A), \quad \text{rref} B = \text{rref}(B)$$

```

A =
    1     1     0
    1     1     4
    1     1     8
B =
    1     1     0     1     1     0
    1     1     4     1     1     4
    1     1     8     1     1     8
rrefA =
    1     1     0
    0     0     1
    0     0     0
rrefB =
    1     1     0     1     1     0
    0     0     1     0     0     1
    0     0     0     0     0     0

```

```
EA=[A(:, 1) A(:, 3)], EB=EA
```

```
EA =
    1     0
    1     4
    1     8
EB =
    1     0
    1     4
    1     8

```

```
S1=EA(:, 1)*rrefA(1, : ), S2=EA(:, 2)*rrefA(2, : ), A, check=S1+S2
```

```

S1 =
    1     1     0
    1     1     0
    1     1     0
S2 =
    0     0     0
    0     0     4
    0     0     8
A =
    1     1     0
    1     1     4
    1     1     8
check =
    1     1     0
    1     1     4
    1     1     8

```

b)

```
T1=EB(:, 1)*rrefB(1, : ), T2=EA(:, 2)*rrefB(2, : ), B, check=T1+T2
```

```

T1 =
    1     1     0     1     1     0
    1     1     0     1     1     0
    1     1     0     1     1     0
T2 =
    0     0     0     0     0     0
    0     0     4     0     0     4
    0     0     8     0     0     8

```

```
B =
  1   1   0   1   1   0
  1   1   4   1   1   4
  1   1   8   1   1   8
check =
  1   1   0   1   1   0
  1   1   4   1   1   4
  1   1   8   1   1   8
```