

(3) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix that represents a linear transformation, $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Restate the following properties in terms of: rank A , col A , row A , and null A (you don't have to use all of them).

(a) T is onto.

$$\text{rank}(A) = m$$

(b) T is one-to-one.

$$\dim \text{Nul}(A) = 0$$

(c) A is invertible.

$$\text{rank}(A) = n = m$$

(d) T is the zero transformation.

$$\text{rank}(A) = 0$$

(4) Answer the following true or false questions. Justify your answers.

(a) If A is a 6×7 matrix and $RREF(A)$ has 6 pivots, then the map given by multiplication by A is one-to-one.

$$REF(A) \text{ has 6 pivots} \Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(A) = 6$$

$$\text{by rank thm, } 6 + \dim \text{Nul}(A) = 7 \Rightarrow \dim \text{Nul}(A) = 1$$

NOT one-to-one \Rightarrow False.

(b) If A is a 4×5 matrix and B is a 5×3 matrix then $\text{rank } A \leq \text{rank } B$.

False,

counter-example: let $B=0$ and $A \neq 0$.

(c) If A is an $n \times n$ rank matrix such that $\text{rank}(A^2) < n$, then $\text{rank } A < n$ as well.

True. We can equivalently prove $\text{rank } A = n \Rightarrow \text{rank } A^2 = n$.

$$A^2: \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{A} \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow A^2 \text{ is bijection}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{bijection} & \text{bijection} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank}(A^2) = n$$

(d) If A is a 4×5 matrix and B is a 5×3 matrix, then $\text{rank}(AB) \leq \text{rank } A$.

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$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(A) \geq \text{rank}(AB).$$