

# RANK & NULLITY CALCULATOR

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# **THEORETICAL FOUNDATION**

- 1 Span & Linear Combination**
- 2 Rank & nullity**
- 3 Linear Dependence & Independence**

# SPAN & LINEAR COMBINATION

If you have a set of vectors  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$ , their span is the collection of vectors that can be expressed in the form:

$$\{C_1V_1 + C_2V_2 + \dots + C_nV_n\}$$

Where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are scalars (real numbers). Essentially, the span of these vectors is the set of all vectors that can be formed by scaling and adding the original vectors.

# RANK AND NULLITY

The Rank of a Matrix is a fundamental concept in linear algebra that measures the number of linearly independent rows or columns in a matrix. It essentially determines the dimensionality of the vector space formed by the rows or columns of the matrix.

It helps determine:

- If a system of linear equations has solutions.
- The "usefulness" of rows or columns contributes to the matrix's information.

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

Rank(A) = 4

Nullity(A) = 2

# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE

A set of vectors  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$  is linearly independent if the vector equation

$$C_1V_1 + C_2V_2 + \dots + C_nV_n = 0$$

has only the trivial solution  $C_1 = C_2 = \dots = C_n = 0$ . The set  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$  is linearly dependent otherwise.

# LINEAR INDEPENDENCE PART 2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{gaussian elimination}} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{array}$$

**Default matrix**

**Augmented matrix**

**Row echelon form**

$$A_1 - 3A_2 + 5A_3 = 0$$

$$0A_1 + 1A_2 - 1A_3 = 0$$

$$0A_1 + 0A_2 - 1A_3 = 0$$

}

$$A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0$$

Which mean that this matrix is linearly independent.

Therefore, this matrix has a full rank of 3 and nullity of 0

# IMPLEMENTATION

## Normal way: Gaussian Elimination & REF

```
def gaussian_elimination(matrix):
    rows = len(matrix)
    cols = len(matrix[0])
    processing_matrix = [row[:] for row in matrix] # deep copy

    r = 0 # current row for pivot
    c = 0 # current column for pivot

    while r < rows and c < cols:
        # Find pivot in column c at or below row r
        pivot_row = None
        for k in range(r, rows):
            if processing_matrix[k][c] != 0:
                pivot_row = k
                break

        if pivot_row is None:
            # Entire column is zero, move to next column
            print(f"Pivot at column {c+1} is zero, cannot eliminate this column.")
            c += 1
            continue

        # Swap to put pivot at row r
        if pivot_row != r:
            processing_matrix[r], processing_matrix[pivot_row] = processing_matrix[pivot_row], processing_matrix[r]
            print(f"Swapped R{r+1} with R{pivot_row+1} because pivot was zero.")
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)
```

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        cur_pivot = processing_matrix[r][c]
        print(f"Select pivot at index [{r+1}][{c+1}]: {cur_pivot}")

        # Normalize pivot row (optional)
        if cur_pivot != 1:
            print(f"R{r+1} <- R{r+1} / {cur_pivot}")
            for j in range(c, cols):
                processing_matrix[r][j] /= cur_pivot
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)

        # Eliminate rows below
        for k in range(r + 1, rows):
            factor = processing_matrix[k][c]
            if factor == 0:
                continue
            print(f"R{k+1} <- R{k+1} - ({factor}) x R{r+1}")
            for j in range(c, cols):
                processing_matrix[k][j] -= factor * processing_matrix[r][j]
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)

        # Move to next pivot row and next column
        r += 1
        c += 1

    return processing_matrix
```

# IMPLEMENTATION OUTPUT

```
Original Matrix:
[1, 2, 3]
[0, 0, 4]
[0, 5, 6]
[0, 0, 0]

Select pivot at index [1][1]: 1
Swapped R2 with R3 because pivot was zero.
[1, 2, 3]
[0, 5, 6]
[0, 0, 4]
[0, 0, 0]

Select pivot at index [2][2]: 5
R2 <- R2 / 5
[1, 2, 3]
[0.0, 1.0, 1.2]
[0, 0, 4]
[0, 0, 0]

Select pivot at index [3][3]: 4
R3 <- R3 / 4
[1, 2, 3]
[0.0, 1.0, 1.2]
[0.0, 0.0, 1.0]
[0, 0, 0]

-----Gaussian Elimination Completed-----
Processed Matrix (Row Echelon Form):
[1, 2, 3]
[0.0, 1.0, 1.2]
[0.0, 0.0, 1.0]
[0, 0, 0]

Rank: 3
Nullity: 0
```

```
Original Matrix:
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[2, 4, 0, 1, 7]
[1, 2, 1, 1, 4]
[0, 0, 1, 1, 2]

Select pivot at index [1][1]: 1
R2 <- R2 - (2) x R1
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, -2, 1, 1]
[1, 2, 1, 1, 4]
[0, 0, 1, 1, 2]

R3 <- R3 - (1) x R1
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, -2, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 1, 1, 2]

Pivot at column 2 is zero, cannot eliminate this column.
Select pivot at index [2][3]: -2
R2 <- R2 / -2
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, 1.0, -0.5, -0.5]
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 1, 1, 2]

R4 <- R4 - (1) x R2
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, 1.0, -0.5, -0.5]
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 0.0, 1.5, 2.5]

Select pivot at index [3][4]: 1
R4 <- R4 - (1.5) x R3
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, 1.0, -0.5, -0.5]
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]

Select pivot at index [4][5]: 1.0
-----Gaussian Elimination Completed-----
Processed Matrix (Row Echelon Form):
[1, 2, 1, 0, 3]
[0, 0, 1.0, -0.5, -0.5]
[0, 0, 0, 1, 1]
[0, 0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]

Rank: 4
Nullity: 1
```



```

def print_matrix(matrix):
    for row in matrix:
        print(row)
    print()

def count_non_empty_rows(matrix):
    count = 0
    for row in matrix:
        if any(x != 0 for x in row):
            count += 1
    return count

def swap_rows(matrix, row1, row2):
    matrix[row1], matrix[row2] = matrix[row2], matrix[row1]

def gaussian_elimination(matrix):
    rows = len(matrix)
    cols = len(matrix[0])
    processing_matrix = [row[:] for row in matrix] # deep copy

    r = 0 # current row for pivot
    c = 0 # current column for pivot

    while r < rows and c < cols:
        # Find pivot in column c at or below row r
        pivot_row = None
        for k in range(r, rows):
            if processing_matrix[k][c] != 0:
                pivot_row = k
                break

        if pivot_row is None:
            # Entire column is zero, move to next column
            print(f"Pivot at column {c+1} is zero, cannot eliminate this column.")
            c += 1
            continue

        # Swap to put pivot at row r
        if pivot_row != r:
            processing_matrix[r], processing_matrix[pivot_row] = processing_matrix[pivot_row], processing_matrix[r]
            print(f"Swapped R{r+1} with R{pivot_row+1} because pivot was zero.")
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)

        cur_pivot = processing_matrix[r][c]
        print(f"Select pivot at index [{r+1}][{c+1}]: {cur_pivot}")

        # Normalize pivot row (optional)
        if cur_pivot != 1:
            print(f"R{r+1} <- R{r+1} / {cur_pivot}")
            for j in range(c, cols):
                processing_matrix[r][j] /= cur_pivot
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)

```

```

        # Eliminate rows below
        for k in range(r + 1, rows):
            factor = processing_matrix[k][c]
            if factor == 0:
                continue
            print(f"R{k+1} <- R{k+1} - ({factor}) x R{r+1}")
            for j in range(c, cols):
                processing_matrix[k][j] -= factor * processing_matrix[r][j]
            print_matrix(processing_matrix)

        # Move to next pivot row and next column
        r += 1
        c += 1

    return processing_matrix

def main():
    matrix = [
        [1, 2, 1, 0, 3],
        [2, 4, 0, 1, 7],
        [1, 2, 1, 1, 4],
        [0, 0, 1, 1, 2]
    ]

    print("Original Matrix:")
    print_matrix(matrix)

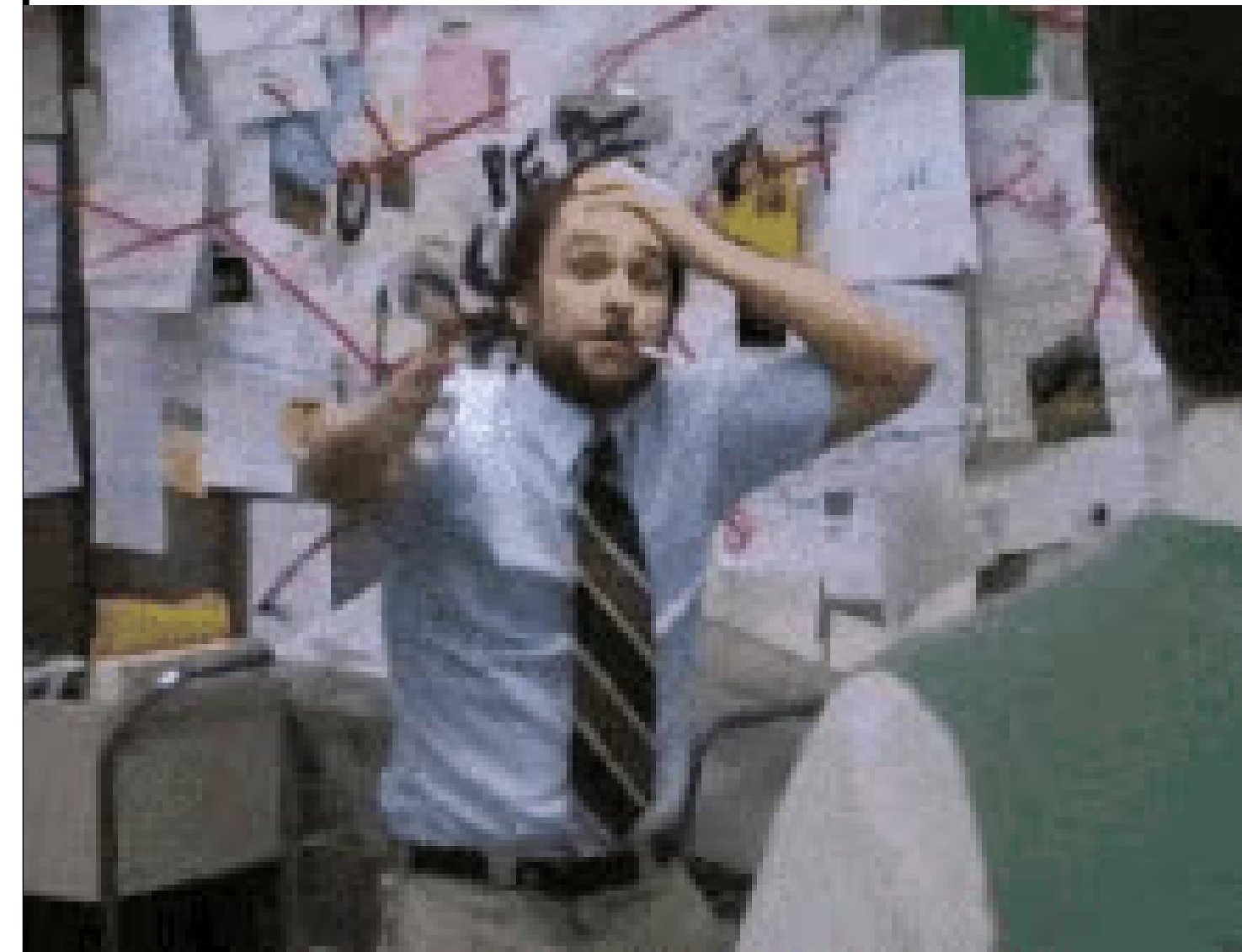
    processed_matrix = gaussian_elimination(matrix)

    rank = count_non_empty_rows(processed_matrix)
    nullity = len(matrix[0]) - rank

    print(f"-----Gaussian Elimination Completed-----")
    print("Processed Matrix (Row Echelon Form):")
    print_matrix(processed_matrix)
    print(f"Rank: {rank}")
    print(f"Nullity: {nullity}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```



## Reality Check

`rank = np.linalg.matrix_rank(A)`



# IMPLEMENTATION ???

Easy way: Use a function in **numpy** library

- `numpy.linalg.matrix_rank()`

```
def matrix_rank_and_nullity(matrix):  
    """  
    Calculate the rank and nullity of a matrix.  
    :param matrix: list of lists or numpy array  
    :return: (rank, nullity)  
    """  
  
    A = np.array(matrix, dtype=float)  
    rank = np.linalg.matrix_rank(A)  
    nullity = A.shape[1] - rank # number of columns - rank  
    return rank, nullity
```

# LESSONS LEARNED

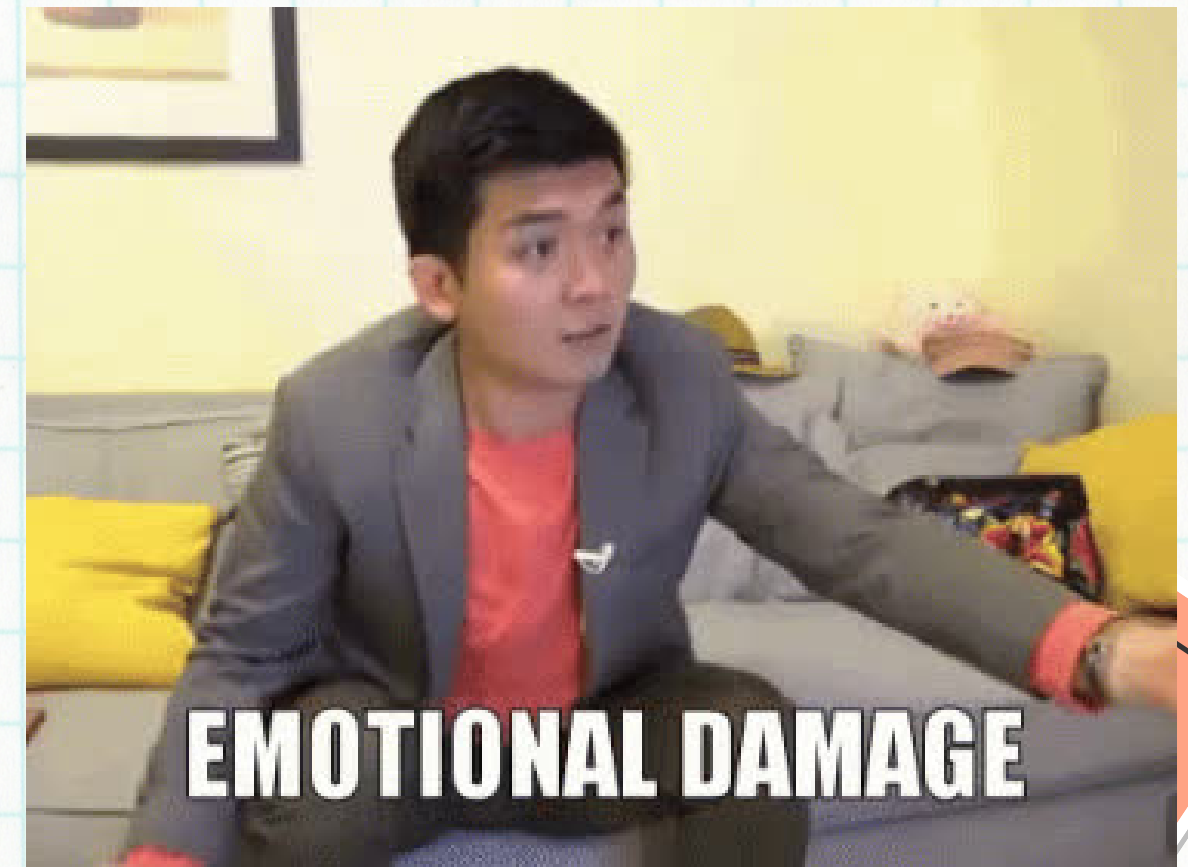
## Key takeaways

We got deeper understand on basic of matrices, e.g. nullity, rank, linearly dependent.



## Challenges

It's sometimes complicated to implement the mathematical method in programming (step by step)





**Q & A**

