

Self-Adjoint / Hermitian Matrices

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Worksheet

- * Self-Adjoint Matrices
 \Rightarrow Spectral Theorem

- * Fund. Thm. of Linear Algebra

$$A = U \Sigma V^* \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{left} \\ \text{singular} \\ \text{vecs} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{right} \\ \text{singular} \\ \text{vecs} \end{array}$$

(I) Complex Inner Products (Recap)

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \vec{x}^T \overline{\vec{y}} = \vec{y}^* \vec{x} = \sum x_i \overline{y_i}$$

You can check these satisfy inner product
 r.l. . .

properties.

① Linearity in 1st Argument

a) Additivity:

$$\langle \vec{x} + \vec{y}, \vec{z} \rangle = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle + \langle \vec{y}, \vec{z} \rangle$$

b) Scaling:

$$\langle c\vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = c \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

② Conjugate Symmetry

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \overline{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{x} \rangle}$$

③ Positive-Definiteness

$$\langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \vec{x} = \vec{0} \iff \langle \vec{x}, \vec{x} \rangle = 0$$

Some notes on complex inner product:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} + \vec{z} \rangle &= (\vec{y} + \vec{z})^* \cdot \vec{x} \\ &= \vec{y}^* \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{z}^* \cdot \vec{x} \\ &= \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle + \langle \vec{x}, \vec{z} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Happens to be additive in both args

$$\langle \vec{x}, c\vec{y} \rangle = c^* \vec{y}^* \cdot \vec{x} = \overline{c} \langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle$$

$$= \bar{c} \langle x, y \rangle$$

But scaling only in 1st arg

$$\text{Norm: } \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle}$$

II. Adjoint

Technical definition: Consider $f: U \rightarrow V$

(l.n. map b/w 2 vector spaces)
U and V

\Rightarrow Then the adjoint of f , f^* is defined as follows:

$$\rightarrow f^*: V \rightarrow U$$

$$\langle f(\vec{u}), \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, f^*(\vec{v}) \rangle$$

f^* has to be a unique linear map that satisfies these properties

Very abstract! :)

\Rightarrow In matrix/vector notation, this

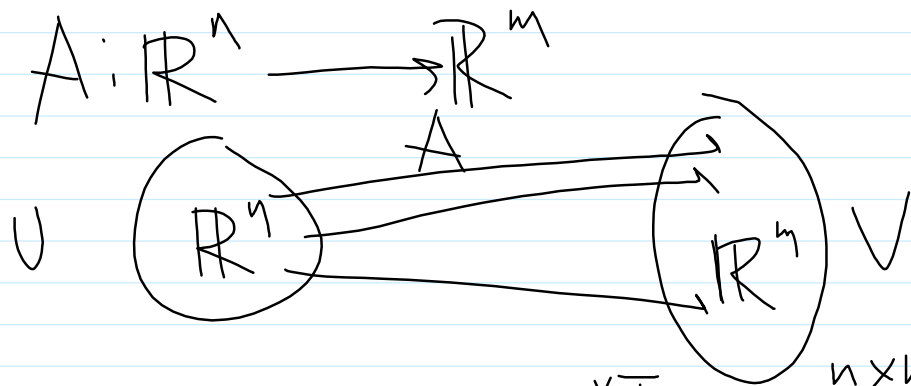
means conjugate transpose i.e. $\vec{v}^* = \overline{\vec{v}^T}$

means conjugate transpose, i.e. $v^A = \overline{v^T}$

How to connect to abstract definition?

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$
$$m \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}^n \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}^n = m \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}^m$$

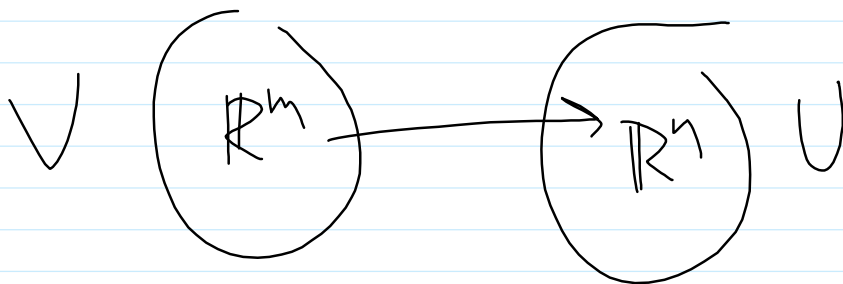
A maps $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$



Then transpose is $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

$n \begin{pmatrix} \\ \\ \end{pmatrix}^m$

A^T maps $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ to $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$



Adjoint adds complex conjugation property
to match complex inner product property

$$\Rightarrow \langle A\vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle \stackrel{?}{=} \langle \vec{u}, A^* \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \vec{v}^* A \vec{u} &= (\vec{v}^* A) \vec{u} \\ &= \langle \vec{u}, (\vec{v}^* A)^* \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{u}, A^* \vec{v}^* \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{u}, A^* \vec{v} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Compare to $\langle f(\vec{u}), \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{u}, f^*(\vec{v}) \rangle$

b) Self-Adjointness / Hermiticity

$$f^* = f$$

e.g. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ← symmetric matrix

Symmetric: $A^T = A$ (real-valued)

Hermitian: $A^* = A$ (complex analogue)

EX: Pauli Matrices and Quantum Computing (C191)

⇒ operators in QM have to be Hermitian if they correspond to observable values, b/c eigenvalues are what is observed and have to be real
(proved soon!)

2x2 Hermitian matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+b & c-di \\ \underline{c+di} & a-b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= a \underline{I} + b \sigma_z + c \sigma_x + d \sigma_y$$

$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$

$$u = u_x \hat{x} + u_y \hat{y} + u_z \hat{z}$$

Pauli matrices

$\Rightarrow \{I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\}$ form a basis for all 2×2 Hermitian matrices

In QC, basic unit of info known as a qubit, which is a $|1\rangle$ "two-level system"

$|0\rangle$ Essentially, state can be represented by unit vectors in $\mathbb{C}^2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then a single qubit transformation, if we would like to map one qubit state to another qubit state, should follow $f: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$

$\Rightarrow 2 \times 2$ matrix!

like Pauli matrices ...

\Rightarrow Pauli matrices represent basic

Single qubit transformations

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{maps } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

"0" "1"

$$\Rightarrow \text{"NOT" gate} \quad \text{maps } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ to } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

"1" "0"

σ_z : phase gate

σ_y : combination of "NOT" and phase change

III. Fundamental Matrix Subspaces

column space: $\text{span} \{ \text{columns of } A \}$
 $= C(A)$

row space: $\text{span} \{ \text{rows of } A \}$
 $= R(A) = C(A^T)$

null space: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{set of all vectors} \\ \vec{x}: A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \end{array} \right\} = \text{Null}(A)$

left null

$$\text{Space} : \{ \vec{y} : A^T \vec{y} = \vec{0} \} = \text{Null}(A^T)$$

* dimension: size of the basis
for a vector space V
(# basis vectors)

* rank: dimension of $C(A)$
(sometimes called column rank,
with $\dim R(A) \rightarrow$ row rank)

Note: common way to compute rank
is to row reduce and count the
"pivots"

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boxed{1} & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \boxed{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{pivots}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{row rank} = \text{column rank}}$$

IV. Spectral Theorem

Why do we care?

\Rightarrow identifies a class of matrix/

operators that can always
be ~~***~~ diagonalized ~~***~~

Diagonalization makes a lot of
computations easier;

EX: $\frac{d\vec{x}(t)}{dt} = A\vec{x}(t)$ possible
coupled
set of diff eq

$$\frac{d\vec{z}(t)}{dt} = \Lambda \vec{z}(t)$$

uncoupled!

$$\vec{z}(t) = V^{-1} \vec{x}(t) \leftarrow A = V \Lambda V^{-1}$$

EX: matrix exponentiation

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix}} = ???$$

$$e^{\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & e^{\lambda_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

1 Spectral Theorem

For a complex $n \times n$ Hermitian matrix A ,

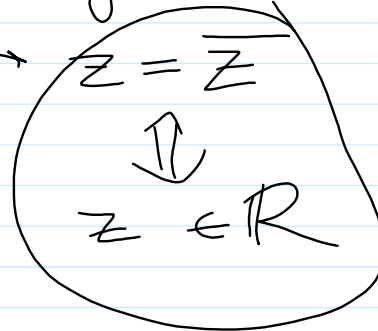
- a) All eigenvalues of A are real.
- b) A has n linearly independent eigenvectors $\in \mathbb{C}^n$.
- c) A has orthogonal eigenvectors, i.e., $A = V\Lambda V^{-1} = V\Lambda V^*$, where Λ is a diagonal matrix and V is a unitary matrix. We say that A is orthogonally diagonalizable.

Recall that a matrix A is Hermitian if $A = A^*$. Furthermore, if A is of the form B^*B for some arbitrary matrix B , all of its eigenvalues are non-negative, i.e., $\lambda \geq 0$.

- a) Prove the following: All eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix A are real.

Hint: Let (λ, \vec{v}) be an eigenvalue/vector pair and use the definition of an eigenvalue to show that $\lambda \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \overline{\lambda} \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$.

real eigenvalues



$$A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{v}^* A\vec{v} = \vec{v}^* \lambda\vec{v}$$

But note: $A = A^*$

$$\text{LHS: } \vec{v}^* A\vec{v} = (\vec{v}^* A^*)\vec{v} = (A\vec{v})^*\vec{v} = (\lambda\vec{v})^*\vec{v} = \overline{\lambda}\vec{v}^*\vec{v}$$

$$\text{RHS: } \vec{v}^* \lambda\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}^*\vec{v}$$

Equate the two sides:

$$\overline{\lambda} (\vec{v}^*\vec{v}) = \lambda (\vec{v}^*\vec{v})$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\lambda} = \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Alternatively, just using def'n of Hermiticity + inner products

$$\langle A\vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, A^*\vec{v} \rangle = \langle \vec{v}, A\vec{v} \rangle = \overline{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle} = \overline{\lambda \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle} = \overline{\lambda} \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\lambda \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle = \langle \vec{v}_1, A \vec{v}_1 \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 \rangle$$

b) Prove the following: For any Hermitian matrix A , any two eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues of A are orthogonal.

Hint: Use the definition of an eigenvalue to show that $\lambda_1 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$.

Orthogonality: $\langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0$

\Rightarrow Show that $a \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = b \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$
 where $a \neq b$ (e.g., $3x = 5x$)
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$

$$A \vec{v}_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1, \quad A \vec{v}_2 = \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$$

$$\langle A \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \lambda_1 \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$$

But from def'n of Hermiticity:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle &= \langle \vec{v}_1, A^* \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \vec{v}_1, A \vec{v}_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{v}_1, \lambda_2 \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

But $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ (from part (a))

$$\lambda_1 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{v}_2$$

c) Prove the following: For any matrix A , A^*A is Hermitian and only has non-negative eigenvalues.

$$\square (A^*A)^* = A^* A^{**} = A^* A \quad \checkmark$$

(Hermiticity)

\square

$$\checkmark (A^*A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v})$$

$$(\rightarrow A^*A) \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}^* \vec{v}$$

Eigenvalue
Eggn

$$(\vec{v}^* A^*) A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}^* \vec{v}$$

$$\langle A \vec{v}, A \vec{v} \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\langle A \vec{v}, A \vec{v} \rangle}{\langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle} = \frac{\|A \vec{v}\|^2}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \geq 0$$

2 Fundamental Theorem of Linear Algebra

a) Let \vec{v} be an eigenvector of nonzero eigenvalue of A^*A . Show that $\vec{v} \in \text{Col}(A^*)$.

$$(A^*A) \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v} \leftarrow \lambda \neq 0$$

$$A^* (A \vec{v}) = A^* \vec{y} = \lambda \vec{v}$$

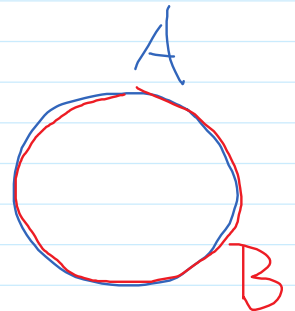
By definition, $\lambda \vec{v} \in A^*$

(scaling preserved)

\Rightarrow vector space closed under scalar mult., by def'n

b) Show that the two subspaces $\text{Nul}(A)$ and $\text{Nul}(A^*A)$ are equal.

Hint: you can show $A=B$ if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$



① Suppose $\vec{x} \in \text{Nul}(A)$

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$(A^*A) \vec{x} = \vec{0} \quad \therefore \vec{x} \in \text{Nul}(A^*A)$$

$$\forall \vec{x} \quad A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{x} \in \text{Nul}(A^*A) \stackrel{?}{\implies} \vec{x} \in \text{Nul}(A)$$

$$A^*A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$x^* A^* A \vec{x} = 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{By positive} \\ \text{-definiteness} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\langle A\vec{x}, A\vec{x} \rangle = 0$$

$$\|A\vec{x}\|^2 = 0$$

$$\implies A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{x} \in \text{Nul}(A)$$

c) Let \vec{u} be an eigenvector of eigenvalue 0 of A^*A . Show that $\vec{u} \in \text{Nul}(A)$.

$$(A^*A)\vec{u} = \lambda\vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad (\lambda = 0)$$

$$\therefore \vec{u} \in \text{Nul}(A^*A)$$

$$\text{From (b), } \therefore \vec{u} \in \text{Nul}(A)$$

$$\text{rank } A^* = \text{rank } A = k$$

d) If A is a $m \times n$ matrix of rank k what are the dimensions of $\text{Col}(A^*)$ and $\text{Nul}(A)$?

Row space

$$\text{row rank} = \dim R(A) = \text{column rank} = \dim \text{Col}(A)$$

$$\implies \dim(\text{Nul}(A)) = n - k$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \text{Col}(A^*) = \text{rank } A = k$$

$$\dim \text{Null}(A) = n - k$$

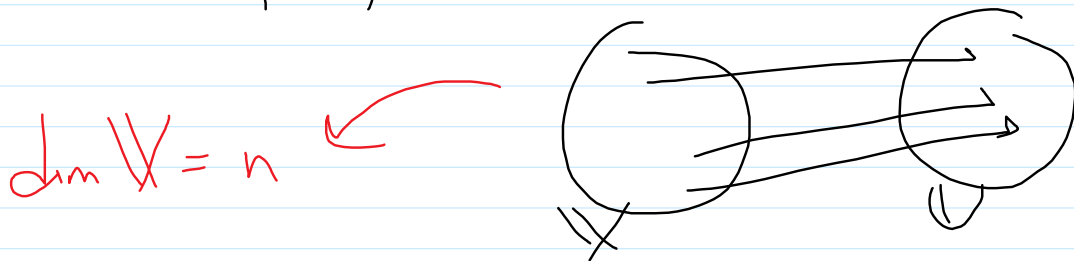
by the rank-nullity theorem

* Rank-Nullity Theorem:

For an $m \times n$ matrix $A: V \rightarrow U$

$$\dim \text{Null}(A) + \text{rank } A = \dim V$$

For example, $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$



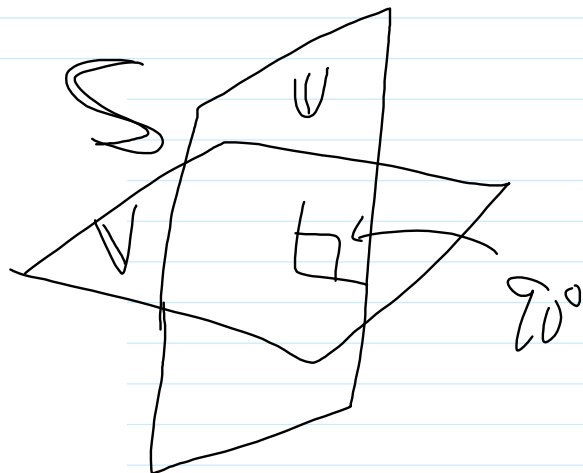
Then $\dim \text{Null}(A) + \text{rank } A = n$

e) Use parts (a)-(d) to show that $\text{Col}(A^*)$ is the orthogonal complement of $\text{Null}(A)$.
Use the spectral theorem on the matrix A^*A to create an orthonormal basis of \mathbb{C}^n .

$$\text{Null}(A) \perp \text{Col}(A^*)$$

$$A^*A = (n \times m)(m \times n)$$

$$= n \times n \text{ matrix}$$



① By spectral theorem, since A^*A is

① By spectral theorem, since A^*A is Hermitian, we can create a full basis of orthonormal eigenvectors

$$\underbrace{\vec{v}_1 \dots \vec{v}_j}_{\lambda_i \neq 0} \quad \underbrace{\vec{v}_{j+1} \dots \vec{v}_n}_{\lambda_i = 0}$$

We will show that the eigenvectors for nonzero eigenvalues of A^*A correspond to an \perp basis for $\text{Col}(A^*)$, while the eigenvectors for zero eigenvalues correspond to an \perp basis for $\text{Null}(A)$

② The eigenvectors of A^*A w/ $\lambda = 0$ form an orthonormal basis for $\text{Null}(A^*A)$ by construction.

From part (b), $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(A^*A)$

Thus, the eigenvectors of A^*A for $\lambda = 0$ also form an \perp basis for $\text{Null}(A)$

③ Since $\text{Null}(A) = \text{Null}(A^*A)$,
 $\dim \text{Null}(A) = \dim \text{Null}(A^*A)$
 \parallel

$n-k$ from part (d)

Then, using the rank-nullity theorem on $n \times n$ matrix A^*A :

$$\text{rank } A^*A + \dim \text{Null}(A^*A) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } A^*A + (n-k) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank } A^*A = k = \text{rank } A = \text{rank } A^*$$

Then $\text{Col}(A^*)$ and $\text{Col}(A^*A)$ have the same dimension!

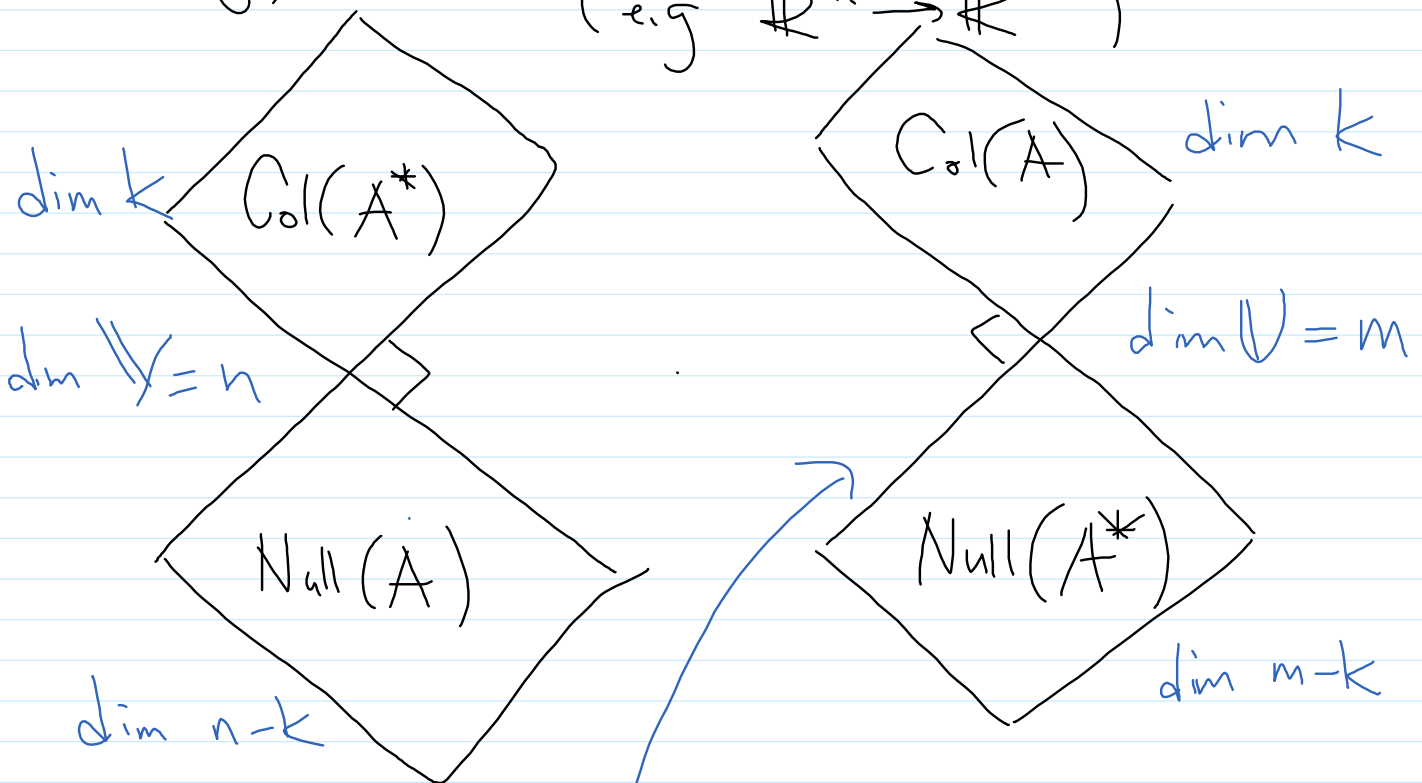
Note that from part (a), the eigenvectors of A^*A for nonzero eigenvalues are part of $C(A^*)$. Since $\dim \text{Col}(A^*) = \dim \text{Col}(A^*A) = k$ the k eigenvectors of A^*A s.t. $\lambda \neq 0$ can be used to form an \perp basis for $\text{Col}(A^*)$.

We have split the n eigenvectors of A^*A into k eigenvectors ($\lambda \neq 0$) that form a basis for $\text{Col}(A^*)$ and $n-k$ eigenvectors ($\lambda = 0$) that form a basis for $\text{Null}(A)$. By the spectral theorem, these

basis sets are orthogonal.

$$\therefore \text{Col}(A^*) \perp \text{Null}(A)$$

Visually, for $A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
(e.g. $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$)



Note: A similar result can be proved for $\text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Null}(A^*)$, i.e.

they are orthogonal complements

(except this time $\text{Col}(A)$ and $\text{Null}(A^*)$

are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^m , so

$$\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A^*) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

$$\dim \text{Col}(A) + \dim \text{Null}(A^*) = \dim(U)$$