

Proposition Let V be a vector space with an inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Let $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$ be an orthogonal set in V .
 Then B is linearly independent.

Proof Assume B is an orthogonal set in V .
 To show: B is linearly independent.

To show: If $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{C}$ and $c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_k b_k = 0$
 then $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_k = 0$.

Assume $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{C}$ and $c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_k b_k = 0$.

To show: If $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ then $c_i = 0$.

Assume $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. To show: $c_i \neq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle c_1 b_1 + \dots + c_k b_k, b_i \rangle \\ &= c_1 \langle b_1, b_i \rangle + \dots + c_{i-1} \langle b_{i-1}, b_i \rangle + c_i \langle b_i, b_i \rangle \\ &\quad + c_{i+1} \langle b_{i+1}, b_i \rangle + \dots + c_k \langle b_k, b_i \rangle \\ &= c_1 \cdot 0 + \dots + c_{i-1} \cdot 0 + c_i \langle b_i, b_i \rangle \\ &\quad + c_{i+1} \cdot 0 + \dots + c_k \cdot 0 \\ &= c_i \langle b_i, b_i \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is an inner product and $b_i \neq 0$
 then $\langle b_i, b_i \rangle \neq 0$. So

$c_i = \frac{1}{\langle b_i, b_i \rangle} \cdot 0 = 0$. So B is linearly indep. $\square$

Proposition Let $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{R})$.

If $\ker(A) = \{0\}$ then the columns of A are linearly independent.

Proof Let $a_1, \dots, a_s$ be the columns of A . Assume $\ker(A) = \{0\}$.

To show: $a_1, \dots, a_s$ are linearly independent.

To show: If $c_1, \dots, c_s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $c_1 a_1 + \dots + c_s a_s = 0$ then $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, \dots, c_s = 0$.

Assume $c_1, \dots, c_s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $c_1 a_1 + \dots + c_s a_s = 0$. Then

$$A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix} = 0. \quad \text{So } \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix} \in \ker(A).$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{So } c_1 = 0, \dots, c_s = 0.$$

So $\{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$ is linearly independent. $\square$

Proposition Let $t, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{R})$.

Then $\text{im}(A) = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$.

Proof Assume $t, s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{R})$.

Let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_s$ be the columns of A .
Then

$$\text{im}(A) = \left\{ A \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix} \mid c_1, \dots, c_s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \{ c_1 a_1 + \dots + c_s a_s \mid c_1, \dots, c_s \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$= \text{span} \{ a_1, \dots, a_s \}$$

$$= \text{span} \{ \text{columns of } A \} //$$

Invertible matrices are square

Let $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and let $A \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{R})$.

Assume there exists $P \in M_{s \times t}(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$PA = I$$

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$$AQ = I.$$

(a) $\ker(A) = 0$

(b) $\text{im}(A) = \mathbb{Q}^t$

(c) $\{ \text{columns of } A \}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{Q}^t$.

(d) $s = t$

(e) $P = Q$.

Proof (a) To show: $\ker(A) = \{0\}$.

To show: (1) $\{0\} \subseteq \ker(A)$

(2) $\ker(A) \subseteq \{0\}$.

(1) Since $A \cdot 0 = A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ then $0 \in \ker(A)$.
So $\{0\} \subseteq \ker(A)$.

(2) To show: If $x \in \ker(A)$ then $x \in \{0\}$.

Assume $x \in \ker(A)$. To show: $x = 0$.

Since $x \in \ker(A)$ then

$$Ax = 0. \text{ So } PAx = P \cdot 0 = 0.$$

$$\text{So } x = 1 \cdot x = PAx = 0. \text{ So } \ker(A) \subseteq \{0\}.$$

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(b) To show: $\text{im}(A) = \mathbb{Q}^t$.

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(2) $\mathbb{Q}^t \subseteq \text{im}(A)$.

(1) By definition of $\text{im}(A) = \{Ax \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}^5\}$.

Since A is a $t \times 5$ matrix then $\text{im}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^t$.

(2) To show: If $v \in \mathbb{Q}^t$ then $v \in \text{im}(A)$.

Assume $v \in \mathbb{Q}^t$. To show $v \in \text{im}(A)$.

$$v = 1 \cdot v = A Q v \in \{ A x \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}^t \} = \text{Im}(A) \text{ Fact. 27.}$$

$$\text{So } v \in \text{Im}(A). \text{ So } \mathbb{Q}^t \subseteq \text{Im}(A).$$

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(c) Since $\ker(A) = 0$ then the columns of A are linearly independent.

Since $\text{Im}(A) = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$ and $\mathbb{Q}^t = \text{Im}(A)$ then $\mathbb{Q}^t = \text{span}\{\text{columns of } A\}$.

So $\{\text{columns of } A\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{Q}^t$.

(d) Let $e_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Q}^t$ have 1 in the i^{th} entry and 0 elsewhere.

Then $\{e_1, \dots, e_t\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{Q}^t$.

Let $\{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$ be the columns of A .

Then $\{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{Q}^t$.

Since any two bases of $\mathbb{Q}^t$ have the same number of elements then $s = t$.

(e) To show: $P = Q$.

$$P = P \cdot 1 = P A Q = 1 \cdot Q = Q.$$

$$\text{So } P = Q. //$$