

Example: Find the range of T in the above example.

$$T(1,0,0) = (1,0,-1)$$

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$$\therefore R(T) = \left[(1,0,-1), (-1,0,1), (0,1,0) \right].$$

$$= \left[(1,0,-1), (0,1,0) \right] \quad \left[\begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & (-1,0,1) \text{ is a scalar} \\ & & \text{multiple of } (1,0,-1) \\ & & \text{and can be dropped} \end{matrix} \right].$$

Let A be the standard matrix of T .

$$\text{Then } T(x,y,z) = 0 \iff A \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = 0_{3 \times 3}.$$

$\therefore N(T)$ is the same as the nullspace of A .

$\therefore \dim(\ker T) = \text{multiplicity of } 0 = \text{multiplicity of } A$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T(e_1), T(e_2), T(e_3) \end{bmatrix}.$$

We know that $R(T)$ is the span of $T(e_1), T(e_2)$ and $T(e_3)$.

$\therefore R(T)$ is nothing but the column space of A .

$\therefore \dim R(T) = \dim \text{ of col-space of } A = r(A)$.

We call this number the rank of T and denote it by $r(T)$.

Thus we have

$$r(T) + n(T) = r(A) + n(A) = \text{Number of columns of } A$$

Rank-Nullity Theorem for linear transformations:

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then

$$r(T) + n(T) = n = \text{dimension of the domain space}$$