

Theorem F: The Onto Theorem

Let A be the $m \times p$ standard matrix for the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

1. T is not onto if $m > p$ (i.e. if A has more rows than columns).
2. T is onto (and $m \leq p$) if and only if:
 - (a) $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ always has at least one solution for any $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$,
 - (b) Any $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear combination of columns of A ,
 - (c) Columns of A span (or generate) all of \mathbb{R}^m ,
 - (d) REF(A) has a pivot in every row,
 - (e) REF(A) has m pivot columns and $p - m$ free columns,
 - (f) Of the p columns of A , m of them are linearly independent, and
 - (g) All rows of A are linearly independent.

Theorem G: The One-to-One Theorem

Let A be the $m \times p$ standard matrix for the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.

1. T is not one-to-one if $p > m$ (i.e. if A has more columns than rows).
2. T is one-to-one (and $p \leq m$) if and only if:
 - (a) $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y} \Rightarrow T(\vec{x}) \neq T(\vec{y})$
 - (b) $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y}) \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{y}$
 - (c) $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has at most one solution for any $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$,
 - (d) $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$ has only one solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$,
 - (e) $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only one solution $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$,
 - (f) Rows of A span (or generate) all of \mathbb{R}^p ,
 - (g) REF(A) has a pivot in every column,
 - (h) Of the m rows of A , p of them are linearly independent, and
 - (i) All columns of A are linearly independent.

Theorem 1: The Onto and One-to-One Theorem

Let A be the $m \times p$ standard matrix for the linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ for every $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$,
2. $AA\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ has exactly one solution $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ for every $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$,
3. T is both one-to-one and onto, and
4. $\text{REF}(A)$ has a pivot in every row and every column.