

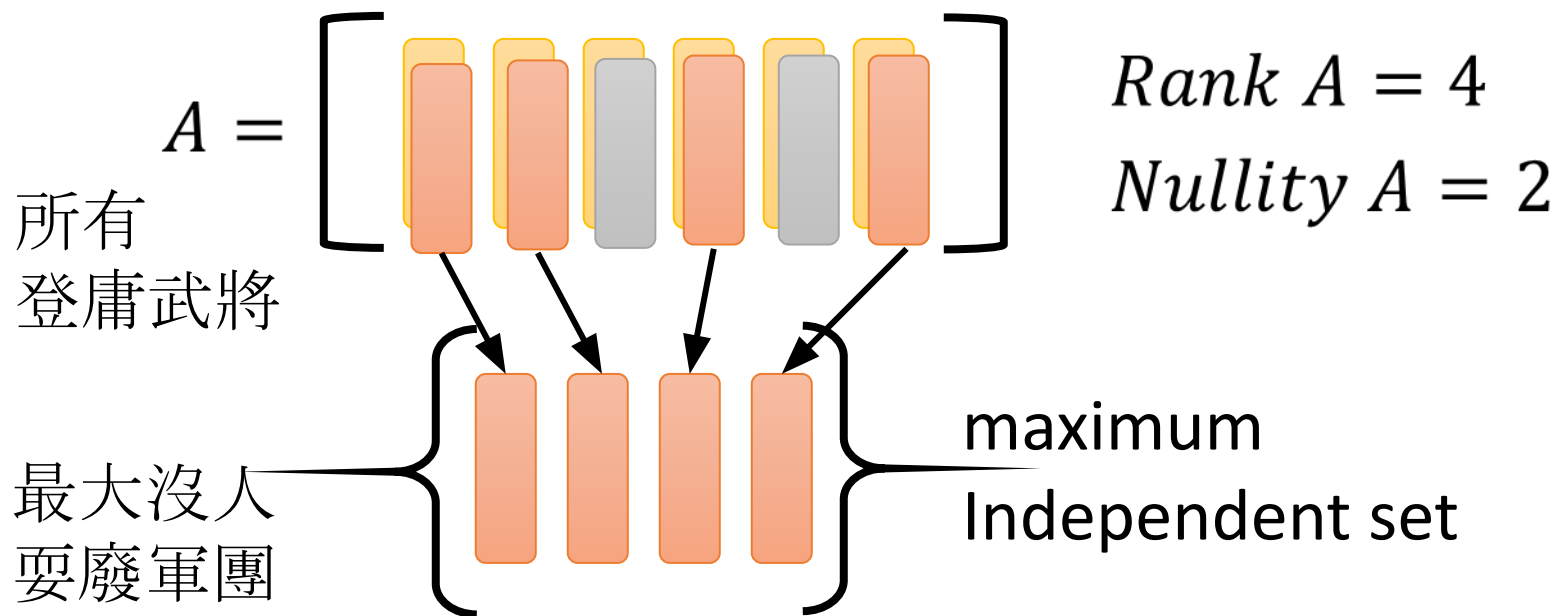
# Rank and Nullity

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- The **rank** of a matrix is defined as the maximum number of *linearly independent columns*
- **Nullity** = Number of columns - **rank**



# Rank and Nullity

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 10 \\ 2 & 6 & 20 \\ 3 & 9 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rank A =? , Nullity A =?*

以下是最土炮的作法

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

dependent

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*Rank A = 1*

*Nullity A = 2*

# Rank and Nullity

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rank*  $A = ?$

*Nullity*  $A = ?$

Assume the three  
columns are independent

If  $A$  is a  $m \times n$  matrix ( $n$  columns)



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rank*  $A = ?$

*Nullity*  $A = ?$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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

*Rank*  $A = ?$

*Nullity*  $A = ?$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rank*  $A = ?$

*Nullity*  $A = ?$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rank*  $A = ?$

*Nullity*  $A = ?$

# Summary

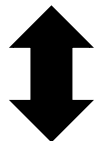
$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$A: m \times n \quad \mathbf{x} \in R^n \quad \mathbf{b} \in R^m$$

Is  $\mathbf{b}$  a *linear combination* of columns of  $A$ ?

Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the *span* of the columns of  $A$ ?

NO



No  
solution

YES

The columns of  $A$   
are *independent*.

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$$\text{Rank } A = n$$

$$\text{Nullity } A = 0$$

Unique solution

The columns of  $A$   
are *dependent*.

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$$\text{Rank } A < n$$

$$\text{Nullity } A > 0$$

Infinite solution