

# Sec 4.6 Rank

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- One can write  $\text{Row}A$  as  $\text{Col}A^T$

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- If  $B$  is in echelon form, the nonzero row of  $B$  form a **basis** for the row space of  $A$  as well as for that of  $B$ .

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$\dim \text{Row } A = 2$ ,  $\dim \text{Nul } A = 3$ , and  $\dim \text{Col } A = 2$ .

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- If  $A$  is a  $6 \times 7$  matrix with a two-dimensional null space, what is the rank of  $A$ ?
- Could a  $3 \times 6$  matrix have a two-dimensional null space?

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# The Invertible Matrix Theorem (Continued.)

- Ⓜ The columns of  $A$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Ⓝ  $\text{Col}A = \mathbb{R}^n$
- Ⓞ  $\dim\text{Col}A = n$
- Ⓟ  $\text{rank}A = n$
- Ⓠ  $\text{Nul}A = \{0\}$
- Ⓡ  $\dim\text{Nul}A = 0$