

LINEAR ALGEBRA IN A NUTSHELL

((*A is n by n*))

Nonsingular

A is invertible
The columns are independent
The rows are independent
The determinant is not zero
 $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$ has one solution $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$
 $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ has one solution $\mathbf{x}=A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
 A has n (nonzero) pivots
 A has full rank $r=n$
The reduced row echelon form is $R=I$
The column space is all of \mathbf{R}^n
The row space is all of \mathbf{R}^n
All eigenvalues are nonzero
 $A^T A$ is symmetric positive definite
 A has n (positive) singular values

Singular

A is not invertible
The columns are dependent
The rows are dependent
The determinant is zero
 $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$ has infinitely many solutions
 $A\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ has no solution or infinitely many
 A has $r < n$ pivots
 A has rank $r < n$
 R has at least one zero row
The column space has dimension $r < n$
The row space has dimension $r < n$
Zero is an eigenvalue of A
 $A^T A$ is only semidefinite
 A has $r < n$ singular values

Each line of the singular column can be made quantitative using r .