

# MATH 240 CH1.8 - Linear Transformations

## Summary

A **linear transformation** is a way to collectively move all points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . If this is done from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  then it is a **shear**. The matrix can act as a **function** so you can put  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in and get  $\mathbb{R}^2$  for example. The function maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and maps the other way around. This means you can also find what  $x$  is from the **image** under  $T$  by solving an **augmented matrix**.

## Terminology

Domain

- $\mathbb{R}^n$
- What we map from

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- $\mathbb{R}^m$
- Where we could possibly map to

Image of  $x$  under  $T$

- $y = T(x)$
- What you get out of the transformation when you put  $x$  in

Range

- $\{T(x) \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$
- Set of all the values we can actually map to

## Linear Transformations

a linear transformation is multiplying a vector by a matrix

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  that maps  $x \rightarrow Ax$

$$T(x) = Ax$$

It is a linear transformation if

1.  $T(v+w) = T(v)+T(w)$
2.  $T(cv) = cT(v)$

For all  $v, w$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c$  a scalar

*Every matrix transformation is a linear transformation*

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

1.  $T(0) = 0$

$$2. T(cu + dv) = cT(u) + dT(v)$$

For all  $v, w$  in  $R^n$  and  $c$  a scalar

## Matrices as functions

a matrix can be used to define a function from vectors of one size to vectors of potentially another size

For example:

Define a function from  $R^3$  to  $R^2$  which takes  $x$  in  $R^3$  to  $Ax$  in  $R^2$ .

Definition. A transformation  $T$  from  $R^n$  to  $R^m$  is a rule that assigns to each  $x$  in  $R^n$  the image  $T(x)$  in  $R^m$ .

$T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$

$R: x \mapsto T(x) \quad // \quad T \text{ maps } x \text{ into } T(x)$

## Matrix Transformations

Every  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  defines a function from  $R^n$  to  $R^m$  that is called a matrix transformation,  $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ , that is defined by the rule:

$$T(x) = Ax$$

$$T: x \mapsto Ax$$

## Shear Transformation

the transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  defined by  $T(x) = A(x)$  is called a shear transformation.

We move points around and the image is a slanted version of the original.