# Linear Algebra from Scratch: Linear Transformations

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"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." - Confucius

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**Remark**: If V = W, then L is referred to as a **Linear Operator**.

Additionally, only (1) or (2) needs to hold.

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Remark: The Linear Operator L(x) = 3 \* x stretches x by a factor of 3. Generally, any constant of greater magnitude than 1 is a **dilation**.

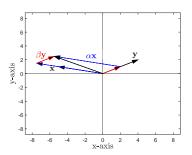
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- $1 |lpha| > 1 \sim \mathit{Stretch}$  (Contraction)
  - $2 |\beta| < 1 \sim Shrink (Dilation)$
- (3) Scaling a Vector (x) in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by a factor of  $\alpha$  is a Linear Operator because:

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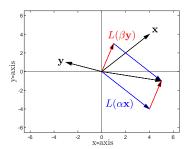
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Reference: Leon, 2014 [2]

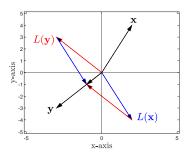
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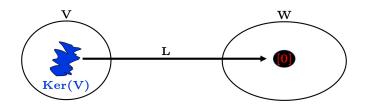


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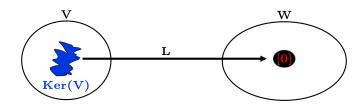
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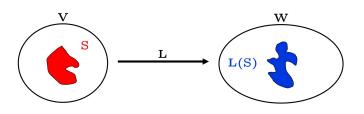
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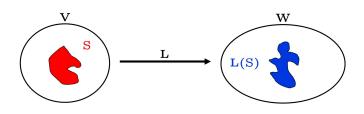
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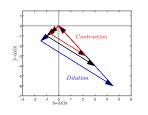
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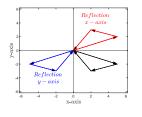
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### Linear Operator: Schematic Representation





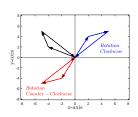


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② Let  $L(\mathbf{x}) = (2x_1, x_1 + x_2)^T$ . We will first find the matrix representation according to the Standard Basis:  $E = \{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2\}$ .

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- $\bigcirc{3}$  U is the Transition Matrix corresponding to the change of basis from Fe to E.



## Similarity Matrices in General

#### Theorem (Similar Matrices)

Consider  $E = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  and  $F = \{w_1, w_2, ..., w_n\}$  as two Ordered Baseis on Vector Space V. Consider a Linear Operator:  $L: V \to V$ .

Take A as the Matrix Representation of L wrt E.

Take B as the Matrix Representation of L wrt F, then there is nonsingular S such that:

$$B = S^{-1}AS$$

We say that B is Similar to A.

Remark: In fact, A is Similar to B since:  $A = SBS^{-1}$ .

We refer to A and B as Similar Matrices.

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