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Linear transformations can be viewed as an extension of the notion of a matrix to general vector spaces.

Def. Linear Transformation

Let U and V be vector spaces, and let T be a function from U to V , $T : U \rightarrow V$. We say that T is a linear transformation if $\forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in U$ and all scalars a , we have:

1. $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$.
2. $T(a\mathbf{u}) = aT(\mathbf{u})$

Remark. $T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n) = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \cdots + c_nT(\mathbf{v}_n)$.

Linear Transformation Using Basis in \mathcal{R}^n

Let V be vector space with basis $S = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$. Let linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow U$. For any vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v} &= a_1\mathbf{u}_1 + a_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + a_p\mathbf{u}_p \\ T(\mathbf{v}) &= a_1T(\mathbf{u}_1) + a_2T(\mathbf{u}_2) + \cdots + a_pT(\mathbf{u}_p)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Th. Let $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ be a linear transformation, and let $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ be the unit vectors in \mathcal{R}^n . If A is an $(m \times n)$ matrix defined by:

$$A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1), T(\mathbf{e}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{e}_n)]\tag{2}$$

Then we have $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$.

Proof.:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{e}_i \\ T(\mathbf{x}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i T(\mathbf{e}_i) = A\mathbf{x}\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

The Matrix of Transformation

Suppose that U and V both have finite dimension, say $\dim(U) = n$ and $\dim(V) = m$. We have that U is isomorphic to R^n and V is isomorphic to R^m . Let B be a basis for U and C be a basis for V . Then each vector $\mathbf{u} \in U$ and $\mathbf{v} \in V$ can be represented by the vectors $[\mathbf{u}]_B \in R^n$ and $[\mathbf{v}]_C \in R^m$. Then the linear transformation $T : U \rightarrow V$ can be represented by an $(m \times n)$ matrix Q in the sense that if $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{v}$, then $Q[\mathbf{u}]_B = [\mathbf{v}]_C$.

Def. The Matrix of a Transformation

Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, where $\dim(U) = n$ and $\dim(V) = m$. Let $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ be a basis for U and let $C = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ be a basis for V . The **matrix representation** for T with respect to the bases B and C is the $(m \times n)$ matrix Q defined by:

$$Q = [\mathbf{Q}_1, \mathbf{Q}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_n]. \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_j = [T(\mathbf{u}_j)]_C$$

and we have:

$$Q[\mathbf{u}]_B = [\mathbf{v}]_C \text{ if } T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{v}. \quad (5)$$

Proof.

$$[\mathbf{u}]_B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]^T. \quad (6)$$

$$Q[\mathbf{u}]_B = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \mathbf{Q}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i [T(\mathbf{u}_i)]_C = [T(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i T(\mathbf{u}_i))]_C = [T(\mathbf{u})]_C = [\mathbf{v}]_C.$$

Th. The Representation Theorem

Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation, where $\dim(U) = n$ and $\dim(V) = m$. Let B and C be bases for U and V , and let Q be the matrix of T relative to B and C . If \mathbf{u} is a vector in U and $T(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{v}$, then:

$$Q[\mathbf{u}]_B = [\mathbf{v}]_C \quad (7)$$

Moreover, Q is the unique matrix that satisfies the equation above.

Corollary. Let T_1, T_2 and T be transformation from U to V and let Q_1, Q_2 and Q be the matrix representations with respect to B and C for T_1, T_2 and T . Then:

1. $Q_1 + Q_2$ is the matrix representation for $T_1 + T_2$ with respect to B and C .
2. For a scalar a , aQ is the matrix representation for aT with respect to B and C .

Composition

Th. Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ and $S : V \rightarrow W$ be linear transformations, and suppose $\dim(U) = n$, $\dim(V) = m$ and $\dim(W) = k$. Let B, C, D be bases for U, V and W . If the matrix for T relative to B and C is $Q_{m \times n}$ and the matrix for S relative to C and D is $P_{k \times m}$, then the matrix representation for $S \circ T$ is PQ .

Def. Null Space and Range

Let V and W be subspaces, and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. The **null space** of T , denoted by $\mathcal{N}(T)$, is the subset of V given by:

$$\mathcal{N}(T) = \{\mathbf{v} | \mathbf{v} \in V \text{ and } T(\mathbf{v}) = \theta_W\} \quad (8)$$

The **range** of T , denoted by $\mathcal{R}(T)$, is the subset of W defined by:

$$\mathcal{R}(T) = \{\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{w} \in W \text{ and for some } \mathbf{v} \in V, \text{ we have } \mathbf{w} = T(\mathbf{v})\}. \quad (9)$$

We know that there exists a matrix A s.t. $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. In this case we have:

1. $\mathcal{N}(T) = \mathcal{N}(A)$.
2. $\mathcal{R}(T) = \mathcal{R}(A)$.

Def. One to One Linear Transformation

We say a linear transformation $T : U \rightarrow V$ is **one to one** if $T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v})$ implies $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$ for all \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in U .

Remark. One to one linear transformation has strong relation with unique solution $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$.

Th. Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. Then:

1. $T(\theta_U) = \theta_V$.
2. $\mathcal{N}(T)$ is a subspace of U .
3. $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is a subspace of V .
4. T is one to one if and only if $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{\theta_U\}$; that is, T is one to one if and only if $\text{nullity}(T) = 0$.

Th. [for finite-dimensional vector space only]

Let $T : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation and let U be p -dimensional, where $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ is a basis for U .

1. $\mathcal{R}(T) = \text{Sp}\{T(\mathbf{u}_1), T(\mathbf{u}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{u}_p)\}$.
2. T is one to one if and only if $\{T(\mathbf{u}_1), T(\mathbf{u}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{u}_p)\}$ is linearly independent in V .
3. $\text{rank}(T) + \text{nullity}(T) = p$.

Def. Operations with Linear Transformations

Let U and V be vector spaces and let T_1 and T_2 be linear transformations, where $T_1 : U \rightarrow V$ and $T_2 : U \rightarrow V$.

1. **Sum:** $T_3 : U \rightarrow V$, $T_3 = T_1 + T_2$ means $T_3(\mathbf{u}) = T_1(\mathbf{u}) + T_2(\mathbf{u})$.
2. **Scalar Product:** aT denotes $(aT)(\mathbf{u}) = a(T(\mathbf{u}))$.
3. **Composition:** Let U, V, W be vector space, let S and T be linear transformations, where $S : U \rightarrow V$ and $T : V \rightarrow W$. The composition, $L = T \circ S$, of S and T is defined to be function $L : U \rightarrow W$ given by $L(\mathbf{u}) = T(S(\mathbf{u}))$.

Def. Onto(满射)

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is **onto** provided that $\mathcal{R}(f) = Y$. A linear transformation $T : U \rightarrow V$ is **onto** provided that $\mathcal{R}(T) = V$.

Def. Inverse

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. If f is both one to one and onto, then the **inverse** of f , denoted by $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$, is the function defined by:

$$f^{-1}(y) = x \text{ if and only if } f(x) = y. \quad (10)$$

Therefore, if $T : U \rightarrow V$ is a linear transformation that is both one to one and onto, then the inverse function $T^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$ is defined.

Def. Invertible Linear Transformations

A linear transformation $T : U \rightarrow V$ that is both one to one and onto is called an **invertible** linear transformation.

Th. Let U and V be vector spaces, and let $T : U \rightarrow V$ be an invertible linear transformation. Then:

1. $T^{-1} : V \rightarrow U$ is a linear transformation.
2. T^{-1} is invertible and $(T^{-1})^{-1} = T$.
3. $T^{-1} \circ T = I_U$ and $T \circ T^{-1} = I_V$, where I_U and I_V are the identity transformations on U and V .
4. For each vector $\mathbf{b} \in V$, $\mathbf{x} = T^{-1}(\mathbf{b})$ is the unique solution of $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$.
5. If S and T are invertible and $S \circ T$ is defined, then $S \circ T$ is invertible and $(S \circ T)^{-1} = T^{-1} \circ S^{-1}$.

Note. Almost all properties of invertible matrix can be used in invertible linear transformation.

What is isomorphic

Suppose invertible transformation $T : U \rightarrow V$ is both one to one and onto, T established an exact pairing between elements of U and V . Moreover, because T is a linear transformation, this pairing preserves algebraic properties. Therefore, although U and V may be different sets, they may be regraded as indistinguishable(or equivalent) algebraically. Stated another way, U and V both represent just one underlying vector space but perhaps with different "labels" for the elements. The invertible linear transformation T acts as a translation from one set of labels to another.

Def. Isomorphic Vector Space

If U and V are vector spaces and if $T : U \rightarrow V$ is an invertible linear transformation, then U and V are said to be **isomorphic vector space**. Also, an invertible transformation T is called an **isomorphism**.

Th. If U is a real n -dimensional vector space, then U and R^n are isomorphic.

Corollary. If U and V are real n -dimensional vector spaces, then U and V are isomorphic.

Change of Basis and Diagonalization

A linear transformation from U to V can be represented as an $(m \times n)$ matrix when $\dim(U) = n$ and $\dim(V) = m$. A consequence of this representation is that properties of transformations can be studied by examining their corresponding matrix representations.

For change of basis, we consider only transformations from V to V . If we are interested in the properties of T , then it is reasonable to search for a basis for V that makes the matrix representation of T as simple as possible. Finding such a basis is the subject of this section.

Def. Diagonalizable Transformations

If T is a linear transformation with a matrix representation that is diagonal, then T is called diagonalizable.

Def. Eigenvalue and Eigenvector in General Vector Space Setting

A scalar λ is called an **eigenvalue** for a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ provided that there is a **nonzero** vector $\mathbf{v} \in V$ such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = \lambda\mathbf{v}$. \mathbf{v} is called an **eigenvector** for T corresponding to λ .

Th. Let V be an n -dimensional vector space. A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ is diagonalizable if and only if there exists a basis for V consisting of eigenvectors for T .

Th. Change of Basis

Let B and C be bases for the vector space V , with $B = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$, and let $P_{n \times n}$ be the matrix given by $P = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \dots, \mathbf{P}_n]$, where the i th column of P is:

$$\mathbf{P}_i = [\mathbf{u}_i]_C \quad (11)$$

Then P is nonsingular matrix and

$$[\mathbf{v}]_C = P[\mathbf{v}]_B \quad (12)$$

The matrix P is called the **transition matrix**. Since P is nonsingular, we have

$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = P^{-1}[\mathbf{v}]_C \quad (13)$$

Proof.: The linear transformation here is $T : V \rightarrow V$, or $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$. Then the **The Representation Theorem** applies. For the fact that P is nonsingular, we have:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{P}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i [\mathbf{u}_i]_C = \sum_{i=1}^n [a_i \mathbf{u}_i]_C = [\theta]_C \quad (14)$$

$$\text{And we have: } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbf{u}_i = \theta$$

Matrix Representation and Change of Basis

Given a basis B , the relationship between the matrix representations of a linear transformation with respect to two different bases suggests how to determine a basis C such that the matrix relative to C is simpler matrix.

Th. Let B and C be bases for the n -dimensional vector space V , and let $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation. If Q_1 is the matrix of T with respect to B and if Q_2 is the matrix of T with respect to C , then:

$$Q_2 = P^{-1}Q_1P \quad (15)$$

where P is the transition matrix from C to B .

Proof. $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$, we have

$$Q_2[\mathbf{v}]_C = [\mathbf{v}]_C = P^{-1}[\mathbf{v}]_B = P^{-1}Q_1[\mathbf{v}]_B = P^{-1}Q_1P[\mathbf{v}]_C \quad (16)$$

and Q_2 is unique, so

$$Q_2 = P^{-1}Q_1P \quad (17)$$

Application in Eigenvalue

If Q is similar to a diagonal matrix R . If we choose $\{\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2, \dots, \mathbf{S}_n\}$ to be a basis of R^n consisting of eigenvectors for Q , then

$$R = S^{-1}QS = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

where d_i are eigenvalues for Q and where $Q\mathbf{S}_i = d_i\mathbf{S}_i$.