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Linearizing nonlinear systems

Roadmap

- recalling the definition of state-space systems
- Taylor approximations, what are they?
- how to linearize a continuous time system
- examples

State space representations - Definition

mathematical model (typically but not limited to of a physical system) as a finite set of inputs, outputs and state variables related by first-order differential equations satisfying the separation principle

Ingredients:

- finite number of inputs, outputs and state variables
- first-order differential equations
- *satisfies the separation principle*: the current value of the state contains all the information necessary to forecast the future evolution of the outputs and of the state. I.e., to compute future $y(t + \tau)$ and $x(t + \tau)$ it is enough to know the current $x(t)$ and the current and future inputs $u(t : t + \tau)$

Example

Rechargeable flashlight:

- state = level of charge of the battery & on / off button
- output = how much light the device is producing

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x_1, \dots, x_n = states

y_1, \dots, y_p = outputs

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$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{x}_n = f_n (x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m)$$

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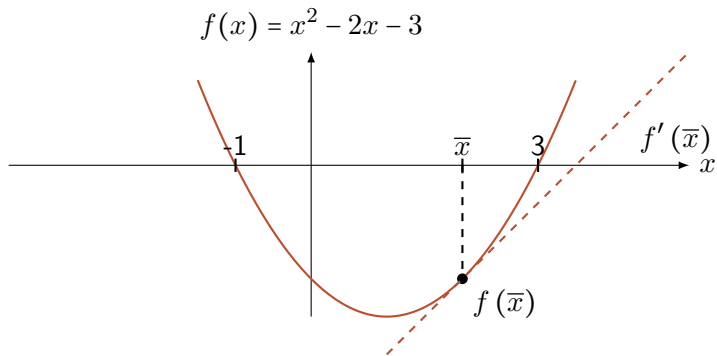
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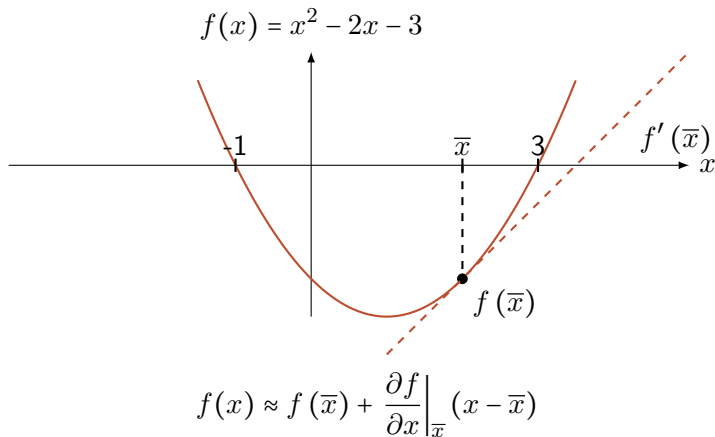
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- \boldsymbol{g} = output map

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$$\begin{array}{lcl} \dot{x} & = & f(x, u) \\ y & = & g(x, u) \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{lcl} \dot{x} & = & Ax + Bu \\ y & = & Cx + Du \end{array}$$

linearize \implies approximate!

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the most important case for our purposes:

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Linearization - Example

electrostatic microphone:

- q = capacitor charge
- h = distance of armature from its natural equilibrium
- $\mathbf{x} = [q, h, \dot{h}]$
- R = circuit resistance
- E = voltage generated by the generator (constant)
- C = capacity of the capacitor
- m = mass of the diaphragm + moved air
- k = mechanical spring coefficient
- β = mechanical dumping coefficient
- u_1 = incoming acoustic signal

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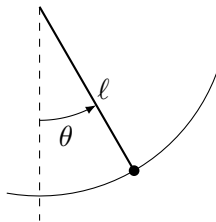
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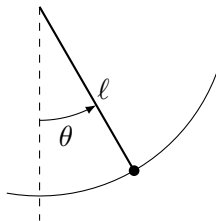
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linearization = a very useful tool to do
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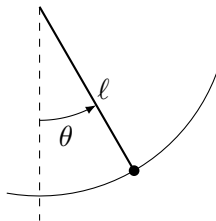
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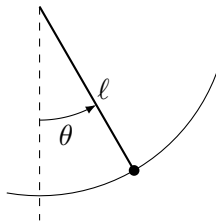


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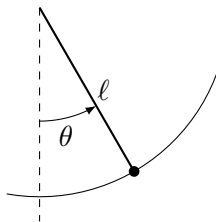


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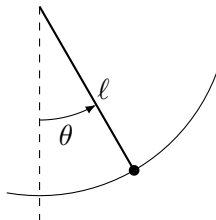
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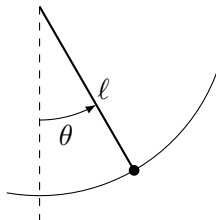


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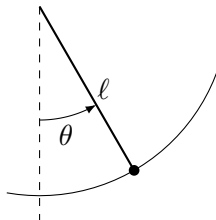
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Linearizing nonlinear systems - insights on the preservation of the stability properties

Roadmap

- obvious properties
- simple examples
- understanding through generalizing the simple examples
- some considerations about control of nonlinear systems

Obvious fact: linearizing around an equilibrium keeps that point an equilibrium

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \dot{\boldsymbol{x}} & = \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}) \\ \boldsymbol{y} & = \boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}) \end{array} \quad \mapsto \quad \begin{array}{lcl} \dot{\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}} & = \boldsymbol{A}\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} + \boldsymbol{B}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{y}} & = \boldsymbol{C}\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}} + \boldsymbol{D}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \end{array}$$

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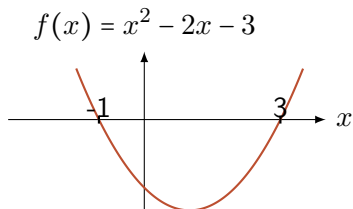
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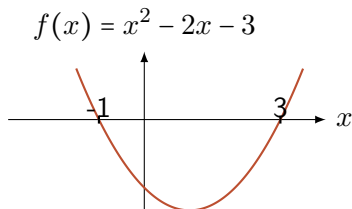
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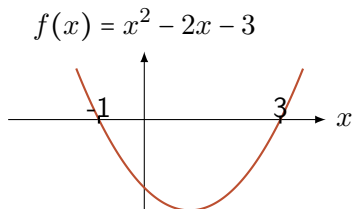


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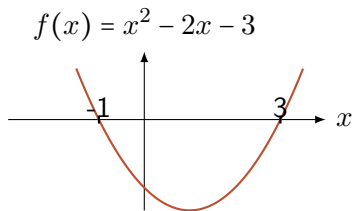
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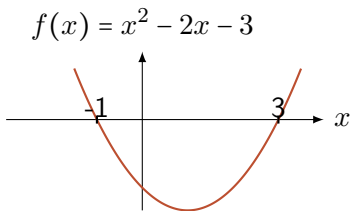
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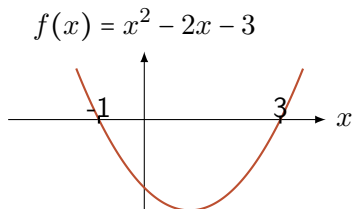
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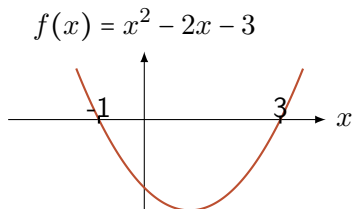


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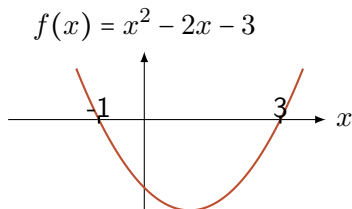
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very important message: this implicitly says that studying linearized systems gives information about the nonlinear ones!

Summarizing

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- if $A_{x_{eq}}$ is asymptotically stable, then the original equilibrium x_{eq} is locally asymptotically stable
- if $A_{x_{eq}}$ is unstable, then the original equilibrium x_{eq} is unstable
- if $A_{x_{eq}}$ is simply stable, then we cannot say anything about the original equilibrium x_{eq} and we need to do other types of analyses (in later-on courses!)
- in any case the considerations are local considerations, valid only in the neighborhood of x_{eq}

Some philosophical considerations

- sometimes piecewise linearizing systems is a way to deal with nonlinear dynamics, even if this is not the most elegant approach to control
- you will do nonlinear control in later on courses; feedback linearization, one of the approaches, is very powerful
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhND7Mvp3f4> ← this is done through classical nonlinear control, not data driven one

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Numerically simulating nonlinear systems

Roadmap

- why do we need to numerically simulate?
- Euler methods
- pros and cons
- connections with linearization

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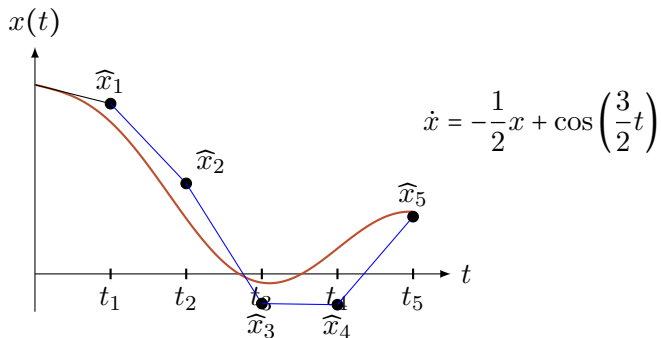
the need is for discretizing these objects, both in time and in space

Simulating nonlinear systems = solving the ODE numerically and in a discrete way

i.e., use the fact that we know that $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$, we know the whole u , and we know the initial condition $x(0)$ to compute a series of points

$$x(t_1), x(t_2), \dots, x(t_N)$$

that approximate the whole trajectory $x(0 : T)$:



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Known problem: Euler forward may be numerically unstable, especially for “stiff ODEs” (i.e., ODEs for which some terms that can lead to rapid variation in the solution). Will be seen extensively in following courses!

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can be generalized to Runge-Kutta methods, with better tradeoffs and robustness properties; they will be studied in following courses

Important: Euler's method is another type of linearization

“normal” linearization

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Euler's method

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What is best, then? Euler or “normal” linearizing?

pros of linearizing

- analytic results usable to design control systems and understand structural properties

cons of linearizing

- results valid only locally
- one may make mistakes in computing the Jacobians

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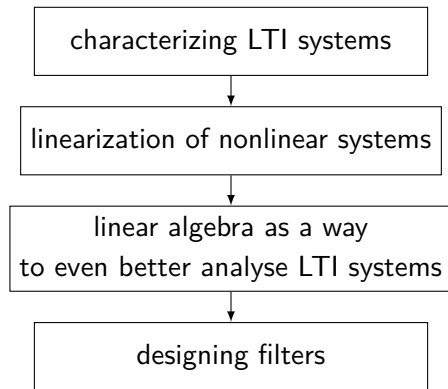
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- gives more accurate information about the actual trajectories

cons of Euler

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- does not give theoretical insights

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Where are we now?



Linear algebra - why, if we are doing control?

Roadmap

- why?
- spoilers

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(e.g., *computing the equilibria*)

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Suggested additional resources:

- 3blue1brown: Essence of linear algebra
- Khan Academy: 44 videos on linear algebra
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- Gilbert Strang: Linear algebra

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Basic operations

Roadmap

- inner products
- matrix vector products
- matrix matrix products

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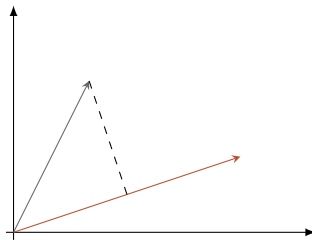
Important: saying “vector” means column vector; to indicate row vectors say “row vectors”!

Transposition

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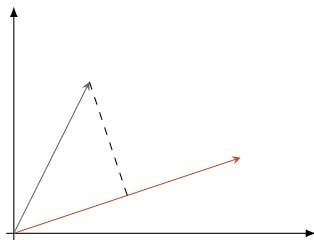
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Inner product



$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n$$

Geometrical meaning of inner product, some notes



note: x and y must live in the same space, thus they must have the same length

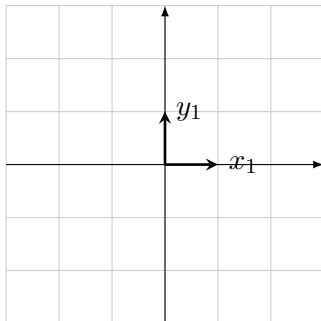
suggested material: 3 blue 1 brown, Dot products and duality, Essence of linear algebra, chapter 9

Matrix-vector product, mathematical definition

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \star_1 \\ \vdots \\ \star_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1} \end{bmatrix} \star_1 + \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n2} \end{bmatrix} \star_2 + \begin{bmatrix} a_{13} \\ \vdots \\ a_{n3} \end{bmatrix} \star_3 + \dots$$

Matrix-vector product, geometrically

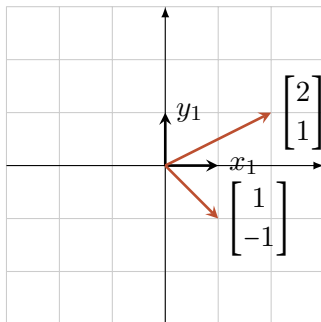
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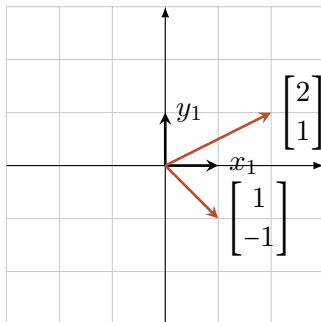
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what are then $Ax_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $Ax_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$?



VERY IMPORTANT INTERPRETATION

the columns of A are where the elements of the canonical basis are mapped by A

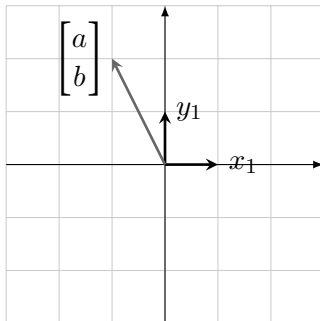


Remember: not all the A 's are square

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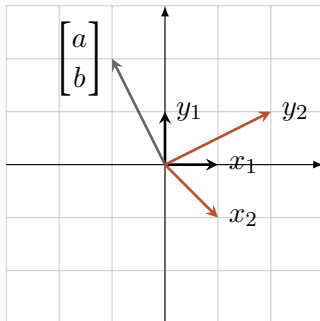
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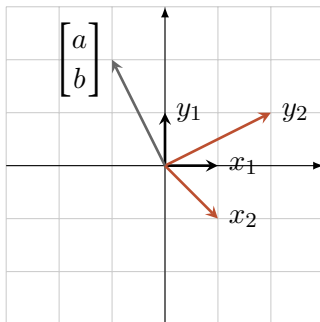
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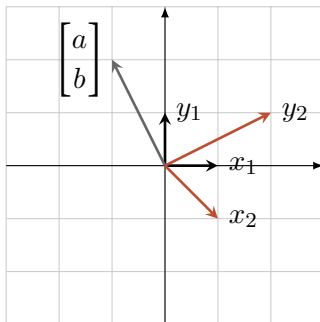
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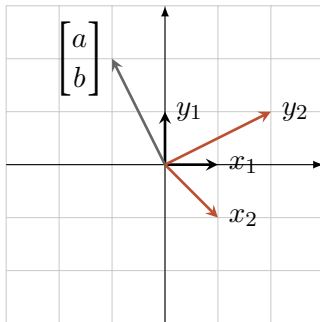
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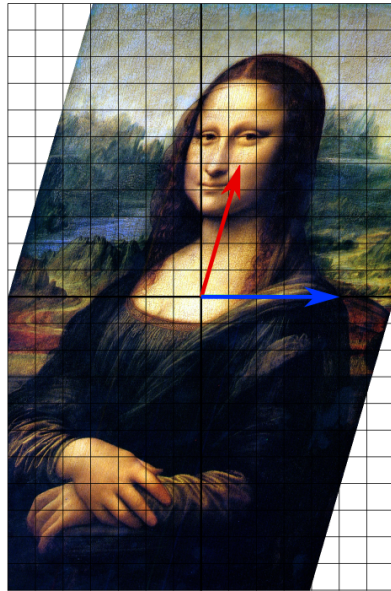
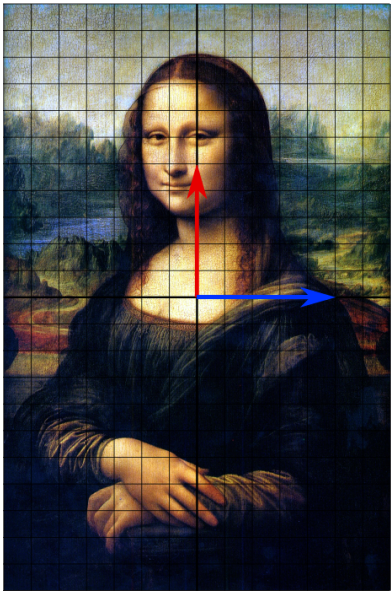


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$$AB = A \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\mathbf{b}_1 & \dots & A\mathbf{b}_p \end{bmatrix}$$

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- $\implies C \in \mathbb{R}^{r_A \times c_B}$

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Do you see why this does *not* work?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(even if it may actually happen, depending on the eigendecompositions of A and $B \dots$)

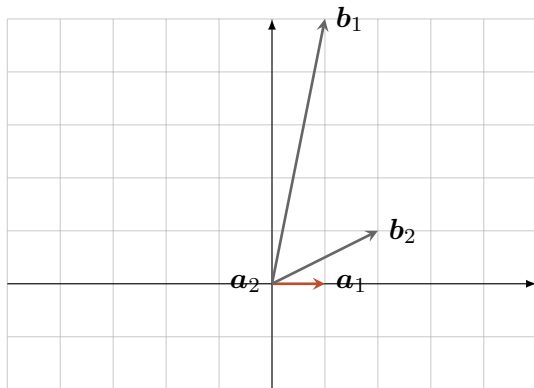
Numerical example:

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Ok that in general $AB \neq BA$, but why?

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Important points

- matrix multiplications are not commutative: $AB \neq BA$
- if $AB = BA$ then we say that A and B commute

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different interpretations; typically (but not always):

- “columns of the product = linear combinations of the columns of A ” more useful when doing control
- “elements of the product = angles between the rows of A and columns of B ” more useful when doing data science

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How to change between bases, and why

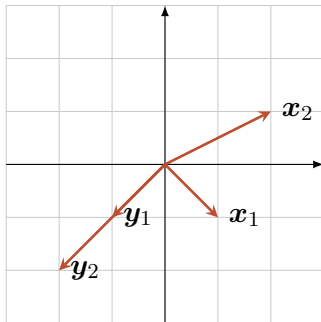
Roadmap

- what is a basis?
- what happens when there are two bases?
- how do I change between the two bases?

Linear independency

$\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are said to be *linearly independent* if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_m = 0$$



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dimension of a space: max. number of linearly independent vectors in that space

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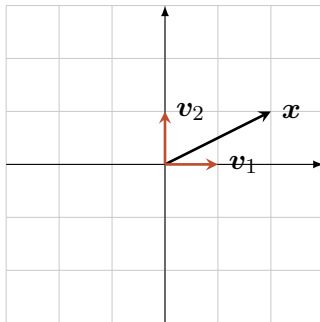
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important point: they must be as many as there are dimensions in the vectors space we are looking for a basis

How to use a basis

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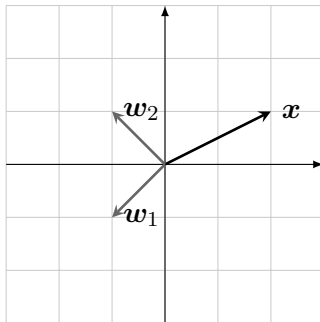
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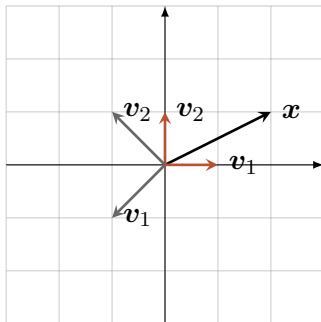
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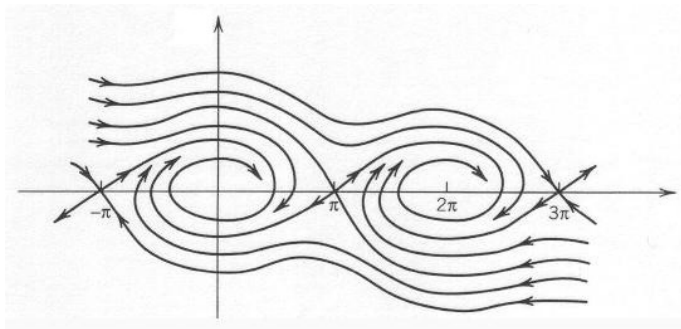
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Important message: \mathbf{x} is the same object, independently of the basis.
Thus we must be able to “change” between the coordinate systems!



Changing between bases - physical intuitions



the system is the same system, even if I decide to measure things in a different way

Changing between bases

if $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ and $\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n$ are two separate bases of \mathbb{R}^n then

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{w}_1 \ \mathbf{w}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{w}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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Exercise: change the basis of \mathbf{x} from V to W

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = V \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

hint: remember that $\mathbf{v}_m = [\mathbf{w}_1 \ \mathbf{w}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{w}_n] \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{m \rightarrow 1} \\ \gamma_{m \rightarrow 2} \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_{m \rightarrow n} \end{bmatrix}$ and try to form $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$

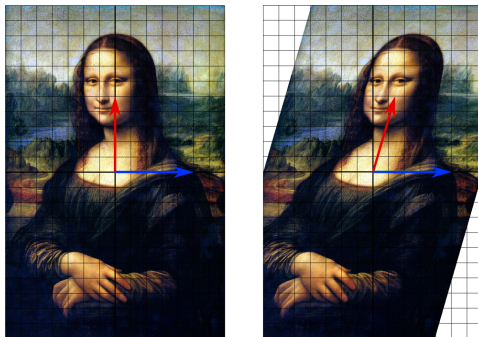
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Linear transformations

Roadmap

- linear transformations as matrices
- the difference between “linear transformation” and “matrix”
- the effect of changing bases

Linear transformations and matrices



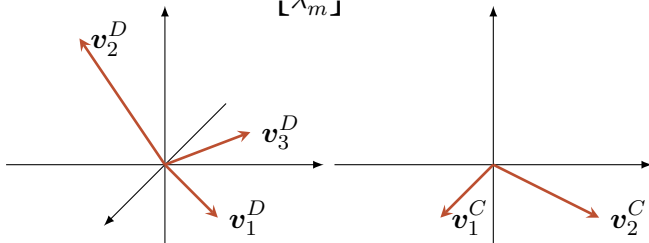
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linear transformation $\mathcal{A} \neq$ matrix A

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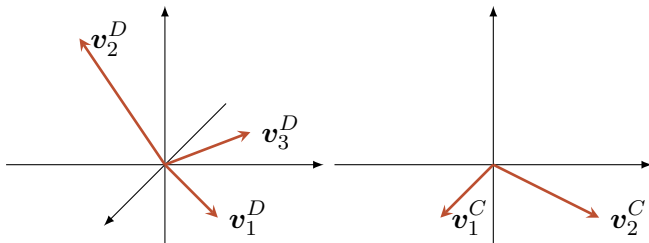
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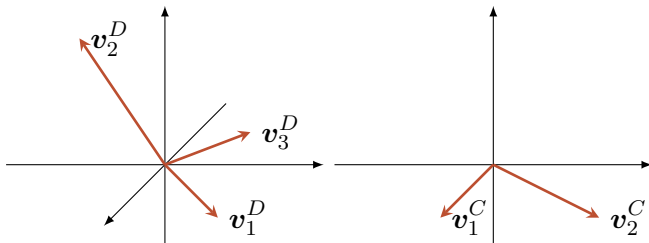
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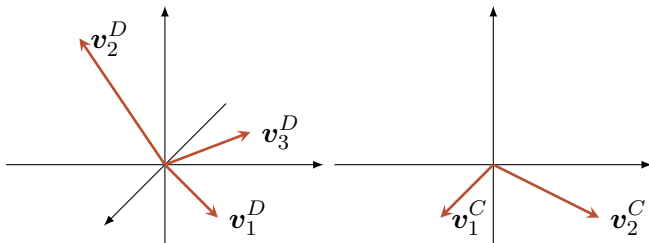
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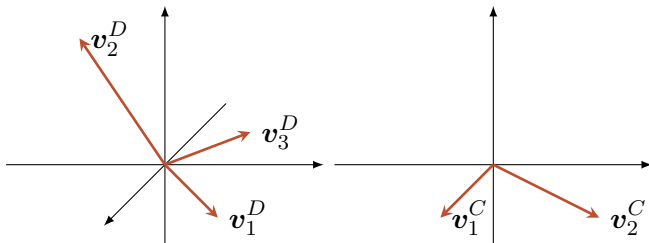
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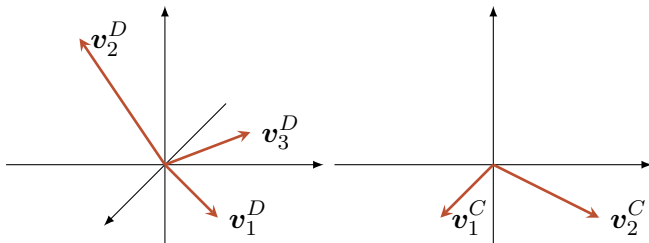
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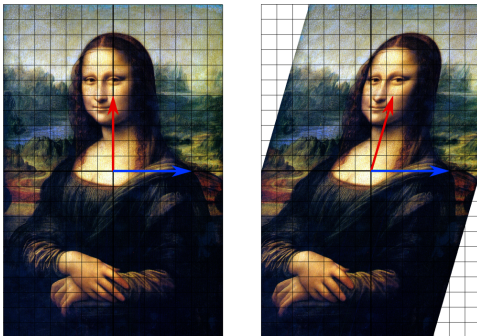


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i.e., to go from \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{y} start from the coordinates of \mathbf{x} in the basis of the domain, transform the coordinates through the matrix A transforming the basis in the domain into the basis of the codomain, and consider the new coordinates \mathbf{y} as expressed in the basis of the codomain

Linear transformations and matrices



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same concepts as before, just that both \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are expressed in the the same basis, so that A expresses how the elements *of the given basis* are transformed

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operations of the type $A' = T A T^{-1}$ with T full-rank mean changing the basis, i.e., “looking at the linear transformation from a different perspective”

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The spaces associated to a matrix

Roadmap

- rank and range
- determinants
- kernel
- connections among the various concepts

Recall:

$\text{span}(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle =$ set of all the linear combinations of these vectors

$\text{range}(A) =$ span of the columns of A

dimension of a space: max. number of linearly independent vectors

Just to make the importance of the concepts clear:

when does this system have a solution?

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{y}$$

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Example: what is the maximal rank of $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$?

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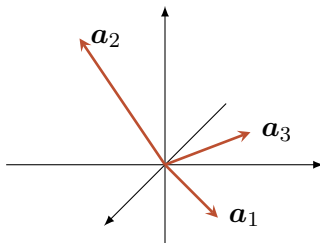
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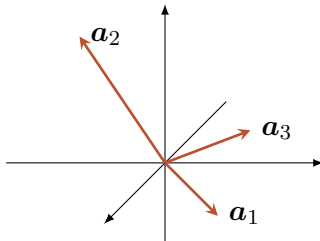
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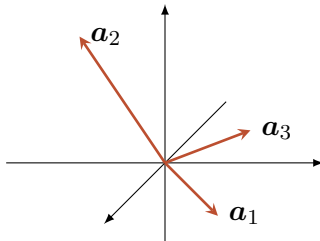
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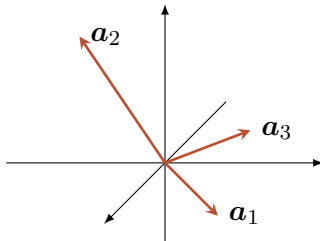
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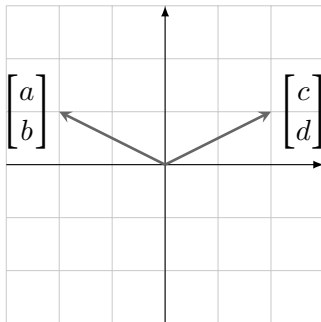
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*the determinant is a property of the linear transformation \mathcal{A} ,
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since changing the basis does not change the underlying transformation*

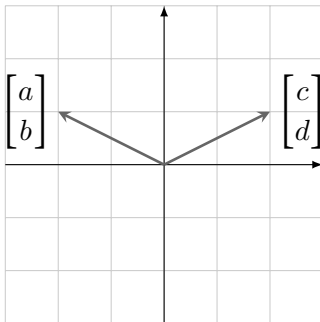
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Which other case do you know? (you know for sure already one more)

Determinants and invertibility of linear maps

Immediate implications:

$$\det(A) \neq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{A} \text{ invertible}$$

$$\det(A) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathcal{A} \text{ not-invertible}$$

Why is invertibility important?

because if you want to solve $Ax = b$ for generic b then you need A^{-1}

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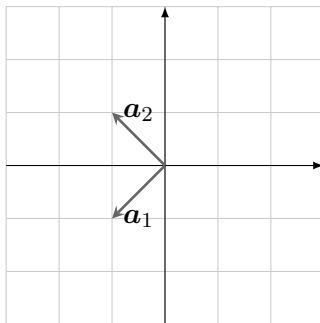
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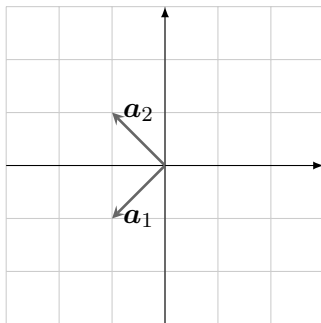
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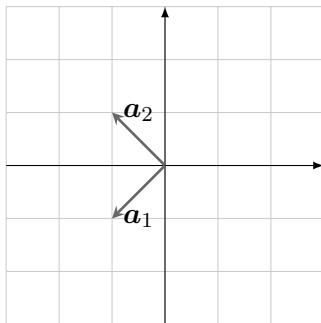
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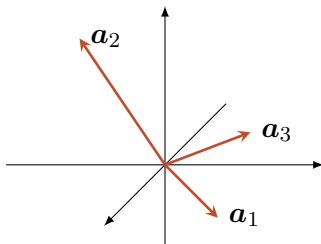
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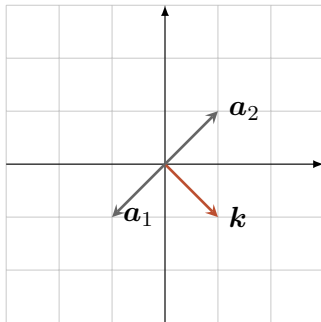
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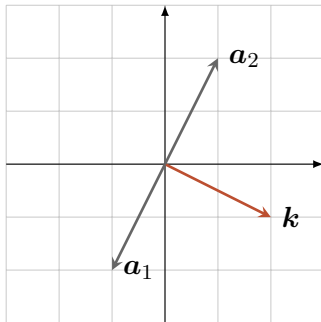
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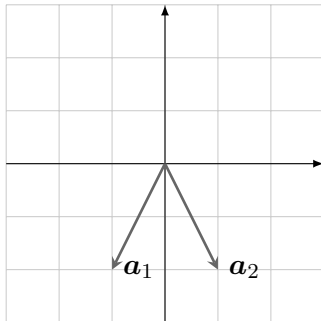
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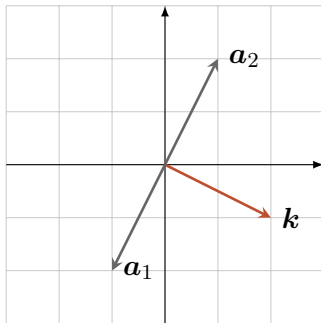
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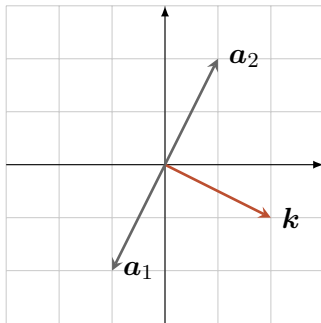
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$$\implies \text{rank}(A) + \dim(\ker(A)) = \text{number of columns of } A$$

Alternative viewpoint on the kernel of A

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_m \mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathbf{a}_i \perp \mathbf{x} \quad \forall i$$

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\ker(A) = ?$
- $\text{range}(A) = ?$

bigger matrices, and needing to compute ranges, determinants, or kernels?
→ use Matlab, python, Wolfram Alpha, whatever

Some useful general rules

$$(A^{\top})^{\top} = A$$

$$(A + B)^{\top} = A^{\top} + B^{\top}$$

$$(cA)^{\top} = cA^{\top}$$

$$(AB)^{\top} = B^{\top}A^{\top}$$

$$\det(A^{\top}) = \det(A)$$

$$(A^{-1})^{\top} = (A^{\top})^{-1}$$