

Lecture 13 Linear transformations in \mathbb{R}^n

Recall from calculus, a function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a rule that maps a real number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ to a real number $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

$$x \longrightarrow \boxed{f} \longrightarrow f(x).$$

More generally,

A (vector) function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a rule that inputs an n -dimensional vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and outputs an m -dimensional vector $T(v) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} v & \longrightarrow & \boxed{T} \longrightarrow T(v) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n & & \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ex. } T_1: \mathbb{R}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ [x] & \longmapsto & \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ x+y \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

The study of these functions is the so-called Multivariable Calculus.

In this case, we are only interested in the linear ones.

Definition A vector function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a linear transformation, if it satisfies the following two conditions

1) T preserves addition, i.e., for all $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$T(v+w) = T(v) + T(w)$$

2) T preserves scalar multiplication, that is $\forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$T(k \cdot v) = k \cdot T(v).$$

Ex $T_2: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is linear transformation

$$\psi \left[\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right] \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x+y \\ x+y+z \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1) \quad T_2(v+w) \stackrel{?}{=} T_2(v) + T_2(w) \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1+v_2 \\ v_1+v_2+v_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1+w_2 \\ w_1+w_2+w_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad T_2 \left(\begin{bmatrix} v_1+w_1 \\ v_2+w_2 \\ v_3+w_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} (v_1+w_1) + (v_2+w_2) \\ (v_1+w_1) + (v_2+w_2) + (v_3+w_3) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad // \quad \checkmark$$

$$2). \quad T_2(k.v) \stackrel{?}{=} k.T_2(v)$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} kv_1 + kv_2 \\ kv_1 + kv_2 + kv_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 + v_2 \\ v_1 + v_2 + v_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$\therefore T_2$ is a linear transformation.

Ex T_1 is Not linear.

Note $T(0) = 0 \quad \because T(0) = T(0+0) = T(0) + T(0)$

$$\therefore T(0) = 0$$

Prop A vector function $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear if and only if

$$\forall v, w \in \mathbb{R}^n, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$T(av + bw) = a.T(v) + b.T(w)$$

Exercise 6.1.1.

II) The matrix of a linear transformation.

Prop. Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix, and consider the vector function

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \text{ defined by}$$

$$Tv = Av.$$

Then T is linear.

Proof. (1) $T(v+w) = A(v+w) = Av + Aw = Tv + Tw$

(2) $T(kv) = A(kv) = k \cdot Av = kTv.$



THM. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be any linear transformation. Then there exists an $m \times n$ matrix A such that for all $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$Tv = Av.$$

In other words, any linear transformation is a matrix transformation.

"Proof." Recall that $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n .

For each i , let $u_i = T(e_i)$, and let

$$A = [u_1 \dots u_n] = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2) \ \dots \ T(e_n)]$$

Then A is an $m \times n$ matrix. We claim that

$$T(v) = Av.$$

$$\text{For } v = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T(v) &= T(x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n) \\ &= T(x_1 e_1) + \dots + T(x_n e_n) \\ &= x_1 T(e_1) + \dots + x_n T(e_n) \\ &= [T(e_1) \dots T(e_n)] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= A \cdot v \end{aligned}$$



Example Suppose that $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation where

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

then

$$A = [T(e_1), T(e_2), T(e_3)]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

EX. Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ x+2y-z \end{bmatrix}$$

for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the matrix of this linear transformation.

Solution: The matrix is given by $A = [T(e_1), T(e_2), T(e_3)]$

$$T(e_1) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1+0 \\ 1+2 \times 0 - 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(e_2) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0+1 \\ 0+2 \times 1 - 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(e_3) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0+0 \\ 0+2 \times 0 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

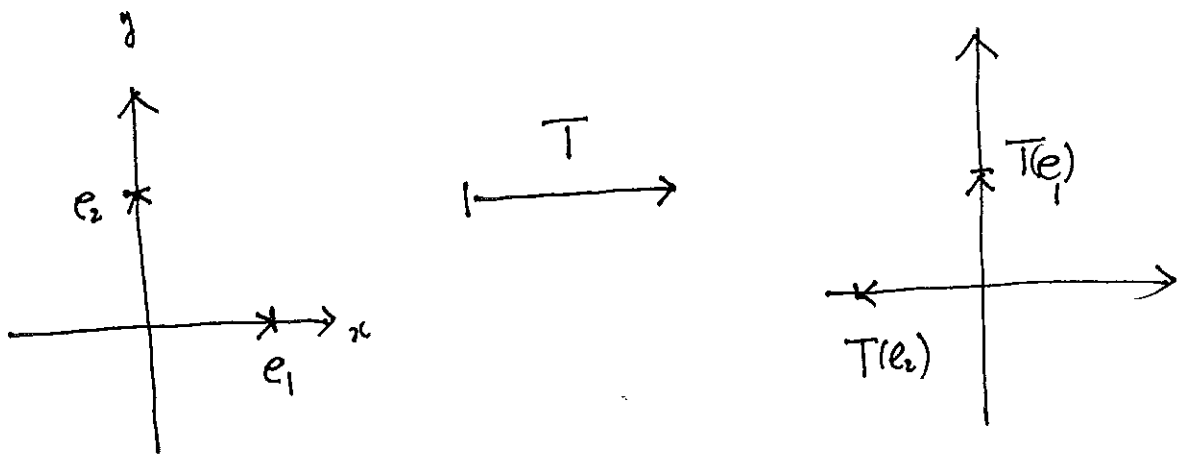
$$\text{So } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Exercise 6.2.1, 6.2.3.

III) Geometric interpretation of linear transformations

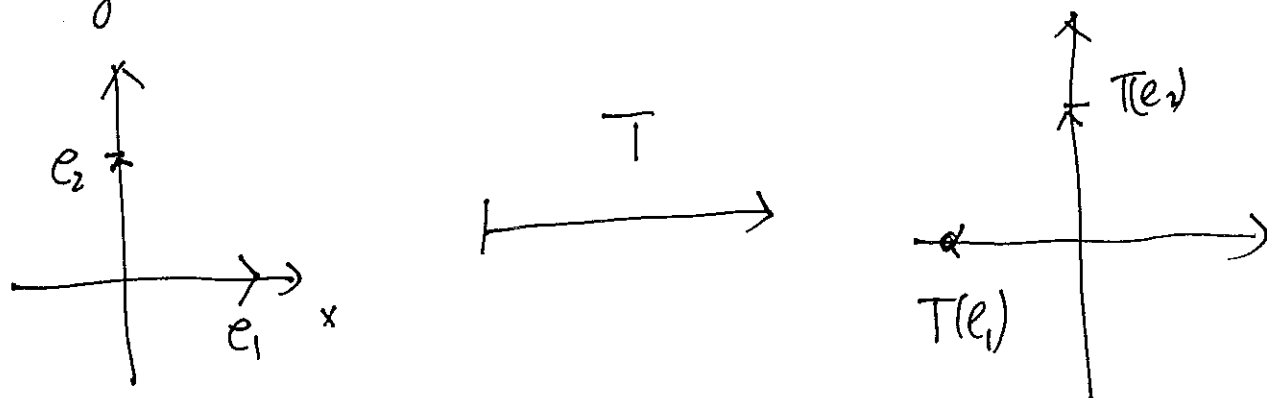
Example Consider the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ that is given by a counterclockwise rotation by 90° . Find the matrix A corresponding to this linear transformation. Find a formula for T .



\Rightarrow The matrix is $[T(e_1), T(e_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

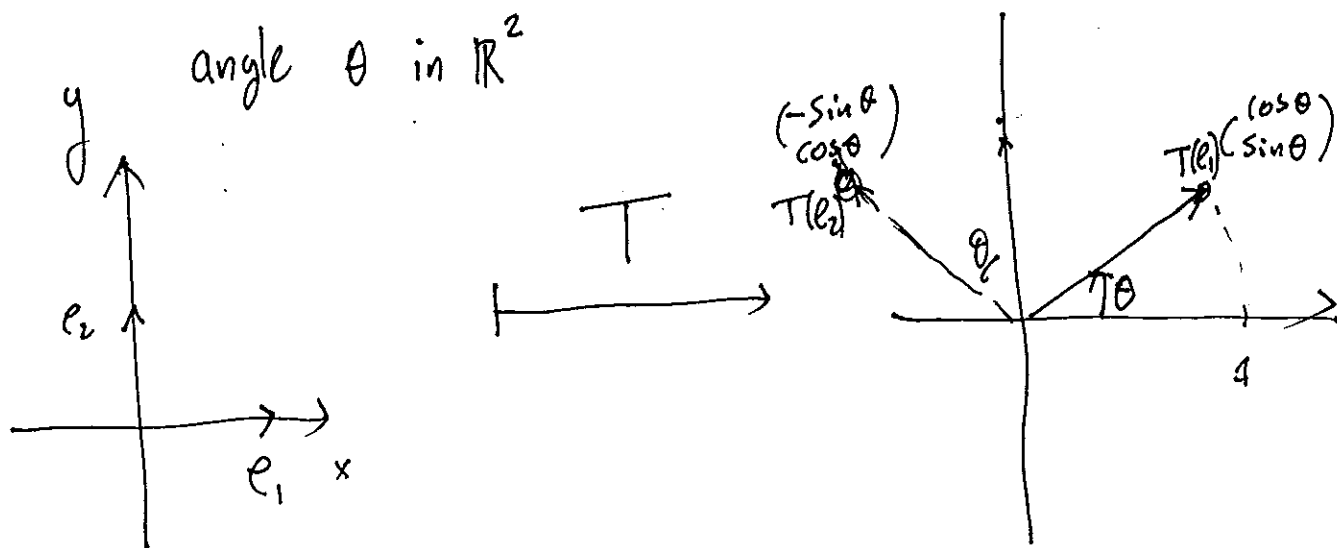
Example Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a reflection about the y-axis. Find the matrix A corresponding to this linear transformation, and a formula for T_y .



$$A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example Find the matrix A for a counterclockwise rotation by angle θ in \mathbb{R}^2 .



$$A = [T_{e_1} \ T_{e_2}] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Exercise 6.3.1

IV) Properties of linear transformations

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

(1) T preserves the zero vector, i.e., $T(0) = 0$

(2) T preserves negation: $T(-v) = -T(v)$

(3) T preserves linear combination:

$$T(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_p v_p) = a_1 T(v_1) + a_2 T(v_2) + \dots + a_p T(v_p).$$

Proof $T(\vec{0}) = T(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n}}{0} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n}}{\vec{0}}) = 0 \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^m}}{T(\vec{0})} = \vec{0}$ \square

Example: Linear combination

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be a linear ~~combination~~ ^{transformation} such that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

Solution: Try to write $\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$ as a linear combination

of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$, and then use the above proposition.

In particular, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 3 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) - 2 T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 10 \\ -2 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -6 \\ 2 \\ -12 \end{bmatrix}$$



Composition of Linear transformations

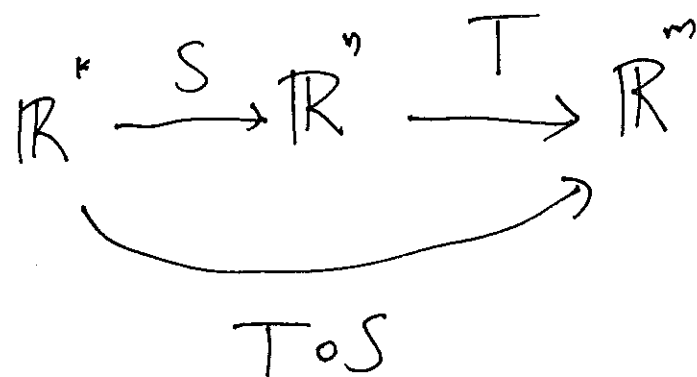
Let $S: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be linear transformations.

Then the composition of S and T is the linear transformation

$$T \circ S: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

defined by $(T \circ S)(v) = T(S(v)) \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^k$

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THM. Let $\mathbb{R}^k \xrightarrow{S} \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mathbb{R}^n \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^m$ be linear transformations. Let A be the matrix corresponding to S , and let B be the matrix corresponding to T . Then the matrix corresponding to the composite $T \circ S$ is $B \cdot A$.

Proof $T \circ S(v) = T(Sv) = T(Av) = B(Av) = (BA)v.$ \square

Example Find the matrix for counterclockwise rotation by angle $\theta + \phi$ in two different ways, and compare.

Solution. Let A_θ be the matrix of a rotation by θ .
 A_ϕ ϕ .

Then a rotation by the angle $\theta + \phi$ is given by the product of these two matrices

$$A_{\theta+\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi & -\cos \theta \sin \phi - \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \sin \phi + \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta + \phi) & -\sin(\theta + \phi) \\ \sin(\theta + \phi) & \cos(\theta + \phi) \end{bmatrix} = A_{\theta+\phi},$$

where (*) is due to

$$\sin(\theta + \phi) = \sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\cos(\theta + \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \sin \phi.$$



Def. Let $T, S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be linear transformations. Suppose that for each $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$S \circ T(v) = v \quad \& \quad T \circ S(v) = v.$$

Then S is called the inverse of T , written as $S = T^{-1}$.

EX. what is the inverse of a counterclockwise rotation by the angle θ in \mathbb{R}^2 ?

Solution: the inverse is a clockwise rotation by the same angle.

THM. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation. Let A be the corresponding $n \times n$ matrix. Then T has an inverse if and only if the matrix A is invertible. In this case, the matrix of T^{-1} is A^{-1} .

Ex. Find the inverse of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ -7x+4y \end{bmatrix}$.

Find the matrix ^A of T :

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

So $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -7 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore T^{-1}(v) = A^{-1} \cdot v, \quad \text{i.e.,}$$

$$T^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4x - y \\ -7x + 2y \end{bmatrix}.$$



Exercise: 6.4.1., 6.4.3, 6.4.7, 6.4.10.