

## 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  $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

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

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  $T(v) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

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

$$\text{Ex. } T_1: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ [x] & \mapsto & \begin{bmatrix} x^2 \\ x+y \\ y^2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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 if  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

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

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\Psi} \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ x+y+z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad ||$$

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

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

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

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

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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

$$T(v) = Av.$$

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

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

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

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

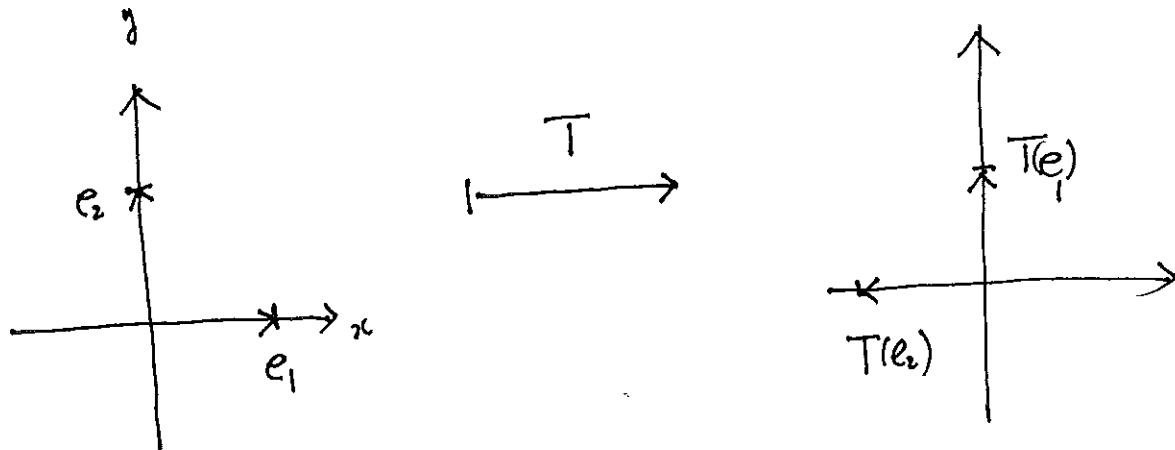
$$\text{So } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Exercise 6.2.1, 6.2.3.

III) Geometric interpretation of linear transformations

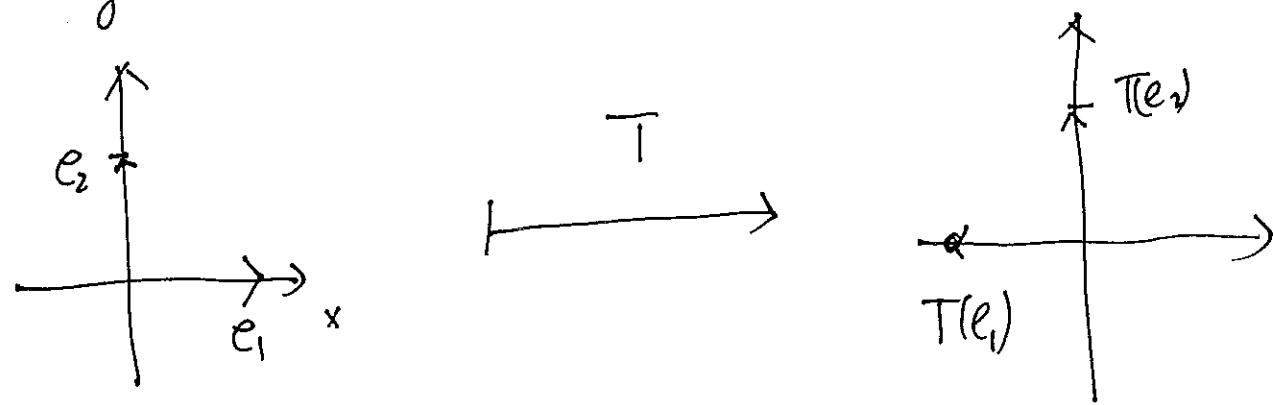
Example Consider the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  that is given by a counterclockwise rotation by  $90^\circ$ . Find the matrix A corresponding to this linear transformation. Find a formula for T.



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

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

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  $T$ .

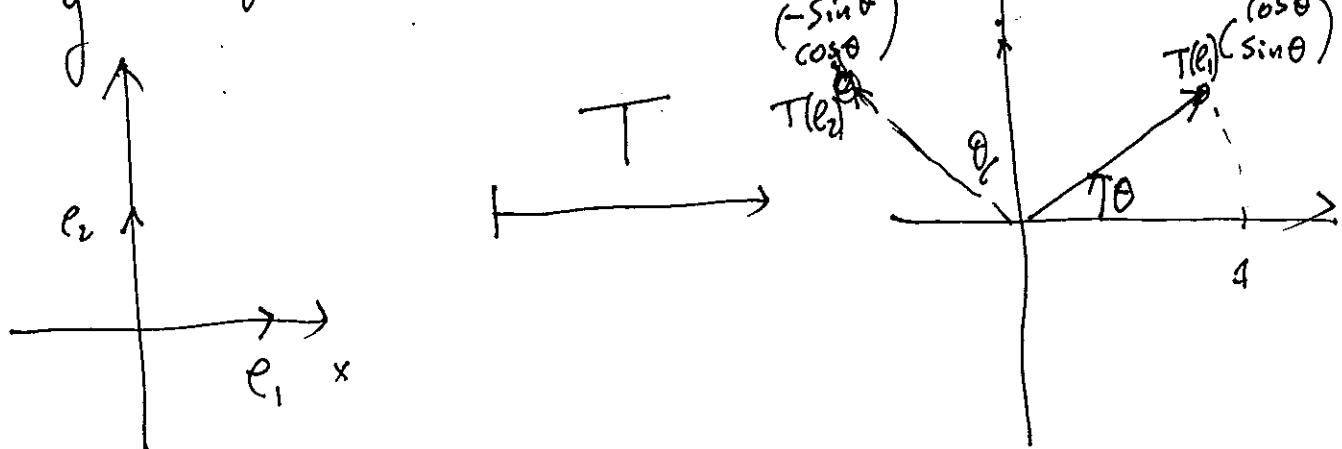


$$A = [T(e_1) \ T(e_2)] = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

Example Find the matrix  $A$  for a counterclockwise rotation by

angle  $\theta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



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

Exercise 6.3.1

## IV) Properties of linear transformations

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

(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  $T(\vec{0}) = T(0 \cdot \vec{0}) = 0 \cdot T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$  \(\blacksquare\)

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R} & \mathbb{R}^n \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \mathbb{R}^m \end{matrix}$

Example : Linear combination

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear ~~combination~~ <sup>transformation</sup> 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

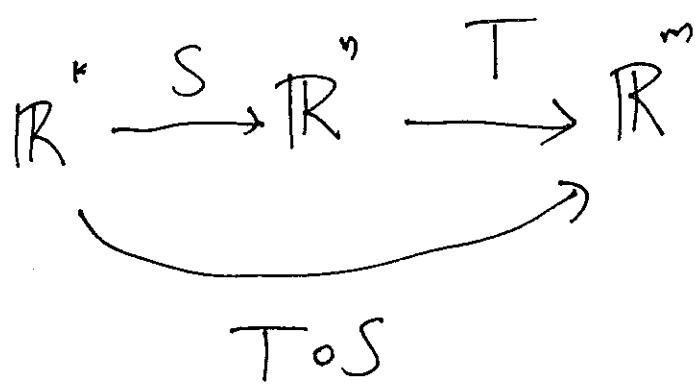
Let  $S: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be linear transformations.

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

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

Solution. Let  $A_\theta$  be the matrix of a rotation by  $\theta$ .

$$A_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_\phi = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

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

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  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

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

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  $\theta$  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  $T\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x+y \\ 7x+4y \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find the matrix of  $T$ :

$$T\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

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

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



Exercise: 6.4.1., 6.4.3, 6.4.7, 6.4.10.