



Linear Transformations

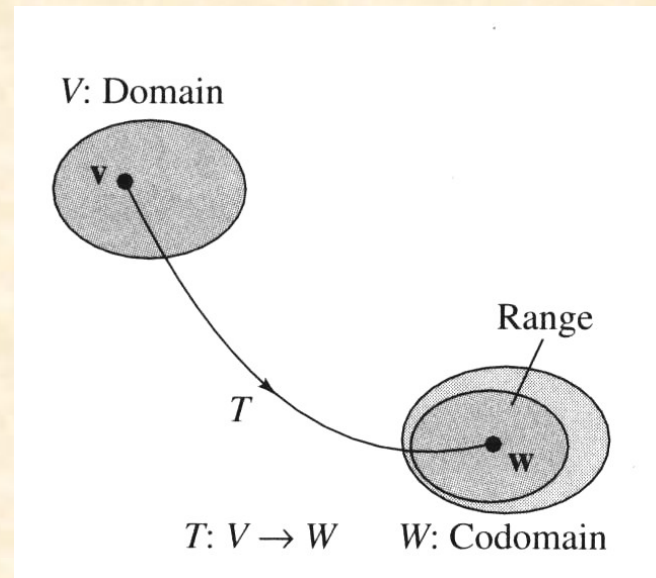
6.1 Introduction to Linear Transformations

- Function T that maps a vector space V into a vector space W :

$$T : V \xrightarrow{\text{mapping}} W, \quad V, W : \text{vector space}$$

V : the domain of T

W : the codomain of T



- Image of \mathbf{v} under T :

If \mathbf{v} is in V and \mathbf{w} is in W such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$$

Then \mathbf{w} is called the image of \mathbf{v} under T .

- the range of T :

The set of all images of vectors in V .

- the preimage of \mathbf{w} :

The set of all \mathbf{v} in V such that $T(\mathbf{v})=\mathbf{w}$.

▪ Ex 1: (A function from R^2 into R^2)

$$T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2 \quad \mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2) \in R^2$$

$$T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + 2v_2)$$

(a) Find the image of $\mathbf{v}=(-1,2)$. (b) Find the preimage of

Sol. $\mathbf{w}=(-1,11)$

(a) $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 2)$

$$\Rightarrow T(\mathbf{v}) = T(-1, 2) = (-1 - 2, -1 + 2(2)) = (-3, 3)$$

(b) $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w} = (-1, 11)$

$$T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + 2v_2) = (-1, 11)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 - v_2 = -1$$

$$v_1 + 2v_2 = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = 3, v_2 = 4 \quad \text{Thus } \{(3, 4)\} \text{ is the preimage of } \mathbf{w}=(-1, 11).$$

- **Linear Transformation (L.T.):**

V, W : vector space

$T : V \rightarrow W$: V to W linear transformation

$$(1) \quad T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}), \quad \forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$$

$$(2) \quad T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u}), \quad \forall c \in R$$

- Notes:

(1) A linear transformation is said to be operation preserving.

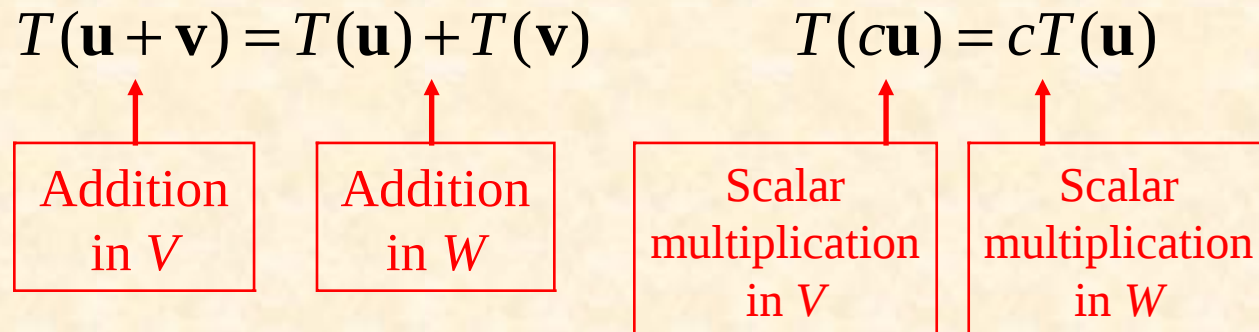
$$T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}) \qquad T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$$


Diagram illustrating the operation preserving property of a linear transformation T :

- For the first equation, $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$, the operation of addition in V (indicated by a red box) is preserved as addition in W (indicated by a red box).
- For the second equation, $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$, the operation of scalar multiplication in V (indicated by a red box) is preserved as scalar multiplication in W (indicated by a red box).

(2) A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ from a vector space into itself is called a **linear operator**.

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- Ex 2: (Verifying a linear transformation T from R^2 into R^2)

$$T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + 2v_2)$$

Pf:

$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$: vector in R^2 , c : any real number

(1) Vector addition :

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1, u_2) + (v_1, v_2) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) &= T(u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2) \\ &= ((u_1 + v_1) - (u_2 + v_2), (u_1 + v_1) + 2(u_2 + v_2)) \\ &= ((u_1 - u_2) + (v_1 - v_2), (u_1 + 2u_2) + (v_1 + 2v_2)) \\ &= (u_1 - u_2, u_1 + 2u_2) + (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + 2v_2) \\ &= T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}) \end{aligned}$$

(2) Scalar multiplication

$$c\mathbf{u} = c(u_1, u_2) = (cu_1, cu_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(c\mathbf{u}) &= T(cu_1, cu_2) = (cu_1 - cu_2, cu_1 + 2cu_2) \\ &= c(u_1 - u_2, u_1 + 2u_2) \\ &= cT(\mathbf{u}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, T is a linear transformation.

▪ **Ex 3: (Functions that are not linear transformations)**

(a) $f(x) = \sin x$

$$\sin(x_1 + x_2) \neq \sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2) \Leftarrow f(x) = \sin x \text{ is not linear transformation}$$
$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \neq \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

(b) $f(x) = x^2$

$$(x_1 + x_2)^2 \neq x_1^2 + x_2^2 \Leftarrow f(x) = x^2 \text{ is not linear transformation}$$
$$(1 + 2)^2 \neq 1^2 + 2^2$$

(c) $f(x) = x + 1$

$$f(x_1 + x_2) = x_1 + x_2 + 1$$

$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) = (x_1 + 1) + (x_2 + 1) = x_1 + x_2 + 2$$

$$f(x_1 + x_2) \neq f(x_1) + f(x_2) \Leftarrow f(x) = x + 1 \text{ is not linear transformation}$$

- Notes: Two uses of the term “linear”.

(1) $f(x) = x + 1$ is called a linear function because its graph is a line.

(2) $f(x) = x + 1$ is not a linear transformation from a vector space R into R because it preserves neither vector addition nor scalar multiplication.

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- Zero transformation:

$$T : V \rightarrow W \quad T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$$

- Identity transformation:

$$T : V \rightarrow V \quad T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}, \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V$$

- Thm 6.1: (Properties of linear transformations)

$$T : V \rightarrow W, \quad \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$$

$$(1) T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(2) T(-\mathbf{v}) = -T(\mathbf{v})$$

$$(3) T(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) - T(\mathbf{v})$$

$$(4) \text{ If } \mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n$$

$$\text{Then } T(\mathbf{v}) = T(c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_n \mathbf{v}_n)$$

$$= c_1 T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2 T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \cdots + c_n T(\mathbf{v}_n)$$

▪ **Ex 4: (Linear transformations and bases)**

Let $T : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$ be a linear transformation such that

$$T(1,0,0) = (2,-1,4)$$

$$T(0,1,0) = (1,5,-2)$$

$$T(0,0,1) = (0,3,1)$$

Find $T(2, 3, -2)$.

Sol:

$$(2,3,-2) = 2(1,0,0) + 3(0,1,0) - 2(0,0,1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(2,3,-2) &= 2T(1,0,0) + 3T(0,1,0) - 2T(0,0,1) && (T \text{ is a L.T.}) \\ &= 2(2,-1,4) + 3(1,5,-2) - 2(0,3,1) \\ &= (7,7,0) \end{aligned}$$

▪ **Ex 5: (A linear transformation defined by a matrix)**

The function $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^3$ is defined as $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

(a) Find $T(\mathbf{v})$, where $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1)$

(b) Show that T is a linear transformation from R^2 into R^3

Sol: (a) $\mathbf{v} = (2, -1)$

R^2 vector R^3 vector

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore T(2, -1) = (6, 3, 0)$$

$$(b) T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v} = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v}) \quad (\text{vector addition})$$

$$T(c\mathbf{u}) = A(c\mathbf{u}) = c(A\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) \quad (\text{scalar multiplication})$$

- Thm 6.2: (The linear transformation given by a matrix)

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The function T defined by

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$$

is a linear transformation from R^n into R^m .

- Note:

$$A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} R^n \text{ vector} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} R^m \text{ vector} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}v_n \\ a_{21}v_1 + a_{22}v_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}v_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}v_1 + a_{m2}v_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}v_n \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$$

$$T : R^n \longrightarrow R^m$$