

# CHAPTER 4

## Linear Transformations

### Part 1: Introduction, Null Space and Range

# Mapping

Define that mapping of  $T$  from  $V$  (vector space) to  $W$  (vector space) as;

$$T : V \rightarrow W$$

This is a standard terminology, for such function;

$V$  is called **domain** of  $T$ , and

$W$  is called **codomain** of  $T$ .

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 set of all images of vectors in  $V$  is called the **range** of  $T$ , and the set of all  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $V$  such that  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$  is called the **preimage** of  $\mathbf{w}$ .

# Mapping

## Example #1:

Define a mapping  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  by

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

Find the image of the coordinate vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  under the mapping  $T$ .

# Mapping

## Example #1 - Solution:

Since  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , we have

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 0 \\ 1 - 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_2) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 1 \\ 0 - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Mapping

## Example #2:

For any vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$  in  $R^2$ , let  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  defined by

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

- a) Find the image of  $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 2)$ .
- b) Find the preimage of  $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 11)$ .

# Mapping

## Example #2 - Solution:

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

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

b) Find the preimage of  $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 11)$ .

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

$$v_1 - v_2 = -1; v_1 + 2v_2 = 11$$

$\Rightarrow$  solve the SLE, give:  $v_1 = 3; v_2 = 4$

# Linear Transformation

- Let  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  be vector spaces.
- The function of  $\mathbf{T}: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{W}$  is called a **Linear Transformation** of  $\mathbf{V}$  into  $\mathbf{W}$  if the following two properties are true for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}$  and for any scalar  $c$ .

$$(i) \ T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$$

$[T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})]$ : addition in  $\mathbf{V}$

$[T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})]$ : addition in  $\mathbf{W}$

$$(ii) \ T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$$

$[T(c\mathbf{u})]$ : scalar multiplication in  $\mathbf{V}$

$[cT(\mathbf{u})]$ : scalar multiplication in  $\mathbf{W}$

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

In the case which  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{W}$ , then  $T$  is also called a **Linear Operator**.

# Linear Transformation

## Example:

Show that

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

is a Linear Transformation from  $R^2$  into  $R^2$



# Linear Transformation

## Example:

Let  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$  and  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$  be vectors in  $R^2$  and let  $c$  be any real number. Then construct the following;

1. Because  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1, u_2) + (v_1, v_2)$   
 $= (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$ , we have

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

# Linear Transformation

## Example (cont'd):

2. Because  $c\mathbf{u} = c(u_1, u_2) = (cu_1, cu_2)$ , we have

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

So,  $T$  is a linear transformation.

# Linear Transformation

## Example:

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Define a mapping  $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$  by

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

a) Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

b) Let  $A$  be the  $2 \times 3$  matrix,

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

Find the image of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

under the mapping  $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^2$  with  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$

# Linear Transformation

## Example - Solution:

a) Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

$$A(c\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = cA\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } T(c\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$$

b) Since  $T$  is defined by matrix multiplication, we have

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ and}$$

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

# Linear Transformation

**Most of the common functions studied in calculus are not linear transformation.**

a)  $f(x) = \sin x$  is not a linear transformation from  $R$  into  $R$  because in general:  
$$\sin(x_1 + x_2) \neq \sin(x_1) + \sin(x_2)$$

b)  $f(x) = x^2$  not a linear transformation from  $R$  into  $R$  because in general:  
$$(x_1 + x_2)^2 \neq x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

c)  $f(x) = x + 1$  is not linear transformation from  $R$  into  $R$  because

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

$$\text{whereas } f(x_1) + f(x_2) = x_1 + x_2 + 2,$$

$$\text{which is } f(x_1 + x_2) \neq f(x_1) + f(x_2).$$

# Linear Transformation

Two simple linear transformations are **the zero transformations** and **the identity transformation**, which are defined as follows:

1.  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $\mathbf{v}$  (Zero transformation ( $T : V \rightarrow W$ ))

(In general, zero transformation is the transformation  $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$  that maps every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $R^n$  to zero vector in  $R^m$ )

2.  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$  for all  $\mathbf{v}$  (Identity transformation ( $T : V \rightarrow V$ ))

(In general, identity transformation is the transformation  $T: R^n \rightarrow R^n$  that maps every vector  $\mathbf{v}$  into itself)

# Properties of Linear Transformation

Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $V$  into  $W$ , where  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are in  $V$ . Then the following proposition/properties are true:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \text{ If } \mathbf{v} &= c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n, \text{ then} \\ T(\mathbf{v}) &= T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n\mathbf{v}_n) \\ &= c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + c_nT(\mathbf{v}_n). \end{aligned}$$

# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example:

Define a mapping  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \\ e^y \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine whether  $T$  is a linear transformation.



# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example - Solution:

Since

$$T(\mathbf{0}) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} e^0 \\ e^0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

By the contrapositive of Proposition 1, we know that  $T$  is not a linear transformation.

# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example:

Define a mapping  $T: M_{m \times n} \rightarrow M_{n \times m}$  by

$$T(A) = A'$$

Show that the mapping is a linear transformation.

# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example - Solution:

$$T(A + B) = (A + B)' = A' + B' = T(A) + T(B)$$

Also by this same theorem,

$$T(cA) = (cA)' = cA' = cT(A)$$

Thus,  $T$  is a linear transformation.

# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example:

Let  $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^2$  be a linear transformation and let  $B$  be the standard basis for  $R^3$ . If

$$T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T(e_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find  $T(\mathbf{v})$ , where  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

# Properties of Linear Transformation

## Example - Solution:

To find the image of vector  $\mathbf{v}$ , we need to write the vector as a linear combination of the basis vector.

$$\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + c_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow c_1=1; c_2 = 3; c_3 = 2$$

Applying  $T$  to this linear combination and using the linearity properties of  $T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{v}) &= T(e_1 + 3e_2 + 2e_3) = T(e_1) + 3T(e_2) + 2T(e_3) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Exercises #1

Given the following vectors **v** and **w**, find:

- a) image of **v**
- b) preimage of **w**

$$1) T(v_1, v_2) = (v_1 + v_2, v_1 - v_2),$$
$$\mathbf{v} = (3, 4); \mathbf{w} = (3, 19)$$

$$2) T(v_1, v_2, v_3) = (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + v_2, 2v_2)$$
$$\mathbf{v} = (2, 3, 0); \mathbf{w} = (-11, -1, 10)$$

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Definition

- If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then the set of vectors in  $V$  that  $T$  maps into  $\mathbf{0}$ , is called **kernel** (or **null space**) of  $T$  denoted by  $\ker(T)$ , or

$$\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\} \text{ or } N(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}\}$$

- The set of all vectors in  $W$  that are images under  $T$  of at least one vector in  $V$  is call the **range** of  $T$ ; denoted by  $R(T)$ , or

$$R(T) = \{T(\mathbf{v}) \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

The null space of a linear transformation is then the set of all vectors in  $V$  that are mapped to the zero vector, with the range being the set of all images of the mapping, as shown in Fig. 1.

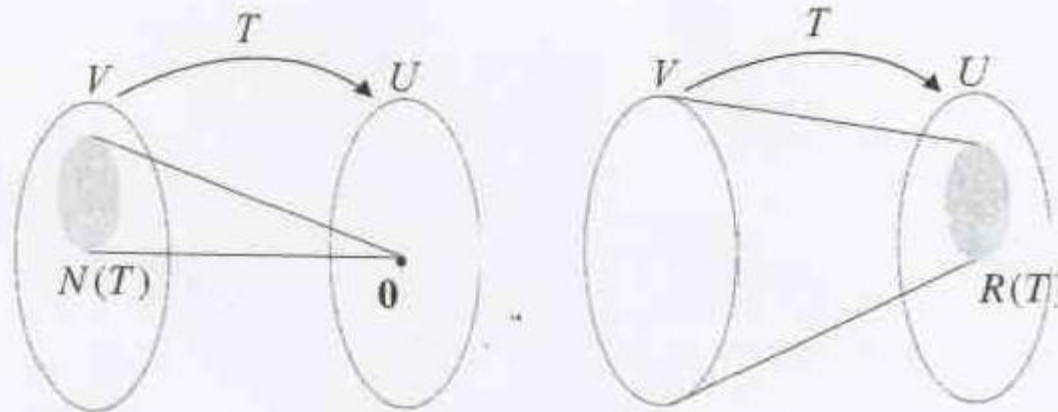


Figure 1



# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example:

Find the kernel of linear transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^3$  represented by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, 0, -x_1)$

## Solution:

To find  $\ker(T)$  we need to find all  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  in  $R^2$  such that,  
 $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, 0, -x_1) = (0, 0, 0)$

this lead to the homogenous system

$$x_1 - 2x_2 = 0; \quad 0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -x_1 = 0$$

which lead the trivial solution  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$ , so we have  
 $\ker(T) = \{(0, 0)\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example:

Define the linear transformation  $T: R^4 \rightarrow R^3$  by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a + b \\ b - c \\ a + d \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for the null space of  $T$  and its dimension.

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example - Solution:

The null space of  $T$  is found by setting each component of the image vector equal to 0. This yields the linear system:

$$\begin{cases} a + b = 0 \\ b - c = 0 \\ a + d = 0 \end{cases}$$

This linear system has infinitely many solutions, given by

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -t \\ t \\ t \\ t \end{bmatrix} \middle| t \in R \right\}, \text{ hence } N(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

A basis for  $N(T)$  consists of the one vector,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Consequently,  $\dim(N(T)) = 1$

# Theorem

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces and

$B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  be a basis of  $V$ .

If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then

$$R(T) = \text{span} \{ T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_n) \}$$

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example:

Let  $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$  be a linear operator and  $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  a basis for  $R^3$ . Suppose that

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}; T(\mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Is  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $R(T)$ ?

b) Find a basis for  $R(T)$ .

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example - Solution:

a) Based on the theorem, the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $R(T)$  if there are scalars

$c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  such that  $c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + c_3T(\mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . That is,

$$c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set of solutions to the linear system is given by  $S = \{(2 - t, -1 - t, t) | t \in R\}$ .  
 If  $t = 0$ ,  $S = \{c_1=2; c_2 = -1; c_3 = 0\}$ .

Thus, vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $R(T)$ .

# The Null Space (Kernel) and Range

## Example - Solution:

b. To find a basis for  $R(T)$ , we row-reduce the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{to obtain} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the leading 1s are in columns 1 and 2, a basis for  $R(T)$  is given by

$$R(T) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \quad \text{\#basis for column vectors}$$

Observe that since the range is spanned by two linearly independent vectors,  $R(T)$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

# Exercises # 2

i) The function  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined as

$$T(v) = A(v) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) Find the image of  $v = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

b) Find the kernel of the linear transformation, ker(T)

ii) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation such that

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

$$T(0,1,0) = (1,-5,3)$$

$$T(0,0,1) = (6,0,-5)$$

Find  $T(7, -1, 4)$