

# Recitation 2

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# Some Etymology...

## Definition (Linearity: Wikipedia)

The property of a mathematical relationship (function) that can be graphically represented as a straight line.

## Definition (Algebra: Wikipedia)

The study of mathematical symbols and the rules for manipulating these symbols.

- ▶ Linear algebra is the study of *manipulating* letters/symbols which are used to represent linear transformations.
- ▶ Two types of manipulation....

# Type 1: Linear Transformations as Letters

## Definition (Linear Transformation)

A function  $L : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is linear if

1. for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $L(\alpha v) = \alpha L(v)$  and
2. for all  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^m$  we have  $L(v + w) = L(v) + L(w)$ .

- ▶ Our linear transformation here is represented by the *letter*  $L$ .
- ▶ We will examine the rules behind manipulating  $L$  from an *algebraic* perspective, such as...
  - ▶ Associative? Commutative?
  - ▶ Invertible?
  - ▶ Derivatives? (Homework 9)

## Type 2: Linear Transformations as Matrices

### Theorem (Matrix Representation Theorem)

*All linear transformations represent matrices;  
all matrices represent linear transformations.*

- ▶ Important, but boring theorem.
- ▶ Linear transformations can also be represented by matrices

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} L_{1,1} & \dots & L_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ L_{m,1} & \dots & L_{m,n} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ We will also examine the *mechanical* perspective of linear transformations, such as...
  - ▶ How to actually multiply?
  - ▶ Interpretation of multiplication
  - ▶ Using matrix multiplication simply for calculations.  
(Removing the notion of a transformation)
- ▶ (!) Think about which framework to use in your proofs!

# A Note about Gaussian Elimination

- ▶ Gaussian Elimination is a procedure to calculate the solutions of a matrix equation.
- ▶ Not covered in this course, but you should be familiar with it.
- ▶ If this is the first time you've heard this, then please do some light studying to familiarize yourself with the process.
- ▶ Just know this at the high school/undergrad level
- ▶ **If you've already studied it in previous courses, that should be enough.**

# Questions 1: Linear Transformations

Which of the following functions are linear? If the function is linear, what is the kernel?

1.  $f_1 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f_1(a, b) = (2a, a + b)$
2.  $f_2 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $f_2(a, b) = (a + b, 2a + 2b, 0)$
3.  $f_3 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $f_3(a, b) = (2a, a + b, 1)$
4.  $f_4 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f_4(a, b) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
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## Solution

1. *Linear, Kernel is  $\{0\}$ .*
2. *Linear, Kernel is  $\{(c, -c) : c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .*
3. *Not linear,  $f_3(0, 0) = (0, 0, 1)$ .*
4. *Not linear,  $f_4(1, 0) + f_4(0, 1) = 2$  and  $f_4(1, 1) = \sqrt{2}$ .*
5. *Not linear,  $f_5(0) = 3$ .*

# Matrix Notation

- ▶ A linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is represented by a  $m \times n$  matrix which is an element of  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . (!! Note the order !!)

$$T = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} n \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} m \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} T_{1,1} & \dots & T_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T_{m,1} & \dots & T_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- ▶ This matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns.
- ▶  $T_{i,j}$  represents the entry in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column.



# Matrix Multiplication Mechanics: Inner Products

- ▶ Next few slides go over “Inner Product Method” of matrix multiplication.
  - ▶ (This is a term I made up....)
  - ▶ We haven’t covered inner products yet
- ▶ Each entry of the resultant matrix is an inner product of a row of the first matrix and a column of the second matrix
- ▶ This is the *exact* definition of matrix multiplication.
- ▶ Most straightforward way to calculate a matrix product

# Matrix Multiplication Mechanics: Inner Products

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times m}$

Rows of first matrix “line up” with columns of the second matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix}
 a_{1,1} & \dots & a_{1,k} \\
 a_{2,1} & \dots & a_{2,k} \\
 \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\
 a_{n-1,1} & \dots & a_{n-1,k} \\
 a_{n,1} & \dots & a_{n,k}
 \end{bmatrix}
 \begin{bmatrix}
 b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} & \dots & b_{1,m-1} & b_{1,m} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 b_{k,1} & b_{k,2} & \dots & b_{k,m-1} & b_{k,m}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix}
 \sum_{i=0}^k a_{1,i} b_{i,1} & \dots & \dots \\
 \sum_{i=0}^k a_{2,i} b_{i,1} & \dots & \dots \\
 \vdots & \dots & \dots \\
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# More M.M.M: Linear Combination of Columns

- ▶ Next few slides go over “Linear Combination of Columns” method of matrix multiplication.
  - ▶ (Also a term I made up....heh...)
  - ▶ We *have* covered linear combinations :)
- ▶ Each *column* of the result is a *linear combination of the columns* of the first matrix.
- ▶ Much more interpretable!
- ▶ (!) Keep an eye out for this
- ▶ Less straightforward way of calculating

# More M.M.M: Linear Combination of Columns

Each column of the  $AB$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $A$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \hline \end{array} & \dots & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \mathbf{a}_{k-1} & \mathbf{a}_k \\ \hline \end{array} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} & \dots & b_{1,m} \\ b_{2,1} & \dots & b_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{k-1,1} & \dots & b_{k-1,m} \\ b_{k,1} & \dots & b_{k,m} \end{bmatrix}$$
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# More M.M.M: Linear Combination of Columns

One dimensional case (for  $B$ ):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{a}_1 & \text{a}_2 & \dots & \text{a}_{k-1} & \text{a}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{1,1} \\ b_{2,1} \\ \vdots \\ b_{k-1,1} \\ b_{k,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^k \text{a}_i b_{i,1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- ▶ Result is in the span of columns of  $A$ !
- ▶ Much more interpretable!
- ▶ (!) Keep an eye out for this, especially if columns of  $A$  have meaning.



## Questions 2: Matrix Manipulation

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. Calculate  $AB$
2. Calculate  $BC$
3. What does  $A$  do to  $B$ ?
4. What does  $C$  do to  $B$ ?

5. Can you find an  $x$  s.t  $Cx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

## Solutions 2: Matrix Manipulation

### Solution

$$1. AB = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 & 10 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2. BC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. *Five times first row, switch second and third row*

4. *First column becomes twice the second column plus one times third column, second column stays the same, switch 3rd and fourth columns.*

5. No,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in the span of the columns of  $C$

# Linear Transformations and Subspaces

- ▶ Linear transformations are *fundamentally connected* to subspaces.
- ▶ We will spend a lot of time on investigating the *action* of a linear transformation *from* subspaces, and *to* subspaces
- ▶ Key questions in linear algebra:
  - ▶ What does a linear transformation do to 1-dimensional (and *by linearity*)  $n$ -dimensional subspaces?
  - ▶ What are “nice” combinations of 1-dimensional subspaces?
  - ▶ How do linear transformations cut up vector spaces?
  - ▶ For a given linear transformation, are there certain, *special* subspaces? (Lec 6,7)

## Questions 3: Invertibility

Let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$  and  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ .

Let  $S$  and  $U$  be invertible.

1. Prove that  $\text{Ker}(S) = \{0\}$ .

Now, prove or give a counter example to the following statements:

2.  $\text{Ker}(T) = \text{Ker}(TU)$
3.  $\text{Ker}(ST) = \text{Ker}(T)$

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### Solution

*We prove by contradiction.*

*Suppose that  $\text{Ker}(S) \neq 0$ . Then  $\exists x \neq 0$  s.t  $Sx = 0$ .*

*Now, consider  $S^{-1}Sx$ .*

$$(S^{-1}S)x = Ix = x,$$

$$\text{and } S^{-1}(Sx) = 0.$$

*We have reached a contradiction, so  $\text{Ker}(S) = 0$*

## Solutions 3: Invertibility

### Solution

2.  $\text{Ker}(T) = \text{Ker}(TU)$ . **False**

$$\text{Consider } T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Ker}(T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} \mid y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

$$\text{Ker}(TU) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

3.  $\text{Ker}(ST) = \text{Ker}(T)$ . **True**

We'll show that  $\text{Ker}(ST) \subset \text{Ker}(T)$ .

Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(ST)$ .

So,  $STx = 0$ .

Since  $S$  is invertible, then  $\text{Ker}(S) = 0$ .

Therefore,  $Tx = 0$ , and  $x \in \text{Ker}(T)$ .

$\text{Ker}(T) \subset \text{Ker}(ST)$  is straightforward.

## Question 4: Kernel and Image

1. Let  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Show that:

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### Solution

(  $\implies$  )

Assume that  $\text{Ker}(T) \cap \text{Im}(T) = \{0\}$ .

Assume that  $T^2v = 0$ . We will show that  $Tv = 0$

Since  $T^2v = 0$ , then  $T(Tv) = 0$ , so  $Tv \in \text{Ker}(T)$ .

Now, by definition,  $Tv \in \text{Im}(T)$ , so  $Tv \in \text{Ker}(T) \cap \text{Im}(T)$ , and  $Tv = 0$

(  $\impliedby$  )

Assume that  $T^2v = 0 \implies Tv = 0$

Let  $y \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , and  $y \in \text{Im}(T)$ . We show that  $y = 0$ .

Since  $y \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , then  $Ty = 0$ .

Since  $y \in \text{Im}(T)$ , then  $\exists x$  s.t  $Tx = y$ .

Then  $0 = Ty = T(Tx) = T^2x$ . Since  $T^2x = 0$ , then  $Tx = 0$ . So  $y = Tx = 0$ .