

Linear Algebra

Seminar 6: Linear transformations

(make sure you can write on the board)

Problem 1. (3pts) Find a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m which maps vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$ into $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n$:

- (a) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0)^\top; \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, -1)^\top$
- (b) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 1)^\top; \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, -1)^\top, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 1)^\top$
- (c) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 1, -1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0, 1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 1, 0)^\top; \mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 1)^\top, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, -1)^\top$
- (d) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0, 1, -1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 0, 1)^\top, \mathbf{v}_3 = (-1, 1, 0)^\top;$
 $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0, 0)^\top, \mathbf{u}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^\top, \mathbf{u}_3 = (1, 1, 1)^\top$

Problem 2. (3pts) Consider the bases $B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ and $B' = \{\mathbf{v}'_1, \mathbf{v}'_2, \mathbf{v}'_3\}$ for \mathbb{R}^3 , where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{v}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathbf{v}'_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}'_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \mathbf{v}'_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find the transition matrix $P_{B \rightarrow B'}$ from B to B' .
- (b) Compute the coordinate vector $(\mathbf{u})_B$ for $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 2)^\top$.
- (c) Use the transition matrix $P_{B \rightarrow B'}$ to compute the coordinate vector $(\mathbf{u})_{B'}$.
- (d) Check your work by computing $(\mathbf{u})_{B'}$ directly.

Problem 3. (3pts) Let T be the linear transformation of \mathbb{R}^3 defined by $T(x, y, z)^\top = (x - y, x + y, x - z)^\top$ and consider the vector

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and the basis } B \text{ formed by} \quad \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Determine the transition matrix $P_{B_0 \rightarrow B}$ from the standard basis to B
- (b) Determine the matrix A of T in the basis B
- (c) Compute $(\mathbf{v})_B, (T\mathbf{v})_B$, and check that $(T\mathbf{v})_B = A(\mathbf{v})_B$

Problem 4. (3pts) Assume that T is a linear mapping from a 2-dimensional vector space V to a 3-dimensional vector space W whose matrix in bases $(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ of V and $(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3)$ of W is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Express the vector $T\mathbf{v}_1$ in terms of the basis vectors $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3$. If $\mathbf{v} = c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2$ and $T\mathbf{v} = d_1\mathbf{w}_1 + d_2\mathbf{w}_2 + d_3\mathbf{w}_3$, find the relation between c 's and d 's
- (b) Identify the nullspace $\text{Nul}(T) = \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}\}$ of T and find its dimension
- (c) Describe the range $\text{Ran}(T) = \{\mathbf{w} = T\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$
- (d) Find a basis of $\text{Ran}(T)$
- (e) Is the mapping T an isomorphism between the spaces V and W ? Explain your answer

Problem 5. (4pts) For a linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow V$ in a finite-dimensional linear vector space the *rank* of T (denoted $\text{rank}(T)$) is defined as the dimension of the range $\text{Ran}(T) = \{T\mathbf{v} \mid \mathbf{v} \in V\}$. Assume that T_1 and T_2 are linear transformations in V .

- (a) Explain why the range of $T_2 \circ T_1$ is contained in $\text{Ran}(T_2)$ and conclude that $\text{rank}(T_2 \circ T_1) \leq \text{rank } T_2$.
- (b) Prove that $\text{rank}(T_2 \circ T_1) \leq \text{rank}(T_1)$.
- (c) Prove that if T_1 is onto, then $\text{rank}(T_2 \circ T_1) = \text{rank}(T_2)$.
- (d) Prove that if T_2 is one-to-one, then $\text{rank}(T_2 \circ T_1) = \text{rank}(T_1)$.

Comment on the special case of $V = \mathbb{R}^n$.

Problem 6. (4pts) Assume that A and B are (possibly non-square) matrices such that both AB and BA are defined.

- (a) Is it always true that $\text{rank}(AB) = \text{rank}(BA)$? Why?
 - (b) Is it possible that simultaneously $\text{rank}(AB) < \text{rank}(A)$ and $\text{rank}(AB) < \text{rank}(B)$?
 - (c) Prove that $A^\top A = \mathbf{0}$ if and only if $A = \mathbf{0}$.
 - (d) Prove that $N(A) = N(A^\top A)$.
- Hint: if $A^\top A\mathbf{x} = 0$, then $0 = \mathbf{x}^\top (A^\top A\mathbf{x}) = \dots$
- (e) Prove that $\text{rank}(A^\top A) = \text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(AA^\top)$.

Extra problems

(to be discussed if time permits)

Problem 7. Assume that T is a linear transformation of a linear vector space V . Prove that the following three statements about the nullspaces and ranges of T and $T^2 = T \circ T$ are equivalent:

- (a) $\text{Ran}(T^2) = \text{Ran}(T)$;
- (b) $\text{Nul}(T^2) = \text{Nul}(T)$;
- (c) $\text{Ran}(T) \cap \text{Nul}(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$.

Problem 8. Assume that T is a mirror symmetry in \mathbb{R}^2 with respect to the line $ax + by = 0$, with $a = -\sin \theta$ and $b = \cos \theta$, for some $\theta \in [0, \pi]$.

- (a) Find the matrix A of T in the basis B formed by $\mathbf{u}_1 = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)^\top$ and $\mathbf{u}_2 = (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta)^\top$.
 - (b) Find the transition matrix from the standard basis B_0 formed by $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0)^\top$, $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)^\top$ to B .
- Hint: this is a rotation matrix
- (c) Find the matrix A_0 of T in the standard basis B_0 .
 - (d) Check that $A\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_1$ and $A\mathbf{u}_2 = -\mathbf{u}_2$.

Problem 9. Obtain the matrix A_0 of the above problem by representing T as $T = R_\phi T_0 R_{-\phi}$, where R_ϕ is the counterclockwise rotation by angle ϕ and T_0 is the mirror symmetry with respect to the x -axis.

Problem 10. Construct a matrix A whose null space consists of all linear combinations of the vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 0, 1, 2)^\top$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 2, -1, 1)^\top$ and whose column space is the plane $x + y - 2z = 0$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . To this end,

- (a) determine the size of A , the number of pivot and free variables, and the rank of A .
- (b) determine the possible RREF R of the matrix A ;
- (c) find two linearly independent vectors \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 in the column space of A ;
- (d) find a non-singular matrix E such that \mathbf{u}_1 and \mathbf{u}_2 are columns of ER ;
- (e) explain why the above ER has all the properties that A should have.

