

# Fundamentals of Computer Graphics

Recap of linear algebra II

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# Recap: Bases

A **basis** of  $V$  is a collection of vectors in  $V$  that is **linearly independent** and **spans**  $V$

- $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \{a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_n v_n : a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  are **linearly independent** if and only if each  $v \in \text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  has only one representation as a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

So every vector  $v \in V$  can be expressed **uniquely** as a linear combination

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i$$

You can think of a basis as the minimal set of vectors that generates the entire space

# Recap: Matrices

Consider a linear map  $T : V \rightarrow W$ , a basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  and a basis  $w_1, \dots, w_m \in W$ .

The **matrix** of  $T$  in these bases is the  $m \times n$  array of values in  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} T_{1,1} & \cdots & T_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ T_{m,1} & \cdots & T_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

whose entries  $T_{i,j}$  are defined by

$$Tv_j = T_{1,j}w_1 + \cdots + T_{m,j}w_m$$

In other words, the matrix encodes **how basis vectors are mapped**, and this is enough to map all other vectors in their span, since:

$$Tv = T\left(\sum_j \alpha_j v_j\right) = \sum_j T(\alpha_j v_j) = \sum_j \alpha_j Tv_j$$

## Recap: Matrix of a vector

Suppose  $v \in V$  is an arbitrary vector, while  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$ .  
The matrix of  $v$  wrt this basis is the  $n \times 1$  matrix:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$$

so that

$$v = c_1 v_1 + \cdots c_n v_n$$

Once again, we see that the matrix **depends on the choice of basis** for  $V$

## Recap: Product of “map matrix” and “vector matrix”

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Because recall that, for bases  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_m \in W$ :

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We see then that vector  $c = \sum_j c_j v_j$  is mapped to  $Tc = \sum_j c_j Tv_j$

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Then,  $k = \text{rank}(\mathbf{V}) > \text{rank}(\mathbf{V}') = k'$

The rank reflects the expressive power of the **full** ( $\mathbf{V}$ ) and **reduced** ( $\mathbf{V}'$ ) bases

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Functions mapped via  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$  span a subspace of those mapped via  $\mathbf{P}$ ; so the rank of the matrix encodes how precisely we can map functions to functions

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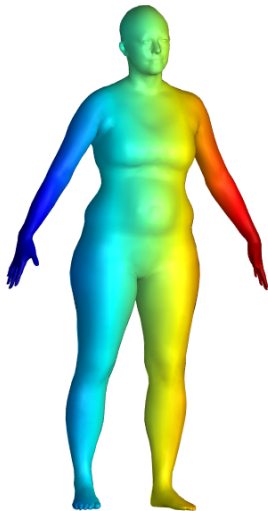
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Conversely, if  $Tv = \lambda v$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\text{span}(v)$  is a 1-dimensional subspace of  $V$  invariant under  $T$

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From this, we can think of the inner product as encoding a general notion of **angle** between two vectors:

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For example, we can now think of “angle between two functions”

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## Exercise: Rank of a map

Implement the example of slide number 22 (download shapes `tr_reg_010` and `tr_reg_031` from the course website)

For these shapes, the ground-truth correspondence is the [identity](#).

- Use the [standard](#) basis  $U$  on the source
- Use the [Voronoi](#) basis  $V$  on the target, based on 50 FPS
- Encode the ground-truth map as a matrix  $C$  wrt bases  $U$  and  $V$
- Map the  $x$  coordinate function from source to target via  $C$

Visualize the function on source and target using the jet colormap; you should get a similar rendering as the one shown in slide 22.



## Suggested reading

See sections 3.F, 5.A – 6.B of:

S. Axler, “Linear algebra done right – 3rd edition”. Springer, 2015