

Exercise Set 2

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Operators

There are three operators that will consider.

1. $T_1 : f \rightarrow x \frac{df}{dx}$ The domain of the operator is quadratic polynomials:
 $f = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$
2. T_2 takes points in the plane. The action is rotation by angle θ about the origin.
3. T_3 takes as its input the position, velocity, and acceleration of a free falling object; the output is the position, velocity, and acceleration 1 second later. (Note that the equation of motion of the object can be stated as $\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} = 0$ where $x(t)$ is the position.)

1 Problem 1

Represent each operator with a matrix.

1.1 T_1

In order to write T_1 in matrix form, first we will define our function as a vector, secondly perform the operation once on the function, and thirdly we will write the solution as a vector using the same definition from the function space.

Starting with the function space:

$$f = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we must perform the operation T_1 on f

$$\begin{aligned} T[f] &= x\left(\frac{d}{dx}(a_0) + \frac{d}{dx}(a_1x) + \frac{d}{dx}(a_2x^2)\right) \\ &= 0 + a_1x + 2a_2x^2 \\ T[f] &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a_1 \\ 2a_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now working backward we can form the matrix that would perform this operation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a_1 \\ 2a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

filling in the values required to turn the initial vector into the final vector we find that the operator T_1 is

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.2 T_2

In order to derive a rotation matrix for the coordinates (x,y) we will start first with a rotation of zero degrees. In order to get this result from an x, y vector we can write:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is the case when the rotation $(\theta) = 0$. In order to write a formula that emulates this we may write the zero's as $\sin \theta$ and the one's as $\cos \theta$. However in order to achieve the proper rotation, the sin term that is on the y component must be multiplied by -1. This was derived through trial and error process. This means that in order to transform the vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

into a rotated vector of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$

we would need a matrix of the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

1.3 T_3

Operator T_3 is an action upon the vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ v_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Moving from the definition

$$\frac{d^3 x}{dt^3} = 0$$

we will integrate in order to find expressions for a, v, and x. From our basic physics knowledge it is known that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} &= a \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= v \end{aligned}$$

Also, with the knowledge that a is constant we are able to derive a value for v and then a value for x . To find v we will integrate a .

$$\begin{aligned}v &= \int a dt \\&= at + c \\v(0) &= v_0 \\v(t) &= at + v_0\end{aligned}$$

Now we can integrate our solution for v in order to find x :

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \int v(t) dt \\&= \int at + v_0 \\&= \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + c \\x(0) &= x_0 \\x(t) &= \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_0t + x_0\end{aligned}$$

now we have an equation representing a , v and x .

If we apply the transformation now to a, v, x than we will be able find a matrix representing T_3 . Transformation T_3 applied to the vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ v_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

applying the operation one step at a time:

a_0 is transformed into a_0

v_0 is transformed into $a_0 + v_0$

x_0 is transformed into $\frac{1}{2}a_0 + v_0 + x_0$

giving us a vector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 + v_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_0 \\ v_0 + a_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the same process to work backwards and find the matrix we see that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & \\ T & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ v_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 + v_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_0 \\ v_0 + a_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and this gives us

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ v_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 + v_0 + \frac{1}{2}a_0 \\ v_0 + a_0 \\ a_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

2 Problem 2

Using Matrix representation find compute $T_1^2(x^2)$

Now if we write out the operator in matrix form and multiply it by itself then we can find an operator for T_1^2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying the T_1^2 on x^2 , first we must write x^2 as a vector. Using the same form as we defined for this domain.

$$x^2 \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and now applying the T_1^2 operator:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 Problem 3

An inverse of the rotation matrix can be found through a trial and error process or geometric reasoning. In order for the coordinate (x,y) to be rotated

clockwise instead of counter clock wise than the sine term on the y coordinate must be positive and the sine term on the x coordinate must be negative. This produces this matrix:

$$T_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

When the operator T_3 is multiplied with T_3^{-1} than it should produce a net effect of no rotation. As should the other multiplication T_3^{-1} times T_3 . We can show this by doing the matrix multiplication as seeing the resultant matrix:

$$T_3^{-1} * T_3 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_3 * T_3^{-1} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

4 Problem 4

Computing T_3^n

$$T_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & .5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_3^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_3^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From this we see that the general formula for T_3^n is:

$$T_3^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n & \frac{n^2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & n \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The physical meaning of the T_3^2 operator is that instead of giving the acceleration, velocity, and displacement one second ahead of the given vector it will give it two seconds a head (t+2 instead of t+1).