Part I

Introduction to Linear Transformations

In this chapter, we will learn about functions that \mathbf{map} a vector space V into a vector space W. This type of function is denoted by

$$T:V\to W$$

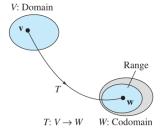
For instance, V is called the **domain** of T, and W is called the **codomain** of T. If $\mathbf{v} \in V$, $\mathbf{w} \in W$ such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}$$

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

REMARK. For a vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$ in \mathbb{R}^n , it would be technically correct to use double parentheses to denote $T(\mathbf{v})$. However, for convenient, one parentheses is dropped

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = T(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$$



Example 1. A Function from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2

For any vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 , let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be 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 $\mathbf{w} = (-1, 11)$.

SOLUTION. (a) For $\mathbf{v} = (-1, 2)$ you have

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

(b) If
$$T(\mathbf{v}) = (v_1 - v_2, v_1 + 2v_2) = (-1, 11)$$
, then
$$\begin{cases} v_1 - v_2 = -1 \\ v_1 + 2v_2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

This system of equations has the unique solution $v_1 = 3$ and $v_2 = 4$. So, the preimage of (-1, 11) is (3, 4).

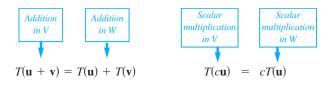
Definition of Linear Transformations. Let V and W be vector spaces.

The function $T:V\to W$ is called a **linear transformation** of V into W if

- 1. $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$
- 2. $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$

for all \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V.

A linear transformation is said to be *operation preserving*, because the same result occurs whether the operations of addition and scalar multiplication are performed *before* or *after* the linear transformation is applied.



REMARK. A linear transformation $T: V \to V$ from a vector space **itself** is called a **linear operator**.

Example 3. Some functions that are not Linear Transformations

(a) $f(x) = \sin x$ is not a linear transformation from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} because, in general,

$$\sin x_1 + x_2 \neq \sin x_1 + \sin x_2$$

(b) $f(x) = x^2$ is not a linear transformation from $\mathbb R$ to $\mathbb R$ because, in general,

$$(x_1 + x_2)^2 \neq x_1^2 + x_2^2$$

(c) f(x) = x + 1 is not a linear transformation from $\mathbb R$ to $\mathbb R$ because

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

whereas
$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) = (x_1 + 1) + (x_2 + 1) = x_1 + x_2 + 2$$
.

Two simple linear transformations are

- 1. Zero transformation : $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$, $\forall \mathbf{v}$.
- 2. Identity transformation : $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$, $\forall \mathbf{v}$.

THEOREM 6.1 Properties of Linear Transformations

Let T be a linear transformation from V to W, where \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are in V.

- 1. $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$
- $2. T(-\mathbf{v}) = -T(\mathbf{v})$
- 3. $T(\mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) T(\mathbf{v})$
- 4. If $\mathbf{v} = c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n (\mathbf{v})_n$, then

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + c_n(\mathbf{v})_n)$$

= $c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \dots + c_nT(\mathbf{v}_n)$

Property 4. tells you that a linear transformation $T: V \to W$ is determined completely by its action on a basis of V. In other words, if $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \text{ is a basis for } V, \text{ and if } T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_n) \text{ is given, then } T(\mathbf{v}) \text{ is determined for } any \mathbf{v} \text{ in } V.$

Example 4. Linear Transformations and Bases

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

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

$$T(0,1,0) = (1,5,-2)$$

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

Find T(2, 3, -2).

SOLUTION.

$$T(2,3,-2) = 2T(1,0,0) + 3T(0,0,0) - 2T(0,0,1)$$

= (7,7,0)

Note. The properties in THEOREM~6.1 provide a quick way to spot functions that are not linear transformations.

Example 5. A Linear Transformation Defined by a Matrix

The function $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is defined as follows.

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can use the properties of $matrix\ multiplication$ to show that T is a linear transformation

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

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

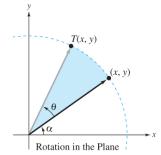
$\it THEOREM~6.2$ The Linear Transformation Given by a Matrix

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The function T defined by

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

is a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m .

Example 7. Rotation in the Plane



Show that the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ represented by the matrix

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

has the property that it rotate every vector in \mathbb{R}^2 counterclockwise about the origin through the angle θ .

SOLUTION. Let $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$ be a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 . Using polar coordinates, we can write \mathbf{v} as

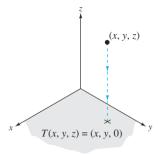
$$\mathbf{v} = (x, y) = (r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha)$$

Now applying the linear transformation T to \mathbf{v} produces

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \alpha \\ r \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta \cos \alpha - r \sin \theta \sin \alpha \\ r \sin \theta \cos \alpha + r \cos \theta \sin \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta + \alpha \\ r \sin \theta + \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

REMARK. The above linear transformation is called a **rotation** in \mathbb{R}^2 . Rotations in \mathbb{R}^2 preserve both vector *length* and the *angle* between 2 vectors.

Example 8. A Projection in \mathbb{R}^3



Projection onto xy-plane

A linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ represented by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is called a **projection** in \mathbb{R}^3 .

T(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0), in other words, T maps every vector in \mathbb{R}^3 to its orthogonal projection in the xy-plane.

Example 9. A Linear Transformation from $M_{m \times n}$ into $M_{n \times m}$

Let $T: M_{m,n} \to M_{n,m}$ be the function that maps an $m \times n$ matrix A to its transpose.

$$T(A) = A^T$$

Show that T is a linear transformation.

SOLUTION. Let A and B be $m \times n$ matrices. Then,

$$T(A+B) = (A+B)^{T}$$
$$= A^{T} + B^{T}$$
$$= T(A) + T(B)$$

and

$$T(cA) = (cA)^{T}$$
$$= c(A^{T})$$
$$= cT(A)$$

Example 10. The Differential Operator (Calculus)

Let C'[a, b] be the set of all functions whose derivatives are continuous on [a, b]. Show that the differential operator D_x defines a linear transformation from C'[a, b] into C[a, b].

SOLUTION. Using operator notation, we can write

$$D_x(f) = \frac{d}{dx}(f)$$

where $f \in C'[a, b]$.

We have $D_x(f+g) = \frac{d}{dx}[f+g] = \frac{d}{dx}[f] + \frac{d}{dx}[g]$ $= D_x(f) + D_x(g)$ Similarly, $D_x(cf) = \frac{d}{dx}[cf] = c\frac{d}{dx}[f]$ $= cD_x(f)$

So, D_x is a linear transformation from C'[a, b] to C[a, b]. It's called **differential operator**.

For polynomials, the differential operator is $D_x: P_n \to P_{n-1}$ because the derivative of a polynomial function of degree n is a polynomial function of degree n-1 or less.

$$D_x(a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0) = na_n x^{x-1} + \dots + a_1$$

Example 11. The Definite Integral as a Linear Transformation (Calculus)

Let $T: P \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$T(p) = \int_{a}^{b} p(x) \, dx$$

Show that T is a linear transformation from P, the vector space of polynomial functions, into \mathbb{R} , the vector space of real numbers.

SOLUTION.

Using the properties of definite integrals, we can write

$$T(p+q) = \int_a^b [p(x) + q(x)] dx$$
 and
$$= \int_a^b p(x) dx + \int_a^b q(x) dx$$

$$= T(p) + T(q)$$

$$T(cp) = \int_a^b c[p(x)] dx = c \int_a^b p(x) dx = cT(p)$$

So, T is a linear transformation.

Part II

The Kernel and Range of a Linear Transformation

Definition of Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation. Then the set of all vectors \mathbf{v} in V that satisfy $T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ is called the **kernel** of T and is denoted by $\ker(T)$.

$$\ker(T) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in V : T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0} \}$$

Sometimes the kernel of a transformation is obvious.

Example 1. Finding the Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Let $T: M_{3,2} \to M_{2,3}$ be the linear transformation that maps a 3×2 matrix A to its transpose. The kernel of T consists of a single element: the zero matrix in $M_{3,2}$.

Example 2. The Kernels of the Zero and Identity Transformations

- (a) The zero transformation: ker(T) = V.
- (b) The identity transformation: $\ker(T) = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

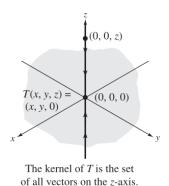
Example 3. Finding the Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Find the kernel of the projection $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ represented by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$$

SOLUTION. The kernel consists of all vectors lying on the z-axis.

$$\ker(T) = \{(0, 0, z) : z \in \mathbb{R}\}\$$



These above kernels were fairly easy to find. Generally, the kernel of a linear transformation is not so obvious.

Example 4. Finding the Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Find the kernel of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ represented by

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, 0, -x_1)$$

SOLUTION. To find ker(T), we need to find all $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 such that

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, 0, -x_1) = (0, 0, 0)$$

This leads to the homogeneous system $\begin{cases} x_1-2x_2 &= 0\\ 0=0 &\text{, which has only the trivial solution.}\\ -x_1 &= 0 \end{cases}$

So, we have $ker(T) = \{(0,0)\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$

Example 5. Finding the Kernel of a Linear Transformation

Find the kernel of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where

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

SOLUTION. The kernel of T is the set of all $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 such that

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0)$$

From this equation, we can write the homogeneous system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 - 2x_3 = 0 \\ -x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Writing the augmented matrix of this system in reduced row-echelon form produces

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 = x_3 \\ x_2 = -x_3 \end{cases}$$

Using the parameter $t = x_3$ produces the family of solutions

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the kernel of T is represented by

$$\ker(T) = \{t(1, -1, 1) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$$
$$= \text{span}(1, -1, 1)$$

THEOREM 6.3 The Kernel Is a Subspace of V

The kernel of a linear transformation $T: V \to W$ is a subspace of the domain V.

REMARK. As a result of Theorem 6.3, the kernel T is sometimes called the **nullspace** of T.

Example 6. Finding a Basis for the Kernel

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ be defined by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, where \mathbf{x} is in \mathbb{R}^5 and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for $\ker(T)$ as a subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 .

SOLUTION. Reduce the augmented matrix [A:0] to echelon form as follows.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{cases} x_1 & = -2x_3 + x_5 \\ x_2 & = x_3 + 2x_5 \\ x_4 = -4x_5 \end{cases}$$

Letting $x_3 = s$ and $x_5 = t$, we have

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2s+t \\ s+2t \\ s+0t \\ 0s-4t \\ 0s+t \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So one basis for the kernel T is $B = \{(-2, 1, 1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, -4, 1)\}.$

THEOREM: COROLLARY

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be the linear transformation given by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. Then the kernel of T is equal to the solution space of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.

$$\ker(T) = N(A)$$

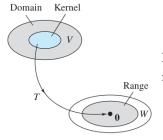
1 The Range of a Linear Transformation

Two critical subspaces associated with a linear transformation are the **kernel** and the **range** of T.

$$range(T) = \{T(\mathbf{v}) : \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

THEOREM 6.4 The Range of T Is a Subspace of W

The range of a linear transformation $T: V \to W$ is a subspace of W.



Note. The kernel and range of $T:V\to W$ are subspaces of V and W, respectively.

To find a basis for the **range** of $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$, observe that the range consists of all vectors **b** such that the system $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is *consistent*. By writing the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

in the form

$$A\mathbf{x} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}$$

You can see that **b** is in the range of T if and only if **b** is a linear combination of the column vectors of A. So the column space of A is the same as the range of T.

THEOREM: COROLLARY

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ to be the linear transformation given by $T(\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x})$. Then the column space of A is equal to the range of T.

$$R(A) = \operatorname{range}(T)$$

Example 7. Finding a Basis for the Range of a Linear Transformation

For the linear transformation $\mathbb{R}^5 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ from the Example 6, find a basis for the range of T.

SOLUTION. The echelon from of A was calculated in Example 6.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because the leading 1's appear in columns 1, 2, and 4 of the reduced matrix on the right, the corresponding column vectors of A form a basis for R(A). One basis for range(T) is

$$B = \{(1,2,-1,0), (2,1,0,0), (1,1,0,2)\}$$

Definition of Rank and Nullity of a Linear Transformation

Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation. The dimension of the kernel of T is called the **nullity** of T. The dimension of the range of T is called the **rank** of T.

$$\mathbf{nullity}(T) = \dim(\ker(T))$$

$$rank(T) = dim(range(T))$$

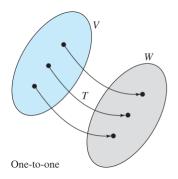
THEOREM 6.5 Sum of Rank and Nullity

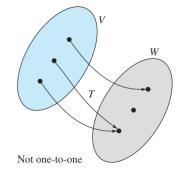
Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation from an n-dimensional vector space V into a vector space W. Then the sum of the dimensions of the range and the kernel is equal to the dimension of the **domain**.

$$rank(T) + nullity(T) = n$$

$$\dim(\text{range})$$
] + $\dim(\text{kernel})$ = $\dim(\text{domain})$

2 One-to-One and Onto Linear Transformation





A function $T: V \to W$ is called **one-to-one** if the preimage of every **w** in the range consists of a single vector.

$$T(\mathbf{u}) = T(\mathbf{v}) \implies \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$$

for all \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V.

THEOREM 6.6 One-to-One Linear Transformations

Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation. Then T is one-to-one if and only if $\ker(T) = \{0\}$.

A function $T:V\to W$ is called **onto** if every element in W has a preimage in V. In other words, T is onto W when W is equal to the range of T.

THEOREM 6.7 Onto Linear Transformations

Let $T: V \to W$ be a linear transformation, where W is finite dimensional. Then T is onto W if and only if the rank of T is equal to the dimension of W.

For vector spaces of equal dimensions, you can combine the results of Theorems 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 to obtain the next theorem relating to the concepts of one-to-one and onto.

THEOREM 6.8 One-to-One and Onto Linear Transformations

Let $T:V\to W$ be a linear transformation with vector spaces V and W both of dimension n. Then T is one-to-one if and only if it is onto.

Example 11. Summarizing Several Results

The linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ is represented by $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. Find the nullity and rank of T, then determine whether T is one-to-one, onto, or neither.

(a)
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (b) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
(c) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ (d) $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$	Dim(domain)	Dim(range) Rank(T)	Dim(kernel) Nullity(T)	One-to-One	Onto
(a) $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$	3	3	0	Yes	Yes
(b) $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^3$	2	2	0	Yes	No
(c) $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^2$	3	2	1	No	Yes
(d) $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$	3	2	1	No	No

3 Isomorphisms of Vector Spaces

This is a very important concept that can be a great aid in your understanding of vector spaces. The concept provides a way to think of distinct vector spaces as being "essentially the same" - at least with respect to the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Definition: Isomorphism

A linear transformation $T:V\to W$ that is one-to-one and onto are called an **isomorphism**.

If V and W are vector spaces such that there exists an isomorphism from V to W, then V and W are **isomorphic** to each other.

THEOREM~6.9 Isomorphic Spaces and Dimension

Two finite-dimensional vector spaces V and W are isomorphic if and only if they are of the same dimension.

Example 12. Isomorphic Vector Spaces

The vectors listed below are mutually isomorphic.

- (a) $\mathbb{R}^4 = 4$ -space
- (b) $M_{4,1} = \text{space of all } 4 \times 1 \text{ matrices}$
- (c) $M_{2,2} = \text{space of all } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices}$
- (d) $P_3 =$ space of all polynomials of degree 3 or less
- (e) $V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, 0) : x_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ (subspace of \mathbb{R}^5)

Part III

Matrices for Linear Transformations

Which representation of $T\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is better,

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1 + x_2 - x_3, -x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3, 3x_2 + 4x_3)$$

or

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}?$$

ANSWER

The second one is better for 3 reasons: it is simpler to write, simpler to read, and more easily adapted for computer use.

The key to representing $T: V \to W$ by a matrix is to determine how it acts on a **basis** of V. Once you know the image of every vector in the basis, you can determine $T(\mathbf{v})$ for any $\mathbf{v} \in V$.

THEOREM 6.10 Standard Matrix for a Linear Transformation

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation such that

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, T(\mathbf{e}_n) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the $m \times n$ matrix whose n columns correspond to $T(\mathbf{e}_i)$,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$ for every \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^n . A is called the **standard matrix** for T.

Example 1. Finding the Standard Matrix for a Linear Transformation

Find the standard matrix for $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x - 2y, 2x + y)$$

SOLUTION. Begin by finding the images of e_1, e_2 and e_3 .

Vector Notation
$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 2)$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_2) = T(0, 1, 0) = (-2, 1)$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_2) = T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

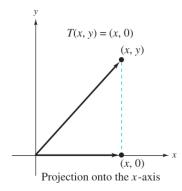
$$T(\mathbf{e}_3) = T(0, 0, 1) = (0, 0)$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_3) = T\begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 6.10, we have

$$A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \vdots T(\mathbf{e}_2) \vdots T(\mathbf{e}_3)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2. Finding the Standard Matrix for a Linear Transformation



The linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is given by projecting each point in \mathbb{R}^2 onto the x-axis.

$$T(x,y) = T(x,0)$$

The standard matrix for T is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(1,0) & \vdots & T(0,1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

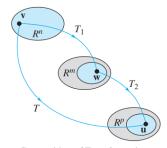
4 Composition of Linear Transformations

The **composition**, T, of $T_1: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ with $T_2: \mathbb{R}^m to \mathbb{R}^p$ is defined by

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = T_2(T_1(\mathbf{v}))$$

where \mathbf{v} is a vector \mathbb{R}^n . This composition is denoted by

$$T = T_2 \circ T_1$$



Composition of Transformations

THEOREM 6.11 Composition of Linear Transformations

Let $T_1: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ and $T_2: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^p$ be linear transformation with standard matrices A_1 and A_2 . The **composition** $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^p$, defined by $T(\mathbf{v}) = T_2(T_1(\mathbf{v}))$, is a linear transformation, which standard matrix A is given by

$$A = A_2 A_1$$

REMARK. Theorem 6.11 can be generalized to cover the composition of n linear transformation. That is, if the standard matrices of T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n are A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n , then

$$A = A_n A_{n-1} \cdots A_2 A_1$$

Example 3. The Standard Matrix for a Composition

Let T_1 and T_2 be linear transformations from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 such that

$$T_1(x, y, z) = (2x + y, 0, x + z)$$
 and $T_2(x, y, z) = (x - y, z, y)$

Find the standard matrices for the compositions $T = T_2 \circ T_1$ and $T' = T_1 \circ T_2$.

SOLUTION. The standard matrices for T_1 and T_2 are

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Theorem 6.11, the standard matrix for T is

$$A = A_2 A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the standard matrix for T^{\prime} is

$$A' = A_1 A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Another benefit of matrix representation is that it can represent the **inverse** of a linear transformation.

Definition: Inverse of Linear Transformation

If $T_1: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ and $T_2: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ are linear transformations such that for every $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$T_2(T_1(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$$
 and $T_1(T_2(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$,

then T_2 is called the **inverse** of T_1 , and T_1 is said to be **invertible**.

If T_1 is invertible, the inverse is **unique** and is denoted by T_1^{-1} . The inverse of T can be thought as *undoing* the mapping done by T - in other words, mapping back to the preimage under T.

THEOREM 6.12 Existence of an Inverse Transformation

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation with standard matrix A. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- 1. T is invertible.
- $2.\ T$ is an isomorphism.
- 3. A is invertible.

And, the standard matrix for T^{-1} is A^{-1} .

5 Nonstandard Bases and General Vector Spaces

We will now consider the problem of finding a matrix for $T: V \to W$, where B and B' are ordered bases for V and W. In order to represent T, A must be multipled by a coordinate matrix relative to B. The result will be a coordinate matrix relative to B'. That is,

$$[T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'} = A[\mathbf{v}]_B$$

A is called the matrix of T relative to the bases B and B'.

Transformation Matrix for Nonstandard Bases.

Let V and W be finite-dimensional vector spaces with bases B and B', where

$$B = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$$

If $T:V\to W$ is a linear transformation such that

$$[T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix}, [T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix}, \dots, [T(\mathbf{v}_n)]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

then the $m \times n$ matrix whose n columns correspond to $[T(\mathbf{v}_i)]_{B'}$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

is such that $[T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'} = A[\mathbf{v}]_B$ for $\forall \mathbf{v} \in V$.

Example 5. Finding a Matrix Relative to Nonstandard Matrix

Let $T:\mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, 2x_1 - x_2)$$

Find the matrix for T relative to the bases

$$B = \{(1, 2), (-1, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad B' = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$$

SOLUTION. By the definition of T, we have

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = T(1,2) = (3,0) = 3\mathbf{w}_1 + 0\mathbf{w}_2$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_2) = T(-1,1) = (0,-3) = 0\mathbf{w}_1 - 3\mathbf{w}_2$$

The coordinate matrices for $T(\mathbf{v}_1)$ and $T(\mathbf{v}_2)$ relative to B' are

$$[T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 and $[T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_{B'} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

The matrix for T relative to B and B' is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Example 6. Using a Matrix to Represent a Linear Transformation

Using $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ from Example 5, find $T(\mathbf{v})$, where $\mathbf{v} = (2, 1)$.

SOLUTION. Using the basis B, we find
$$[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
. So, $[T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'} = A[\mathbf{v}]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$. It follows that $T(\mathbf{v}) = 3(1,0) + 3(0,1) = (3,3)$.

In the special case, where V = W and B = B', then A is called the **matrix of** T **relative to basis** B. The matrix of the identity transformation is just I_n .

Example 7. A Matrix for the Differential Operator (Calculus)

Let $D_x: P_2 \to P_1$ be the differential operator that maps a quadratic polynomial p onto its derivative p'. Find the matrix for D_x using the bases

$$B = \{1, x, x^2\}$$
 and $B' = \{1, x\}$

SOLUTION. The derivatives of the basis vectors are

$$D_x(1) = 0 = 0(1) + 0(x)$$
$$D_x(x) = 1 = 1(1) + 0(x)$$
$$D_x(x^2) = 2x = 0(1) + 2(x)$$

So, the matrix for D_x is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Note that this matrix *does* produce the derivative of a quadratic polynomial $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$.

$$Ap = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2c \end{bmatrix}$$

Part IV

Transition Matrices and Similarity

The matrix for $T:V\to V$ depends on the *basis* of V. In other words, the matrix for T relative to a basis B is different from the one for B'.

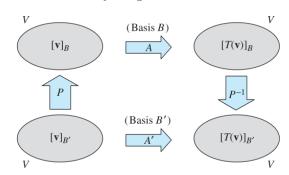
A classic problem

Is it possible to find a basis B such that the matrix for T relative to B is diagonal? The solution will be discussed in Chapter 7. We will see how matrices for T relative to 2 different bases are related.

In this section, A, A', P and P^{-1} represent the 4 square matrices listed below.

- 1. Matrix for T relative to B:
- 2. Matrix for T relative to B':
- 3. Transition matrix from B' to B:
- 4. Transition matrix from B to B': P^{-1}

There are 2 ways to get from the coordinate matrix $[\mathbf{v}]_{B'}$ to $[T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'}$.



One way is direct, using A' to obtain:

$$A'[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = [T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'}$$

The other way is indirect, using P, A and P^{-1} to obtain

$$P^{-1}AP[\mathbf{v}]_{B'} = [T(\mathbf{v})]_{B'}$$

Conclude

By the definition of the matrix of a linear transformation relative to a basis, this implies that

$$A' = P^{-1}AP$$

Example 1. Finding a Matrix of a Linear Transformation

Find the matrix A for $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$

$$T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_1 - 2x_2, -x_1 + 3x_2)$$

SOLUTION. The standard matrix for T is $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

The transition matrix from B' to B is $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The inverse of this matrix is the transition matrix from B to B': $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The matrix for T relative to B' is

$$A' = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2. Finding a Matrix for a Linear Transformation

Let

$$B = \{(-3, 2), (4, -2)\}$$
 and $B' = \{(-1, 2), (2, -2)\}$

be bases for \mathbb{R}^2 , and let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 7 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

be the matrix for $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ relative to B. Find A', the matrix of T relative to B'.

SOLUTION. We can easily obtain

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the matrix of T relative to B' is

$$A' = P^{-1}AP = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 7 \\ -3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

REMARK. It is instructive to note that T in Example 2 is represented by the rule $T(x,y) = (x - \frac{3}{2}y, 2x + 4y)$.

6 Similar Matrices

Definition: Similar Matrices

For square matrices A and A' of order n, A' is said to be **similar** to A if there exist an invertible matrix P such that $A' = P^{-1}AP$.

If A' is similar to A, then it is also true that A is similar to A'. Just simply say that A and A' are similar.

THEOREM 6.13 Properties of Similar Matrices

Let A, B and C be square matrices of order n. Then the following properties are true.

- 1. A is similar to A.
- 2. If A is similar to B, then B is similar to A.
- 3. If A is similar to B and B is similar to C, then A is similar to C.

It follows that any 2 matrices that represent the same $T:V\to V$ with respect to different bases must be similar.

Example 4. Similar Matrices

From Example 1, the matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A' = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ are similar because $A' = P^{-1}AP$, where $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

You have seen that the matrix for $T: V \to V$ depends on the basis used for V.

What choice of basis will make the matrix for T as simple as possible? Is it always the standard basis? Not necessarily, as the next example will demonstrate.

Example 5. A Comparision of Two Matrices for a Linear Transformation

Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the matrix for $T:\mathbb{R}^3\to\mathbb{R}^3$ relative to the standard basis. Find the matrix for T relative to the basis

$$B' = \{(1,1,0), (1,-1,0), (0,0,1)\}$$

SOLUTION. We have

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So, the matrix for T relative to B' is

$$A' = P^{-1}AP$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0\\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0\\ 3 & 1 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0\\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Note that A' is diagonal.

Diagonal Matrices

Diagonal matrices have many computational advantages over nondiagonal ones. For instance, for the diagonal matrix

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_n \end{bmatrix}$$

the kth power is represented as follows.

$$D^{k} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{1}^{k} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_{2}^{k} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & d_{n}^{k} \end{bmatrix}$$

A diagonal matrix is its own *transpose*. Moreover, if all the diagonal elements are nonzero, then the inverse of a diagonal matrix is the matrix whose main diagonal elements are reciprocals of corresponding elements in the original one.

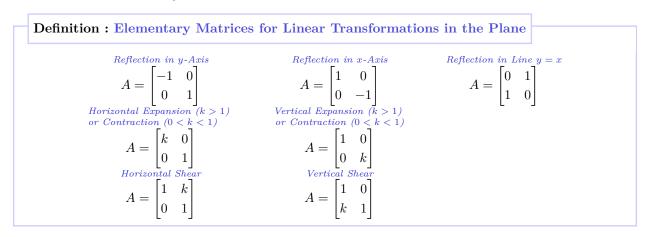
Conclude

With such computational advantages, it's important to find ways (if possible) to choose a basis for V such that the transformation matrix is diagonal.

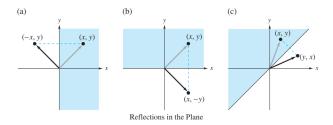
Part V

Applications of Linear Transformations

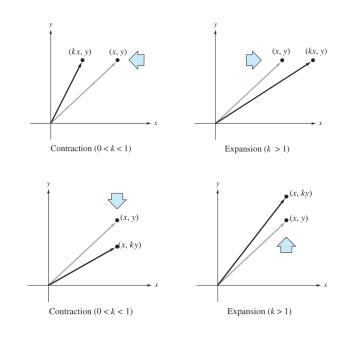
7 The Geometry of Linear Transformations in the Plane



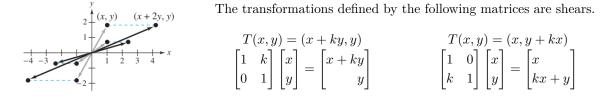
Example 1. Reflections in the Plane



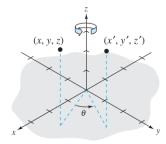
Example 2. Expansions and Contractions in the Plane



Example 3. Shears in the Plane



Computer Graphics



Suppose we want to rotate the point (x, y, z) counterclockwise about the z-axis through an angle θ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 4. Rotation About the z-Axis

The 8 vertices of a rectangular box having sides of lengths 1, 2, and 3 are as follows.

$$V_1 = (0, 0, 0),$$

$$V_2 = (1, 0, 0),$$

$$V_3 = (1, 2, 0),$$

 $V_7 = (1, 2, 3),$

$$V_4 = (0, 2, 0)$$

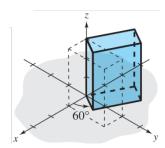
$$V_5 = (0, 0, 3),$$

$$V_6 = (1, 0, 3),$$

$$V_7 = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$V_8 = (0, 2, 3)$$

Find the coordinates of the box when it is rotated 60° counterclockwise about the z-axis.



The matrix that yields a rotation of 60° is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos 60^o & -\sin 60^o & 0\\ \sin 60^o & \cos 60^o & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 & 0\\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

And multiplying this matrix by each of the vertices.

Definition

All three types of rotations are summarized as follows.

Rotation About the x-Axis

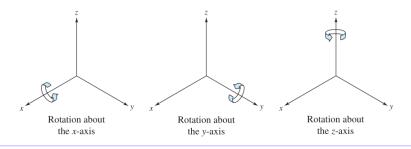
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

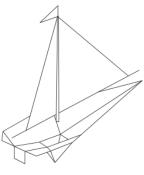
 $Rotation\ About\ the\ y\text{-}Axis$

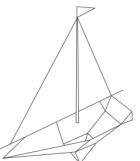
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

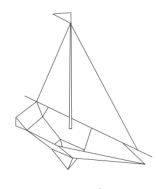
Rotation About the z-Axis

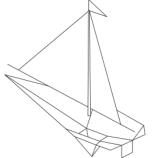
$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$











The use of computer graphics has become common among designers in many fields. By simply entering the coordinates that form the outline of an object into a computer, a designer can see the object before it is created.