

Goal Invent matrix multiplication

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Recall A linear transformation determines and is determined by its action on a basis.



Encode linear trans'ns $V \xrightarrow{f} W$ by

① Choose ordered bases $\alpha = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$, $\beta = (w_1, \dots, w_m)$ of V, W , resp.

② Record $\text{Rep}_\beta f(v_1), \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_2), \dots, \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_n) \in F^m$ as the columns of an $m \times n$ matrix

$$A_\alpha^\beta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_1) & \dots & \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_n) \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \in F^{m \times n}$$

This is the matrix representing f relative to the ordered bases α, β .

This produces a linear transformation (check! $A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f+g)$)

$$A_{\alpha}^{\beta} : \text{Hom}(V, W) \longrightarrow F^{m \times n}$$

$$f \longmapsto A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f).$$

$$= A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) + A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(g),$$

$$A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(\lambda f)$$

$$= \lambda A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f)$$

Q Why surjective?

A Given $A = (a_{ij}) \in F^{m \times n}$, take $f: V \rightarrow W$ linear

$$\text{Then } A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) = A.$$

$$v_j \longmapsto \sum_i a_{ij} w_i$$

Q Why injective?

$$\text{ker}(A_{\alpha}^{\beta}) = \{f \in \text{Hom}(V, W) \mid A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) = (0)\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{pmatrix}$$

vector with Reps

$$= \{f \mid f(v_j) = 0 \ \forall j\} = \{0 : V \rightarrow W\}.$$

Upshot

$$A_{\alpha}^{\beta} : \text{Hom}(V, W) \cong F^{m \times n}$$

But wait — there's more!

$$U \xrightarrow{f} V \xrightarrow{g} W$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$
 $g \circ f$

Suppose U has ord'd basis $\alpha = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$

$$V \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} \beta = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$$

$$W \xrightarrow{\quad \cdot \quad} \gamma = (w_1, \dots, w_l)$$

Get matrices $A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) \in F^{m \times n}$ $\text{Hom}(V, W) \times \text{Hom}(U, V) \xrightarrow{\circ} \text{Hom}(U, W)$

$$A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) \in F^{l \times m}$$

$$\cong \downarrow \cong$$

$$A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \circ f) \in F^{l \times n}$$

$$F^{l \times m} \times F^{m \times n} \xrightarrow{\cdot} F^{l \times n}$$

Goal Define a function

$$F^{l \times m} \times F^{m \times n} \longrightarrow F^{l \times n}$$
$$(A, B) \longmapsto A \cdot B$$

such that $A_\alpha^\gamma(g \cdot f) = A_\beta^\gamma(g) \cdot A_\alpha^\beta(f)$

👉 The function won't depend on $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, f, g$, but rather only on matrix entries.

Let's compute $(g \cdot f)(u_j) = g\left(f(u_j)\right)$ k-th entry of j-th col
of

$$= g\left(\sum_k b_{kj} v_k\right) \quad [A_\alpha^\beta(f) = (b_{kj})]$$
$$= \sum_k b_{kj} g(v_k) \quad [\text{linearity}]$$

$$= \sum_k b_{kj} \left(\sum_i a_{ik} w_i \right) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{i-th entry of k-th col} \\ \text{if } [A_\beta^Y(g)] = (a_{ik}) \end{matrix}$$

$$= \sum_i \left(\sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj} \right) w_i$$

(i,j) entry of $A_\alpha^Y(g \cdot f)$

Thus for arbitrary $A = (a_{ij}) \in F^{l \times m}$, $B = (b_{ij}) \in F^{m \times n}$,

we must define $A \cdot B \in F^{l \times n}$ to be the matrix (c_{ij}) with

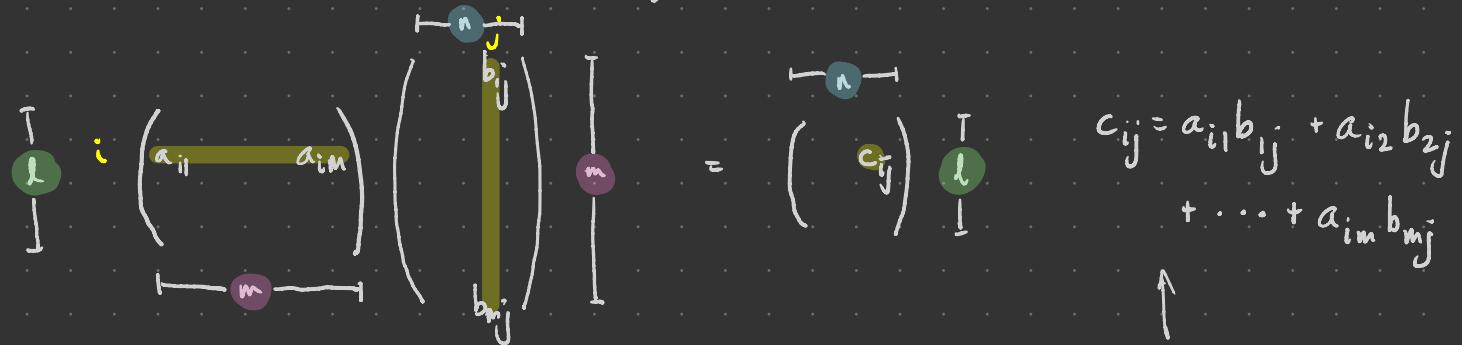
$$c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

With this operation, we have :

$$\text{Thm } A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \circ f) = A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) \cdot A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f)$$

i.e. matrix multiplication encodes composition of linear transformations!

Matrix multiplication visually :



E.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 \\ 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot (-1) + 6 \cdot 2 & 4 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

often called the dot product of (a_{11}, \dots, a_{im}) and (b_{1j}, \dots, b_{mj}) .

Alternative visualization :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now consider $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &\mapsto (1, -1, 2) \\ e_2 &\mapsto (-1, 1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}^2$ lin transns.

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &\mapsto (1, 4) \\ e_2 &\mapsto (2, 5) \\ e_3 &\mapsto (3, 6) \end{aligned}$$

Then $A(f) = A_{\Sigma_2}^{\Sigma_3}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$A(g) = A_{\Sigma_3}^{\Sigma_2}(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$

Notation Write
 $\Sigma_n = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$
 for the standard ordered basis of \mathbb{R}^n

and the previous computation implies

$$A(g \circ f) = A_{\Sigma_2}^{\Sigma_2}(g \circ f) = A(g) \cdot A(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is the unique linear trans'n such
that $e_1 \mapsto (5, 11)$, $e_2 \mapsto (1, 1)$.

E.g. Consider $V = \text{Span}\{\cos, \sin\} \leq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ with ordered basis (\cos, \sin) .

$$\frac{d}{dx} : V \rightarrow V \quad \text{so} \quad A\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos \mapsto -\sin$$

$$\sin \mapsto \cos$$

$$A_{\alpha}^{\alpha} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\alpha}(-\sin) = (0, -1)$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\alpha}(\cos) = (1, 0)$$

$$\text{Note} \quad \frac{d^2}{dx^2} : \frac{d}{dx} \circ \frac{d}{dx} \quad \text{so} \quad A\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

And indeed, $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} : \cos \mapsto -\cos, \sin \mapsto -\sin$.

Now $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ corresponds to
 $\text{id}: V \rightarrow V$.

so $\frac{d^4}{dx^4} = \text{id}$ on V .