

Recall If  $V, W$  have finite ordered bases  $\alpha = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and  $\beta = (w_1, \dots, w_m)$ , then

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

$$f \mapsto A_\alpha^\beta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \text{Rep}_\beta v_1 & \dots & \text{Rep}_\beta v_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}.$$

Furthermore, if  $U \xrightarrow{f} V \xrightarrow{g} W$  are linear transformations, then  
 $\alpha \quad \beta \quad \& \text{ordered bases}$

then  $A_\alpha^\gamma(g \circ f) = A_\beta^\gamma(g) \cdot A_\alpha^\beta(f)$

where the  $(i,j)$ -entry of  $A \cdot B$  is the dot product of the  $i$ -th row  
of  $A$  with the  $j$ -th column of  $B$ .

$$U \xrightarrow{k} V \xrightarrow{g} W \xrightarrow{f} T \quad \text{linear}$$

## Matrices

$$\text{Observe: } (f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h) \Rightarrow (A \cdot B) \cdot C = A \cdot (B \cdot C)$$

$$(f + f') \circ g = (f \circ g) + (f' \circ g) \Rightarrow (A + A') \cdot B = A \cdot B + A' \cdot B$$

$$f \circ (g + g') = (f \circ g) + (f \circ g') \Rightarrow A \cdot (B + B') = A \cdot B + A \cdot B'$$

$$\text{Upshot} \quad \text{End}(V) := \text{Hom}(V, V) \cong F^{n \times n}$$

`endomorphisms'      |      square matrices

$F^{n \times n}$  form a ring — like a field but  
no inverses

If  $V = F^n$ ,  $W = F^m$  with standard ordered basis  $\Sigma_n = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$   
 and  $\Sigma_m = (e_1, \dots, e_m)$ , get

$$\text{Hom}(F^n, F^m) \cong F^{m \times n}$$

$$f \mapsto A(f) := A_{\Sigma_m}^{\Sigma_n}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & | \\ f(e_1) & f(e_2) & \cdots f(e_n) \\ | & | & | \end{pmatrix}$$

and we can be very explicit about the inverse:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Hom}(F^n, F^m) & \xleftarrow{\quad F^{m \times n} \quad} & \\
 x \in F^n & \downarrow & \downarrow \text{map}_A & \xleftarrow{\quad A \quad} \\
 A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} & = & \underbrace{A \cdot x}_{F^m} & 
 \end{array}$$

$m \times n$        $n \times 1$        $m \times 1$

matrix product with  $x$  as a one-column matrix

Let's check that they are inverses:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^n & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \\ \text{map}_{A(f)} \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ F^m & A(f) \cdot x = \left( \begin{matrix} 1 & & 1 \\ f(e_1) & \cdots & f(e_n) \\ 1 & & 1 \end{matrix} \right) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(e_1)_1 x_1 + \cdots + f(e_n)_1 x_n \\ \vdots \\ f(e_1)_m x_1 + \cdots + f(e_n)_m x_n \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\text{while } f(x) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1 e_1 + \cdots + x_n e_n)$$

$$= x_1 f(e_1) + \cdots + x_n f(e_n)$$

$$= (f(e_1)_1 x_1 + \cdots + f(e_n)_1 x_n, \dots, f(e_1)_m x_1 + \cdots + f(e_n)_m x_n)$$

$$\text{so } \text{map}_{A(f)} = f \quad \checkmark$$

Alt proof Check  $\text{map}_{A(f)} e_i = f(e_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Now the other composite:

$$\text{For } B \in F^{m \times n}, \quad A(\text{map}_B) = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \text{map}_B(e_1) & \dots & \text{map}_B(e_n) \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemma For  $B \in F^{m \times n}$ ,

$$B \cdot e_i = \text{col}_i(B),$$

the  $i$ -th column of  $B$ .

Pf Exercise!  $\square$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ B \cdot e_1 & \dots & B \cdot e_n \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \text{col}_1(B) & \dots & \text{col}_n(B) \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= B \quad \checkmark$$

A new view of  $A_\alpha^\beta$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Rep}_\alpha^{-1} x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f(\text{Rep}_\alpha^{-1} x) \\
 \swarrow \text{Rep}_\alpha & \xrightarrow{f} & \downarrow \text{Rep}_\beta \\
 x & \xrightarrow{\quad} & w \\
 & \xrightarrow{A_\alpha^\beta(f)} & \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Rep}_\beta(f(\text{Rep}_\alpha^{-1} x)) \\
 & \searrow \text{Rep}_\alpha & \downarrow \text{Rep}_\beta \\
 & & A_\alpha^\beta(f) \cdot x
 \end{array}$$

commutes!

i.e.  $A_\alpha^\beta(f) \cdot = \text{Rep}_\beta \circ f \circ \text{Rep}_\alpha^{-1}$  and  $A_\alpha^\beta(f)$  is the unique matrix

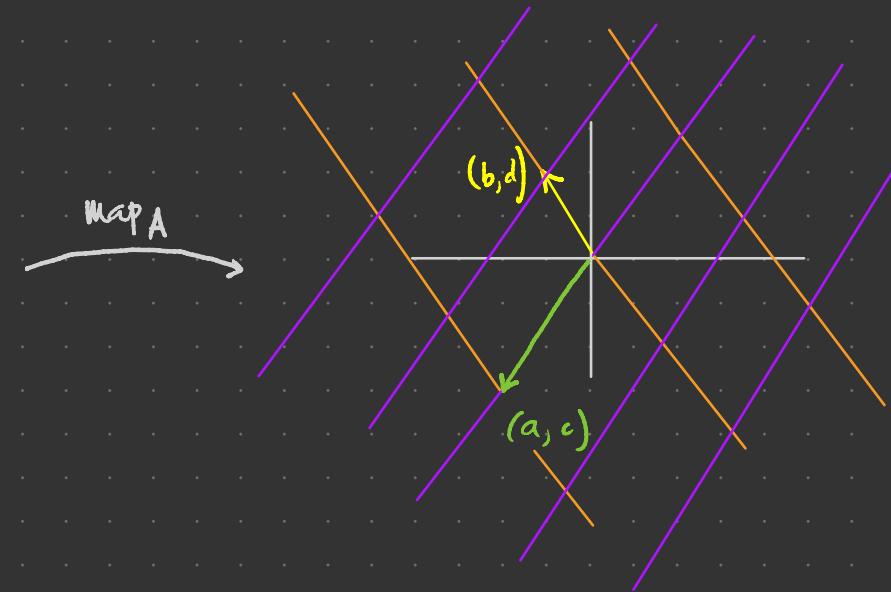
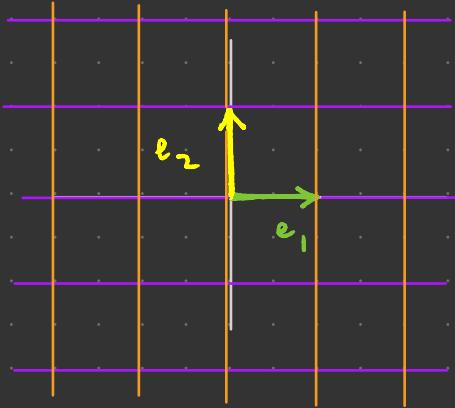
with  $i$ -th column  $\text{Rep}_\beta(f(\text{Rep}_\alpha^{-1}(e_i)))$

let's practice with the "standard" setup:

E.g.  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \in F^{3 \times 2}$

$$\text{map}_A : F^2 \longrightarrow F^3$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+2y \\ 3x+4y \\ 5x+6y \end{pmatrix}$$

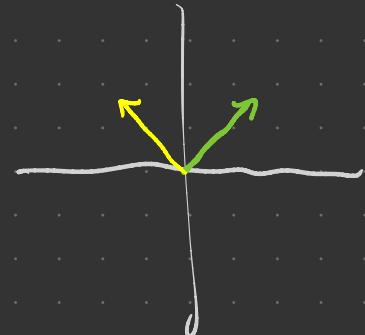
E.g. How does  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  act on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?



- Exercises
- (1) Find  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  that rotates  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\pi/4$  ccw.
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ reflects  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over the x-axis.
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ stretches the x-axis by a factor of 3.

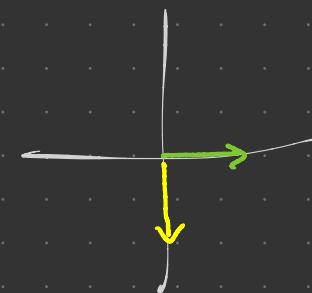
$$(1) \quad e_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



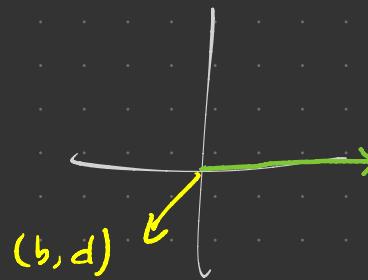
$$(2) \quad e_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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



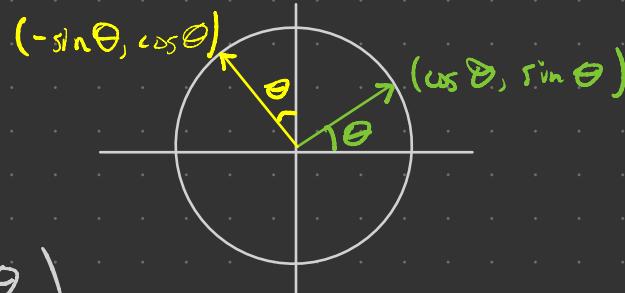
$$(3) \quad e_1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_2 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} b \\ d \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$$



## Arbitrary rotations

Rotate by  $\theta$  ccw:



$$R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

## Complex multiplication

$$\mathbb{C} \ni 1 \longleftrightarrow e_1, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{C} \ni i = \sqrt{-1} \longleftrightarrow e_2 \quad z = a + bi$$

$$z \cdot \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z \cdot 1 = z = a + bi \longleftrightarrow ae_1 + be_2$$

$$z \cdot i = ai - b = -b + ai \longleftrightarrow -be_1 + ae_2$$

## Image and rank

The image of a linear transformation  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is

$$\text{im}(f) = \{f(v) \mid v \in V\} \leq W.$$

If  $V$  has basis  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , then

$$\text{im}(f) = \text{span}\{f(v_1), \dots, f(v_n)\}.$$

Thus for  $A \in F^{m \times n}$ ,  $\text{im}(\text{map}_A) = \text{span}\{\text{map}_A(e_1), \dots, \text{map}_A(e_n)\}$

$$= \text{span}\{\text{col}_1(A), \dots, \text{col}_n(A)\} \quad (\text{column})$$

$=:$  column space of  $A$   $\leftarrow \dim = \text{rank of } A$

So  $\text{rank}(A) = \dim \text{im}(f) = \text{rank}(A)$  — good choice of terminology :)