

Linear Mappings

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definition: A mapping $L: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be a linear mapping if for any $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and any scalar α ,

$$L(u+v) = L(u) + L(v)$$

$$L(\alpha u) = \alpha L(u)$$

For any matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m,n}$ we can associate with it a linear mapping L_A as:

$$\forall u \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad L_A(u) = Au.$$

In principle, any linear mapping is completely defined by its values on the basis vectors.

Example: Lets consider $L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and basis in \mathbb{R}^2

$$b_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad b_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Lets assume that $L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $L\left(\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

what will be $L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}\right)$?

Since b_1 and b_2 form basis in our space, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ can be represented as a linear combination of basis vectors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

we can find α_1 and α_2 $\alpha_1 = 2$ and $\alpha_2 = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= L\left(2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 2L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + 1 \cdot L\left(\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + 1\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}}} \end{aligned}$$

For any linear mapping, we can associate with it a matrix.

Proof: Consider linear mapping $L: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

Consider also standard basis $E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, E_m = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Lets denote by $A_1 = L(E_1)$, $A_2 = L(E_2), \dots, A_m = L(E_m) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

If we consider arbitrary vector $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then $\underline{x} = x_1 \cdot E_1 + \dots + x_m \cdot E_m$ and also,

$$L(\underline{x}) = L(x_1 \cdot E_1 + \dots + x_m \cdot E_m) = x_1 \cdot L(E_1) + \dots + x_m \cdot L(E_m)$$

$$= x_1 \cdot A_1 + \dots + x_m \cdot A_m = A \underline{x}, \text{ where } A \text{ is a matrix whose columns are } A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m.$$

We found matrix A associated with the linear mapping L .

Example: Consider linear mapping $L\left(\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{array}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ - projection from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .
We consider,

$$L(E_1) = L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = A_1$$

$$L(E_2) = L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = A_2$$

$$L(E_3) = L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A_3$$

$$\text{Then } A = \underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

Matrix associated with linear mapping in particular basis

From now on we will focus primarily on linear mappings $L: V \rightarrow V$

Assume b_1, \dots, b_n form basis in space V .

Then any vector $\underline{u} \in V$ can be written as

$$\underline{u} = u_1 b_1 + \dots + u_n b_n$$

We can call $\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the coordinates of \underline{u} in basis $b_1 \dots b_n$.

Consider linear mapping $L: V \rightarrow V$, How does the matrix associated with L looks for basis $b_1 \dots b_n$?

Since, b_1, \dots, b_n is a basis of V , then we can write.

$$L(b_1) = c_{11}b_1 + c_{12}b_2 + \dots + c_{1n}b_n$$

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$$L(b_n) = c_{n1}b_1 + c_{n2}b_2 + \dots + c_{nn}b_n.$$

Now if we take arbitrary vector $u \in V$,

$$u = u_1b_1 + u_2b_2 + \dots + u_nb_n = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i b_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then, } L(u) &= L\left(\sum_{i=1}^n u_i b_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i L(b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} b_j = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n u_i c_{ij} b_j = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \sum_{i=1}^n u_i c_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i1} u_1 \times b_1 + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i2} u_1 \times b_2 + \dots + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{in} u_1 \times b_n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we got,

$$L(u) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i1} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^n c_{in} u_i \end{pmatrix} = C^T u$$

↑ coordinates in basis $b_1 \dots b_n$

On coordinate vectors our linear mapping is represented by $L(u) = C^T u$ for given basis b_1, \dots, b_n

Note: for a different basis we will have different coordinates of vectors as well as different associated matrix.

Example: Consider \mathbb{R}^3 and basis b_1, b_2, b_3 .

$$\text{Assume } L(b_1) = b_1 + b_2$$

$$L(b_2) = 5b_1 - b_2 + 3b_3$$

$$L(b_3) = -1b_1 + 4b_2 - 7b_3$$

The matrix associated with this linear mapping is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} = C^T$$

Let's say we have a vector whose coordinates in basis b_1, b_2, b_3 are $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$L\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 3 & -7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \times b_1 + 1 \times b_2 + 0 \times b_3.$$