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Vector Spaces (向量空间)

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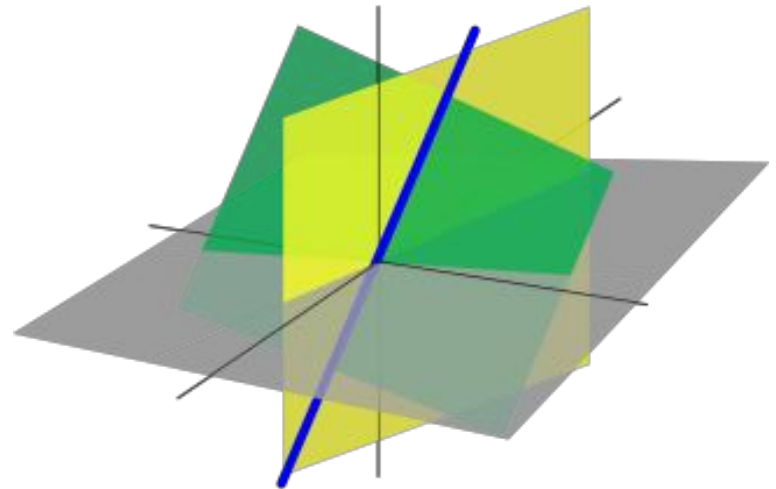
LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

(线性变换)

Definition &
Examples

Matrix
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I. Linear Transformation: Definition & Examples

A **function** (函数) f from a set A to a set B is a rule that assigns to each element of A a *single* element of B . We often write

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

$$a \mapsto f(a)$$

where $f(a)$ is often defined by some equation, with

$\text{range}(f) = \{f(a) \mid a \in A\} \subseteq B$. (range: 值域; domain: 定义域)

For example,

- $f(x) = \sin x$ is a function from \mathbf{R} to $[-1, 1]$.
- $f: (x, y) \mapsto (2x, 3y)$ maps \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^2 .
- $f: (x, y) \mapsto (x, y, x + y)$ maps \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^3 .
- $f: (x, y, z) \mapsto (x, z)$ maps \mathbf{R}^3 to \mathbf{R}^2 .

Definition 1 A function f from a vector space V to a vector space W is called a **linear transformation** (线性变换) if

- (1) $f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v})$ for all vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$;
- (2) $f(c\mathbf{v}) = cf(\mathbf{v})$ for all vectors $\mathbf{v} \in V$ and all $c \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$(1) \& (2) \Leftrightarrow f(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = cf(\mathbf{u}) + df(\mathbf{v}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V \text{ and all } c, d \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Examples

- $f: (x, y) \mapsto (2x, 3y)$ maps \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^2 .
- $f: (x, y) \mapsto (x, y, x + y)$ maps \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^3 .
- $f: (x, y, z) \mapsto (x, z)$ maps \mathbf{R}^3 to \mathbf{R}^2 .

Linear transformations
*preserve the operations
of vector addition and
scalar multiplication.*
(线性变换保持加法和
数乘运算)

Examples

- $f(x) = x^2$ is **not** a linear transformation from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} , since

$$f(x + y) = (x + y)^2 \neq x^2 + y^2 = f(x) + f(y), \text{ except } xy=0.$$
- $f(x) = \sin x$ is **not** a linear transformation from \mathbf{R} to \mathbf{R} , since

$$f(x + y) = \sin(x + y) \neq \sin x + \sin y = f(x) + f(y) \text{ does not always hold.}$$

Other examples

We take as examples the spaces \mathbf{P}_n , in which the vectors are polynomials $p(t)$ of degree n .

$$p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \cdots + a_nt^n,$$

and the dimension of the vector space is $n + 1$.

- The operation of *differentiation* is linear

$$\frac{d}{dt}p(t) = a_1 + 2a_2t + \cdots + na_nt^{n-1}.$$

- *Integration* from 0 to t is also linear (*it takes \mathbf{P}_n to \mathbf{P}_{n+1}*)

$$\int_0^t p(s)ds = a_0t + \frac{1}{2}a_1t^2 + \cdots + \frac{a_n}{n+1}t^{n+1}.$$

- *Multiplication* by a fixed polynomial like $2 + 3t$ is linear (*it also takes \mathbf{P}_n to \mathbf{P}_{n+1}*) :

$$(2 + 3t)p(t) = 2a_0 + \cdots + 3a_nt^{n+1}.$$

II. Transformations Represented by Matrices

Let

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

For any vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$, the product $A\mathbf{x}$ is a vector in \mathbf{R}^m :

$$A\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^m$$

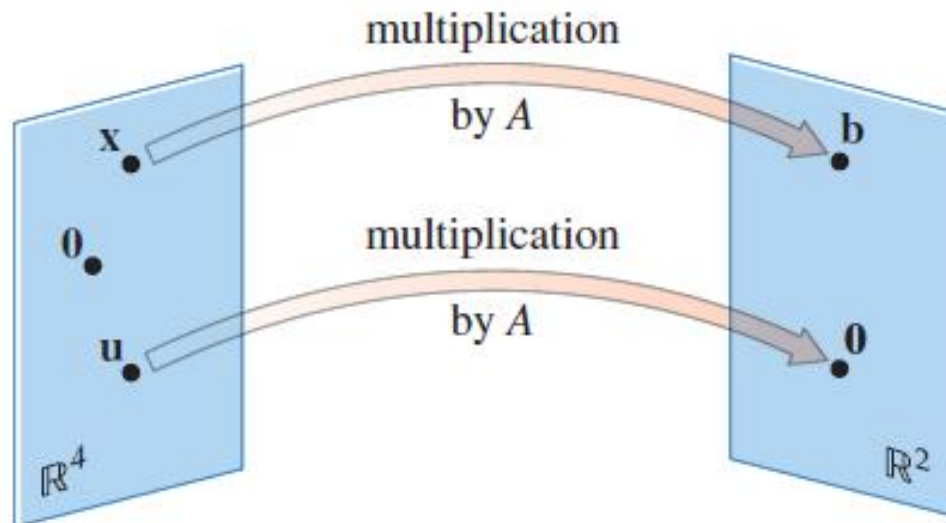
This defines a function f from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m : $f : \mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

Suppose \mathbf{x} is an n -dimensional vector.

When \mathbf{A} multiplies \mathbf{x} , it *transforms* that vector into a new vector \mathbf{Ax} , which is an m -dimensional vector.

For instance,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{b} & & \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{u} & \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$



It is a *linear transformation* as, for all $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $c \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$f(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = A(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = A\mathbf{v} + A\mathbf{w} = f(\mathbf{v}) + f(\mathbf{w}),$$

$$f(c\mathbf{v}) = A(c\mathbf{v}) = cA\mathbf{v} = cf(\mathbf{v}).$$

That is to say, matrix multiplication satisfies *the rule of linearity* (线性性).

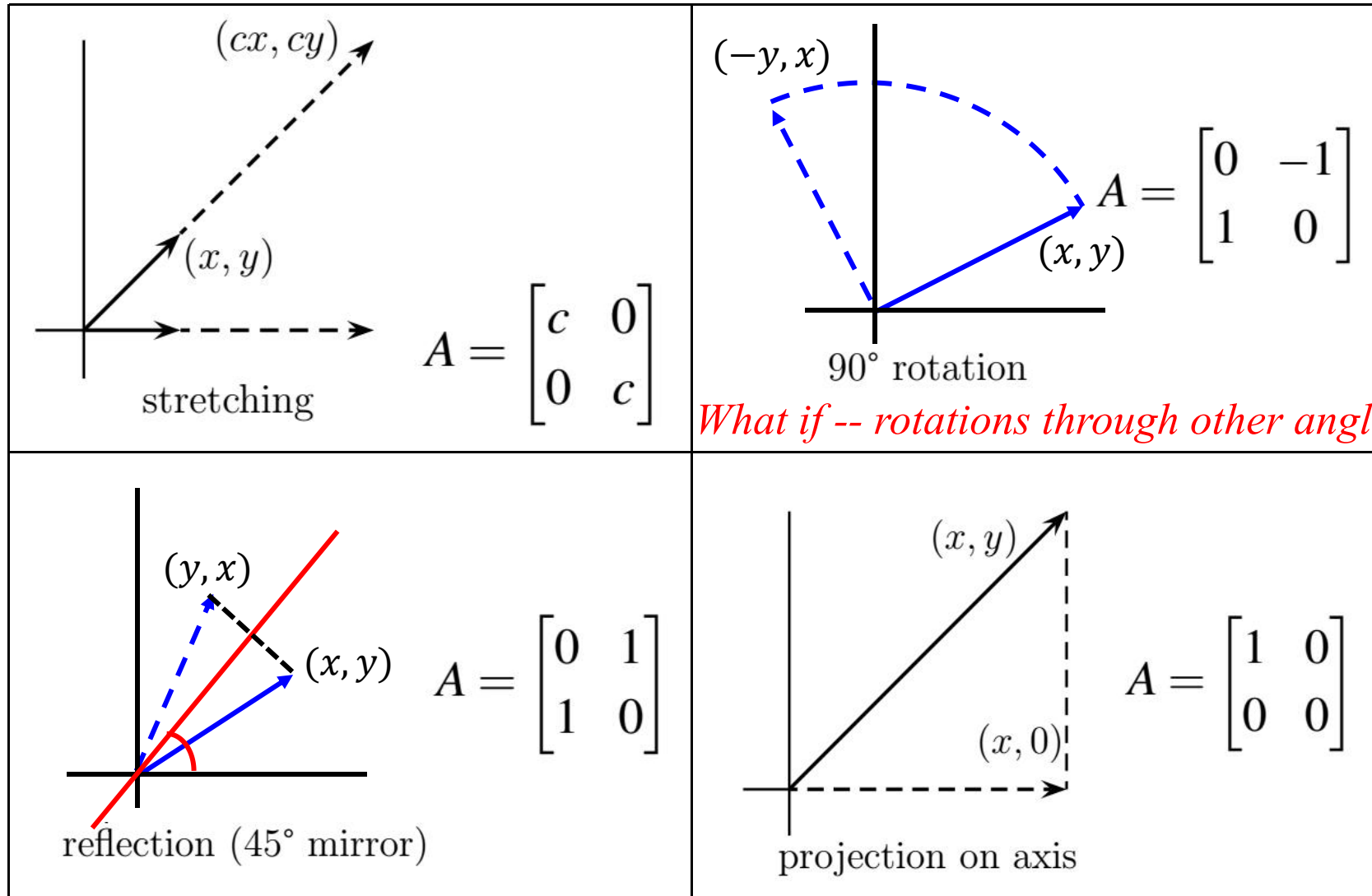
Remark: If A is square (n by n):

Suppose \mathbf{x} is an n -dimensional vector, then $A\mathbf{x}$ is also an n -dimensional vector.

This happens at every point \mathbf{x} of the n -dimensional space \mathbf{R}^n .

The whole space is transformed, or “mapped into itself,” by the matrix A . (整个空间 \mathbf{R}^n 在方阵 A 的作用下, 变换/映射到自身: \mathbf{R}^n)

Matrix representation - Examples in Geometry

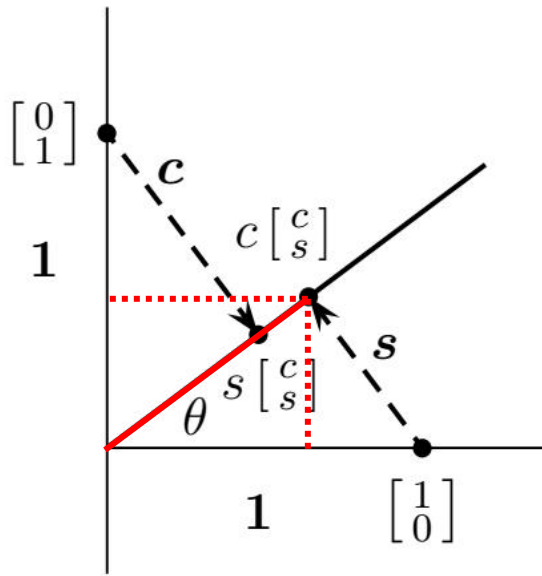


What if -- reflections in other mirrors?

What if -- projections onto other lines?

Can you find the matrix representation?

Projection (投影)



Projection onto the θ -line

In general, we may find the projection to the θ -line (the line at the angle θ from the x -axis). Thus the linear transformation p is such that

$$p : \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow c \begin{bmatrix} c \\ s \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow s \begin{bmatrix} c \\ s \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} c &= \cos \theta \\ s &= \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

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

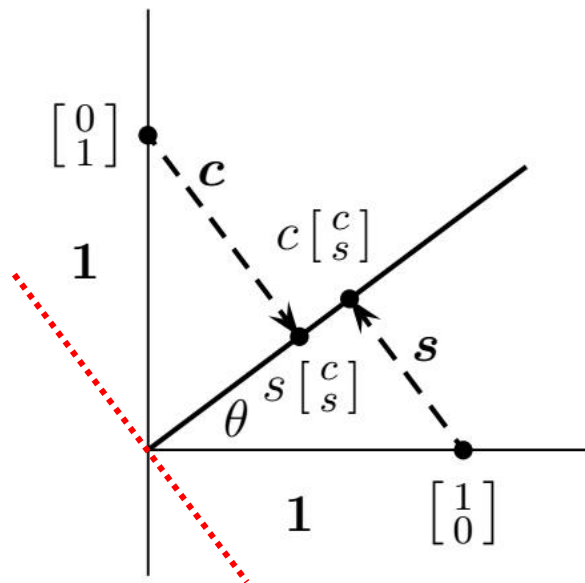
projected to: $x \cdot p\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) + y \cdot p\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

$$= x \begin{bmatrix} c^2 \\ cs \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} cs \\ s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & cs \\ cs & s^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

P : projection matrix

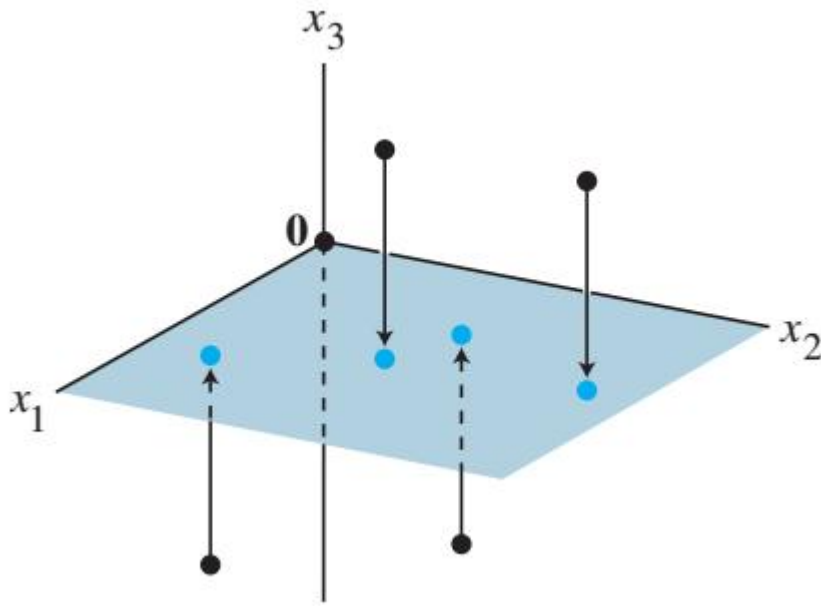
$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & cs \\ cs & s^2 \end{bmatrix}$ has some natural properties.



Projection onto the θ -line

- This matrix has no inverse ($\det(\mathbf{P})=0$), because the transformation has no inverse.
- Points on the perpendicular line are projected onto the origin; that line is the nullspace of \mathbf{P} .
- Points on the θ -line are projected to themselves!
- Projecting twice is the same as projecting once, and $\mathbf{P}^2 = \mathbf{P}$ (幂等矩阵, idempotent matrix), i.e., *a projection matrix equals its own square*. (投影矩阵等于自身的平方)

What 3 by 3 matrices represent the transformations that project every vector onto the x_1 - x_2 plane?



$$\text{If } \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the transformation

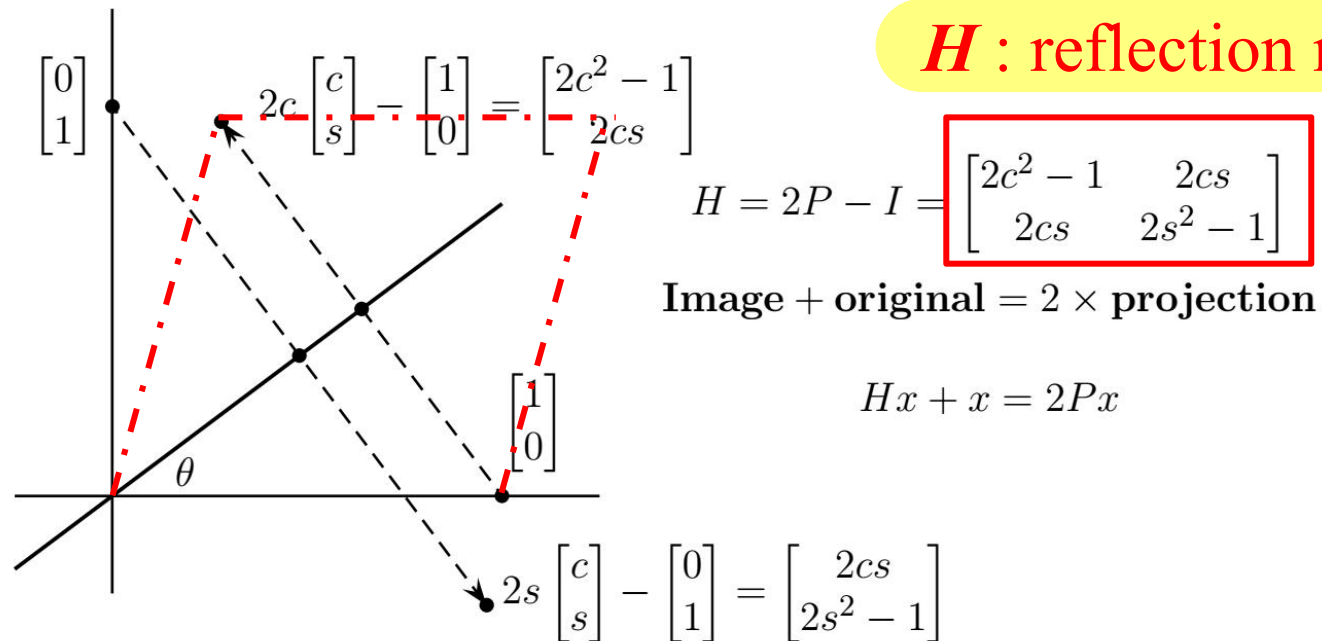
$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$

projects points in \mathbf{R}^3 onto the x_1 - x_2 plane because

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Reflection (反射)

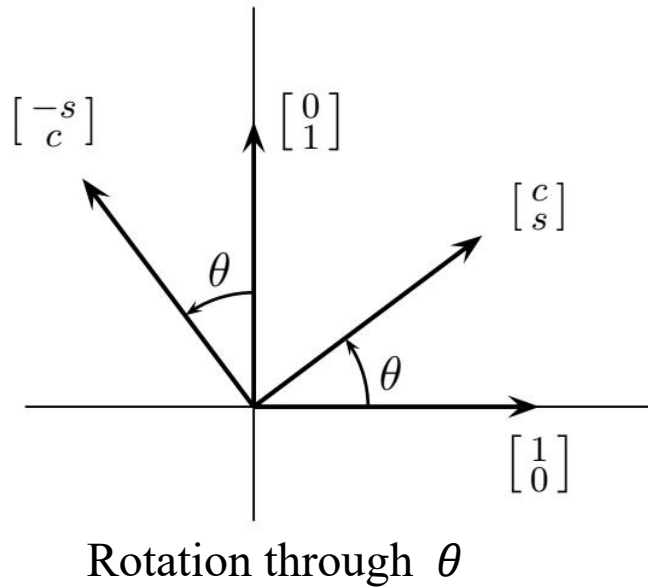
In general, we may find reflection along θ -line in a similar way:



H has some remarkable properties:

- $H^2 = I$. Two reflections bring back the original.
($H^2 = (2P - I)^2 = 4P^2 - 4P + I = I$, since $P^2 = P$.)
- $H^{-1} = H$. A reflection is its own inverse.

Rotation (旋转)



$$\mathbf{Q}_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} c & -s \\ s & c \end{bmatrix} : \text{rotation matrix}$$

is a perfect example showing the correspondence between transformations and matrices:

- $\mathbf{Q}_\theta \mathbf{Q}_{-\theta} = \mathbf{I}$

The inverse of \mathbf{Q}_θ equals $\mathbf{Q}_{-\theta}$ (rotation backward through θ)

- $\mathbf{Q}_\theta^2 = \mathbf{Q}_{2\theta}$

The square of \mathbf{Q}_θ equals $\mathbf{Q}_{2\theta}$ (rotation through a double angle)

- $\mathbf{Q}_\theta \mathbf{Q}_\phi = \mathbf{Q}_{\theta+\phi}$

The product of \mathbf{Q}_θ and \mathbf{Q}_ϕ equals $\mathbf{Q}_{\theta+\phi}$ (rotation through ϕ then θ)

Matrix Representations of Linear Transformations

(线性变换的矩阵表示: *general case*)

Example 1 Let f be a linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^3 such that

$$f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

Determine $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) &= f\left(x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= x f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) + y f\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x - y \\ 3x + 2y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 Let $T: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then there exists a unique matrix A such that

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} \text{ for all } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}^n.$$

In fact, A is the $m \times n$ matrix whose j -th column is the vector $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$, where \mathbf{e}_j is the j -th column of the identity matrix in \mathbf{R}^n :

$$A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{e}_n)].$$

Proof Write $\mathbf{x} = I_n \mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \dots \mathbf{e}_n] \mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{e}_n$, and use the linearity of T to compute

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T(x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + x_n \mathbf{e}_n) = x_1 T(\mathbf{e}_1) + \dots + x_n T(\mathbf{e}_n)$$

$$= \boxed{[T(\mathbf{e}_1) \quad \dots \quad T(\mathbf{e}_n)]} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = A\mathbf{x}.$$

The matrix A is called the **standard matrix for the linear transformation** T .

(寻找矩阵 A 的关键, 是知道线性变换 T 对于标准基各列的作用)

Example 2 Define the linear transformation $T: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2 + x_3)^T.$$

for each $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$ in \mathbf{R}^3 .

We wish to find a matrix \mathbf{A} such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^3$.

Solution: To do this, we calculate

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

$$T(\mathbf{e}_2) = T((0,1,0)^T) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

We choose these vectors to be the columns of the matrix

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

To check the result, we compute $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$

What if – general case: 非自然基

To transform a space to itself, one basis is enough.

A transformation from one space to another requires a basis for each. They can be bases other than the standard bases.

Theorem 2 Suppose the vectors $E = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ are a basis for the space V , and vectors $F = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ are a basis for W .

Each linear transformation T from V to W is represented by a matrix \mathbf{A} . The j th column of \mathbf{A} is found by applying T to the j th basis vector \mathbf{v}_j , and writing $T(\mathbf{v}_j)$ as a combination of the \mathbf{w} 's:

Column j of \mathbf{A} is the coordinate vector of $T(\mathbf{v}_j)$ with respect to $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$, which means

$$T(\mathbf{v}_j) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j = a_{1j}\mathbf{w}_1 + a_{2j}\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + a_{mj}\mathbf{w}_m.$$

$E = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$ are a basis for V ,

$F = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \dots, \mathbf{w}_m\}$ are a basis for W .

$$T(\mathbf{v}_j) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_j = a_{1j}\mathbf{w}_1 + a_{2j}\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + a_{mj}\mathbf{w}_m$$

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

\downarrow
 $[T(\mathbf{v}_1)]_F$

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 $[T(\mathbf{v}_2)]_F$

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 $[T(\mathbf{v}_n)]_F$

where

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = a_{11}\mathbf{w}_1 + a_{21}\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + a_{m1}\mathbf{w}_m$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_2) = a_{12}\mathbf{w}_1 + a_{22}\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + a_{m2}\mathbf{w}_m$$

$$\vdots$$

$$T(\mathbf{v}_n) = a_{1n}\mathbf{w}_1 + a_{2n}\mathbf{w}_2 + \dots + a_{mn}\mathbf{w}_m$$

Example 3 Define the linear transformation $T: \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$ by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + (x_2 + x_3) \mathbf{b}_2$$

for each $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T$ in \mathbf{R}^3 , where $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Find the matrix \mathbf{A} representing T with respect to the ordered bases $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$ and $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$.

Solution:

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = 1\mathbf{b}_1 + 0\mathbf{b}_2$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_2) = 0\mathbf{b}_1 + 1\mathbf{b}_2$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_3) = 0\mathbf{b}_1 + 1\mathbf{b}_2$$

The j th column of \mathbf{A} is determined by the coordinates of $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$ with respect to $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Thus

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

Example 4 Let T be a linear transformation mapping \mathbf{R}^2 into itself defined by

$$T(\alpha \mathbf{b}_1 + \beta \mathbf{b}_2) = (\alpha + \beta) \mathbf{b}_1 + 2\beta \mathbf{b}_2.$$

where $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Find the matrix \mathbf{A} representing T with respect to $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2\}$.

Solution:

$$T(\mathbf{b}_1) = 1\mathbf{b}_1 + 0\mathbf{b}_2$$

$$T(\mathbf{b}_2) = 1\mathbf{b}_1 + 2\mathbf{b}_2$$

Thus

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example 5 Let $L: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = (x_2, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)^T.$$

Find the matrix representation of L with respect to the ordered bases $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ and $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$, where

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2)^T, \mathbf{u}_2 = (3, 1)^T$$

and

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = (1, 0, 0)^T, \mathbf{b}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^T, \mathbf{b}_3 = (1, 1, 1)^T.$$

Solution 1

$$L(\mathbf{u}_1) = (2, 3, -1)^T, \quad L(\mathbf{u}_2) = (1, 4, 2)^T.$$

We need to write them as combinations of $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{21} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{31} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = a_{12} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{22} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_{32} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem 3 (An equivalent way to find the matrix A)

Let $E = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ and $F = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m\}$ be ordered bases for \mathbf{R}^n and \mathbf{R}^m , respectively.

If $L: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ is a linear transformation and $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n]$ is the matrix representing L with respect to E and F , then

$$\mathbf{a}_j = \mathbf{B}^{-1}L(\mathbf{u}_j) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

where $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m]$.

Proof. If \mathbf{A} is representing L with respect to E and F , then, for $j = 1, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{u}_j) &= a_{1j}\mathbf{b}_1 + a_{2j}\mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + a_{mj}\mathbf{b}_m = [\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m] \begin{bmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{B}\mathbf{a}_j \end{aligned}$$

The matrix \mathbf{B} is nonsingular since its column vectors form a basis for \mathbf{R}^m . Hence

$$\mathbf{a}_j = \mathbf{B}^{-1}L(\mathbf{u}_j) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

The way to find the matrix representation of the transformation is :

by computing the reduced row echelon form of an augmented matrix.

Remark. If \mathbf{A} is the matrix representing the linear transformation $L: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ with respect to the bases $E = \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ and $F = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m\}$, then the reduced row echelon form of

$$[\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_m \mid L(\mathbf{u}_1), \dots, L(\mathbf{u}_n)]$$

is

$$[\mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{A}] .$$

Example 5 (continued)

Let $L: \mathbf{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by

$$L(\mathbf{x}) = (x_2, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)^T.$$

Find the matrix representations of L with respect to the ordered bases $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2\}$ and $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$, where $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 2)^T$, $\mathbf{u}_2 = (3, 1)^T$ and $\mathbf{b}_1 = (1, 0, 0)^T$, $\mathbf{b}_2 = (1, 1, 0)^T$, $\mathbf{b}_3 = (1, 1, 1)^T$.

Solution 2 We must compute $L(\mathbf{u}_1)$ and $L(\mathbf{u}_2)$ and then transform the augmented matrix $[\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3 \mid L(\mathbf{u}_1), L(\mathbf{u}_2)]$ to reduced row echelon form:

$$L(\mathbf{u}_1) = (2, 3, -1)^T, \quad L(\mathbf{u}_2) = (1, 4, 2)^T.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The matrix representing L with respect to the given ordered bases is

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 4 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Next we find matrices that represent **differentiation**.

Basis for $P_3: E = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$. $p_1 = 1, p_2 = t, p_3 = t^2, p_4 = t^3$.

The derivatives of those four basis vectors

Action of $\frac{d}{dt}: \frac{d}{dt}p_1 = 0, \frac{d}{dt}p_2 = p_1, \frac{d}{dt}p_3 = 2p_2, \frac{d}{dt}p_4 = 3p_3$.

Coordinate vectors: $[p_1]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [p_2]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [p_3]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [p_4]_E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Differentiation matrix

$$A_{\text{diff}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $Ap_1 \quad Ap_2 \quad Ap_3 \quad Ap_4$

1. determine the size

$$p_1 = 1, p_2 = t, p_3 = t^2, p_4 = t^3$$

For the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $Nul(\mathbf{A}) = \text{span}\{p_1\}$
 $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{polynomial}}$ p_1 polynomial

$N(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Span}\{p_1\}$, nullity(\mathbf{A}) = 1;
 $C(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Span}\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$, rank(\mathbf{A}) = 3.

For any vector in the vector space \mathbf{P}_3 , the derivative is decided by linearity.

For example, for $p = 2 + t - t^2 - t^3$,

$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \mathbf{A}p \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

so the derivative for p is $1 - 2t - 3t^2$.

Example: Integration**Integration:** $V(= P_3) \longrightarrow W(= P_4)$ **Basis for P_3 :** $\mathbf{x}_1 = 1, \mathbf{x}_2 = t, \mathbf{x}_3 = t^2, \mathbf{x}_4 = t^3$ **Basis for P_4 :** $\mathbf{y}_1 = 1, \mathbf{y}_2 = t, \mathbf{y}_3 = t^2, \mathbf{y}_4 = t^3, \mathbf{y}_5 = t^4$

$$\int_0^t 1 ds = t \text{ or } A\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{y}_2, A\mathbf{x}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{y}_3, \int_0^t s^3 ds = \frac{t^4}{4} \text{ or } A\mathbf{x}_4 = \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{y}_5$$

$$A_{\text{int}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A\mathbf{x}_3 = \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{y}_4$$

Theorem 4 Suppose \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are linear transformations from V to W and from U to V . Their product \mathbf{AB} starts with a vector \mathbf{u} in U , goes to \mathbf{Bu} in V , and finishes with \mathbf{ABu} in W . This “composition” \mathbf{AB} is again a linear transformation (from U to W). Its matrix is the product of the individual matrices representing \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} U & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}} & V & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}} & W \\ \mathbf{u} & \mapsto & \mathbf{Bu} & \mapsto & \mathbf{ABu} \end{array}$$

Example 6 Let T be a linear transformation of \mathbf{R}^2 such that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the matrix for T .

Solution The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ is such that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ is such that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Thus the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is such that $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$, and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 \\ 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$.

III. Ranges (值域)

We notice that, if f is a linear transformation, then

$$f(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = f(c\mathbf{u}) + f(d\mathbf{v}) = cf(\mathbf{u}) + df(\mathbf{v}).$$

Theorem 5 Let $f: \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. Then the range of f is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m . SUBSET (note)

Proof Let $S = \text{range}(f)$. Then $f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0} \in S$,

because $f(\mathbf{0}) = f(\mathbf{0} - \mathbf{0}) = f(\mathbf{0}) - f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$. (可证)

Let $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in S$, i.e., $\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{u})$ and $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{v})$ for some $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

Thus $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{u}) + f(\mathbf{v}) = f(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \in S$.

Let $a \in \mathbf{R}$ and $\mathbf{x} \in S$, i.e., $\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{u})$ for some $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

Thus $a\mathbf{x} = af(\mathbf{u}) = f(a\mathbf{u}) \in S$.

Therefore, S is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m .

Note: A linear transformation is determined by the effect it has on a basis.

Rank-nullity theorem

Let f be a linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m .

Definition 2 The **kernel (核)** $\ker(f)$ is the set $\{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid f(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}\}$.

Example 7 Let f be a linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^2 to \mathbf{R}^2 defined by

$$f(x, y) = (x + y, x + y).$$

Then the range

$$\text{range}(f) = \{(a, a) \mid a \in \mathbf{R}\},$$

which is a line. The kernel is also a line:

$$\ker(f) = \{(a, -a) \mid a \in \mathbf{R}\}.$$

Theorem 6 (Rank-nullity theorem)

Let f be a linear transformation from \mathbf{R}^n to \mathbf{R}^m .

Then the range of f is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^m , and the kernel of f is a subspace of \mathbf{R}^n . Moreover,

$$\dim(\ker(f)) + \dim(\text{range}(f)) = n.$$

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Homework

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