

## LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

- We have already seen repeatedly that a matrix can be used to transform vectors. Let  $T$  be a matrix, and  $v$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $w$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $w = T(v)$ :

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad w = T(v) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $T$  will transform any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x - y \\ 3x + 4y \end{bmatrix}$
- The **transformation** or **mapping**  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule that assigns each vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to a unique vector  $T(v)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$
- The **domain** of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- The **codomain** of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .
- Thus the transformation would be described as  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$
- The vector  $T(v)$  is the **image** of  $v$ .
- The set of all possible images is known as the **range** of  $T$ .

- In our example  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x - y \\ 3x + 4y \end{bmatrix}$ , the range of  $T$  would be all linear combinations,

$$x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ thus the column space of } T.$$

## WHEN IS A TRANSFORMATION "LINEAR?"

- $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is called a linear transformation if and only if :  
 $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$  for all  $u$  and  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 $T(cv) = cT(v)$  for all  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c$
- Steps to verify that our example transformation is linear:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m = T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x - y \\ 3x + 4y \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } u = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(u+v) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ y_1+y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ 2(x_1+x_2)-(y_1+y_2) \\ 3(x_1+x_2)+4(y_1+y_2) \end{bmatrix} = \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ 2x_1+2x_2-y_1-y_2 \\ 3x_1+3x_2+4y_1+4y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1+x_2 \\ (2x_1-y_1)+(2x_2-y_2) \\ (3x_1+4y_1)+(3x_2+4y_2) \end{bmatrix} = \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_1-y_1 \\ 3x_1+4y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ 2x_2-y_2 \\ 3x_2+4y_2 \end{bmatrix} = T\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + T\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = T(u) + T(v)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T(cv) &= T\left(c\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} cx \\ cy \end{bmatrix}\right) = \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} cx \\ 2(cx)-(cy) \\ 3(cx)+4(cy) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cx \\ c(2x-y) \\ c(3x+4y) \end{bmatrix} = \\
&= c\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 2x-y \\ 3x+4y \end{bmatrix} = cT\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = cT(v)
\end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, our example transformation was indeed linear.
- This is true for any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Let  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be defined by  $T_A(x) = Ax$  for any  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $c$  be a scalar:

$$T_A(u+v) = A(u+v) = Au + Av = T_A(u) + T_A(v) \text{ and } T_A(cv) = A(cv) = c(Av) = cT_A(v)$$

### ROTATIONS AS LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

- A rotation about the origin through an angle  $\theta$  is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- Let  $R_\theta$  be the rotation, and  $u$  and  $v$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Provided that the vectors are not parallel, we know that  $\|u+v\|$  is the diagonal of a parallelogram formed by the two vectors. Applying  $R_\theta$  would rotate the entire parallelogram through angle  $\theta$ , and thus the diagonal of the parallelogram must be  $R_\theta(u) + R_\theta(v)$  and therefore  $R_\theta(u+v) = R_\theta(u) + R_\theta(v)$ .

Applying  $R_\theta$  to  $v$  and  $cv$  would obtain  $R_\theta(v)$  and  $R_\theta(cv)$ . Since a rotation does not affect lengths,  $R_\theta(cv) = cR_\theta(v)$

- The matrix of this linear transformation can be found by determining the effects on standard basis vectors:  $R_\theta \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$  and  $R_\theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (which is orthogonal, so  $R_\theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ )
- $R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

### PROJECTIONS AS LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

- As an example, let  $\ell$  be a line through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The linear transformation  $P_\ell : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  projects a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  onto  $\ell$ .
- $\ell$  has a directional vector  $d$  onto which we will project an arbitrary vector  $v$ .
- The projection of  $v$  onto  $d$  is given by  $\left( \frac{d^T v}{d^T d} \right) d$
- Therefore, the transformation  $P_\ell : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is linear because:

$$\begin{aligned} P_\ell(u+v) &= \left( \frac{d^T (u+v)}{d^T d} \right) d = \left( \frac{d^T u + d^T v}{d^T d} \right) d = \\ &= \left( \frac{d^T u}{d^T d} + \frac{d^T v}{d^T d} \right) d = \left( \frac{d^T u}{d^T d} \right) d + \left( \frac{d^T v}{d^T d} \right) d = \\ &P_\ell(u) + P_\ell(v) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly  $P_\ell(cv) = cP_\ell(v)$

### TRANSPOSITION AS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

- Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined as  $T_A = A^T$
- $T(A+B) = (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T = T(A) + T(B)$
- $T(cA) = (cA)^T = cA^T = cT(A)$

### DIFFERENTIATION AS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

- Let  $D$  be the differential operator  $D : \Delta \rightarrow \Phi$  defined by  $D(f) = f'$
- Let  $f$  and  $g$  be differentiable functions.
- $D$  is a linear transformation because  $D(f+g) = (f+g)' = f' + g' = D(f) + D(g)$  and  $D(cf) = (cf)' = cf' = cD(f)$ .

## INTEGRATION AS A LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

- Let  $S : \mathcal{C}[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $S(f) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

- Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions in  $\mathcal{C}[a, b]$ .

- $S$  is a linear transformation because

$$\begin{aligned} S(f + g) &= \int_a^b (f + g)(x) dx = \int_a^b (f(x) + g(x)) dx = \\ &= \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx = S(f) + S(g) \end{aligned}$$

- Similarly,  $S(cf) = cS(f)$

## EXAMPLES OF NON-LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

- $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : T(x) = 2^x$

Let  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$

$$T(x + y) = T(3) = 2^3 = 8 \neq 6 = 2^1 + 2^2 = T(x) + T(y)$$

- $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : T(x) = x + 1$

Let  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$

$$T(x + y) = T(3) = 3 + 1 = 4 \neq 5 = (1 + 1) + (2 + 1) = T(x) + T(y)$$

- $T : M_{22} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : T(A) = |A|$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(A + B) = |A + B| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \neq 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = T(A) + T(B)$$

$T : V \rightarrow W$  and  $T$ 's effect on a basis for  $V$

**Example:**

$$T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow F : T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 2 - 3x + x^2 \text{ and } T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 1 - x^2$$

- Find  $T \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and therefore  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  is in its span. Solve  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  to

find the appropriate scalars  $c_1 = -7$  and  $c_2 = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } T \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} &= T \left( -7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = -7T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 3T \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -7(2 - 3x - 10x^2) + 3(1 - x^2) = -11 + 21x - 10x^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Find  $T \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$= (5a - 3b) + (-9a + 6b)x + (4a - 3b)x^2$$

**Therefore, let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation, and let  $B = v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis that spans  $V$ .  $T(B) = T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)$  is a basis that spans the range of  $T$ .**