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Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a function. Then f is called a linear function if $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\checkmark f(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha \checkmark f(x) + \beta \checkmark f(y)$$

Ex: fix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$f_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\underline{f_A(x) = Ax} \quad \leftarrow \text{matrix vector multiplication.}$$

To verify: $f_A(\alpha x + \beta y) \stackrel{?}{=} \alpha f_A(x) + \beta f_A(y)$

$$\equiv A(\alpha x + \beta y) \stackrel{?}{=} \alpha Ax + \beta Ay \quad \text{--- (+) Already verified in the last class}$$

Ex: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f: \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ x_{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = x \mapsto Ax$$

Q: Is f linear??

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} e_n^T \\ e_{n-1}^T \\ \vdots \\ e_1^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ e_n & e_{n-1} & \dots & e_1 \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix}$$

f is linear.

Two ways to prove (i) check superposition principle.

Here! (ii) Find $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ s.t. the f can be described as action of A .

Ex:

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$n \geq m$$

$$f: \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_m \end{bmatrix}_{n \times m}$$

m vectors $\rightarrow n$ vectors

$$e_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & \dots & e_m & \overbrace{0 \dots 0}^{n-m} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 m -vectors vectors

The function f is linear.

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f: \mathbb{R}^4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$f \left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_m & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ✓

$$f: \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 1 \\ x_2 + 2 \\ x_3 + 3 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + n \end{pmatrix}$$

Not a linear $f \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

$$f: 0 \not\mapsto 0$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 0$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

Ex: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$f: \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n \geq m$$

Not a linear $f \stackrel{?}{=} 0$

Ex: $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$f: v \longmapsto u$$

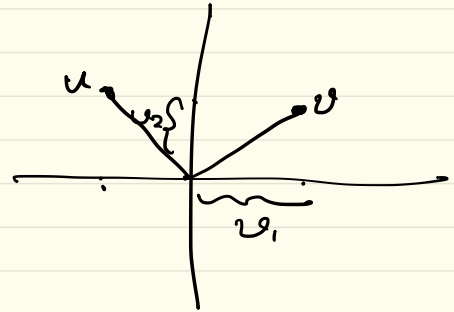
where u is obtained from v by rotating v in anticlockwise direction by $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Check: This function is linear.

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

$$v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_2 \\ -v_1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Given a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

$$f_A(x) = \underline{0}$$

$$f_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$f_A: x \mapsto Ax \quad \text{or} \quad f_A(x) = Ax$$

Q: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear function.

Does there exist $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ s.t. $f(x) = Ax$
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

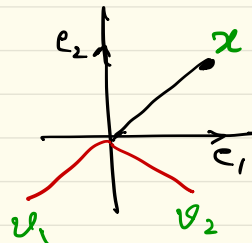
$$f(e_1), f(e_2), \dots, f(e_n) \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} f(e_1) & f(e_2) & \dots & f(e_n) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{x = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n}$$



$$x = x_1 v_1 + x_2 v_2$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n$$

$$f(x) = f(x_1 e_1 + x_2 e_2 + \dots + x_n e_n)$$

$\hookrightarrow f$ is linear.

$$= x_1 f(e_1) + x_2 f(e_2) + \dots + x_n f(e_n)$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f(e_1) & \dots & f(e_n) \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{m-vector} \\ \nearrow}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{length } n}$$

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f(e_1) & \dots & f(e_n) \end{bmatrix}}_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} x$$

Matrix vector multi.

$$Ax$$

length n

$$\begin{bmatrix} -a_1^T & - \\ -a_2^T & - \\ \vdots & \\ -a_m^T & - \end{bmatrix} x$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_1^T x \\ a_2^T x \\ \vdots \\ a_m^T x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a_{11}} & \underline{a_{12}} & \underline{a_{1n}} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 A_1 + x_2 A_2 + \dots + x_n A_n \quad \swarrow \quad \uparrow \text{ m-vector}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} x_1 + \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} x_2 + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} x_n$$

\nearrow column 1 of A \nearrow column 2 of A \nearrow column n of A

Matrix - vector multiplication. : Another way to understand