

1.8 – Introduction to Linear Transformations

\mathbf{R}^2 is the set of all ordered pairs, \mathbf{R}^3 is the set of all ordered triples, and \mathbf{R}^n is the set of all ordered n -tuples. Elements of \mathbf{R}^n are called **vectors**.

The **standard basis vectors** for \mathbf{R}^n are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

These can also be written as row vectors if convenient.

All vectors in \mathbf{R}^n can be written as linear combinations of these vectors.

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$$

A **function** f is a rule that associates with an input (an element of the **domain** of f) a unique output (an element of the **codomain** of f). The output is the **image** of the input, and the set of all images is called the **range** of f . Note that the range of f is a subset of the codomain of f .

$f(a) = b \leftarrow$ image of a under f

$a \in$ domain of f , $b \in$ codomain of f

Consider $f(x) = |x|$ Dom $f: \mathbb{R}$

Codom. $f: \mathbb{R}$

Range $f: [0, \infty)$

The range is a subset of the codomain.
Transformations

Consider the system $4 = 2x - 3y + 5z$
 $6 = 7x + 2y - z$

matrix form: $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

The 2×3 matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ maps
vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 into vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 .

A is called a matrix transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

Definition 1: If T is a function with domain \mathbb{R}^n and codomain \mathbb{R}^m , then we say that T is a **transformation** from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m or that T **maps** from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m , which we denote by writing $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. In the special case where $m = n$, a transformation is sometimes called an **operator** on \mathbb{R}^n .

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{w} = T_A(\vec{x}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \downarrow \\ \mathbb{R}^2 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix} \quad T_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$T_A: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

5. Find the domain and codomain of the transformation defined by the matrix product.

a. $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Dom: \mathbb{R}^3
Codomain: \mathbb{R}^2

b. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ 4x_1 + 3x_2 \\ 2x_1 - 5x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Dom: \mathbb{R}^2
Codomain: \mathbb{R}^3

A **matrix transformation** $\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{x}$ maps a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ to a vector $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ by multiplying \mathbf{x} on the left by A [which is an $m \times n$ matrix]. If $m = n$, then we call the transformation a **matrix operator**. A matrix transformation is denoted $T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ or $\mathbf{w} = T_A(\mathbf{x})$ if we do not need to specify the domain and codomain. This can also be written in the form

$$\mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{T_A} \mathbf{w}$$

verbalized as “ T_A maps \mathbf{x} into \mathbf{w} .” The matrix A is the **standard matrix** for the transformation.

8. Find the domain and codomain of the transformation T defined by the formula.

a. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_1, x_2)$

b. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1, x_2 - x_3, x_2)$

a) Dom: \mathbb{R}^4
Codom: \mathbb{R}^2

b) Dom: \mathbb{R}^3
Codom: \mathbb{R}^3 } operator

12. Find the standard matrix for the transformation defined by the equations.

a.

$$w_1 = -x_1 + x_2$$

$$w_2 = 3x_1 - 2x_2$$

$$w_3 = 5x_1 - 7x_2$$

b.

$$w_1 = x_1$$

$$w_2 = x_1 + x_2$$

$$w_3 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$w_4 = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Note: $A\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 \\ 5 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$A\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$

13. Find the standard matrix for the transformation T defined by the formula.

a. $T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_1 - x_2, x_1 + x_2)$

b. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (4x_1 + x_2, x_1 + x_2)$

a. $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [T] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_1 + x_2 \\ 5x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [T] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The **zero transformation** from R^n to R^m , $T_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$, maps every vector in R^n to the zero vector in R^m .

The **identity operator** $T_{I_n}(\mathbf{x}) = I_n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$ maps every vector in R^n to itself.

Theorem 1.8.1 Properties of Matrix Transformations

For every matrix A the matrix transformation $T_A: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ has the following properties for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} and for every scalar k :

a) $T_A(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$

b) $T_A(k\mathbf{u}) = kT_A(\mathbf{u})$ (homogeneity property)

c) $T_A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) + T_A(\mathbf{v})$ (additivity property)

d) $T_A(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) - T_A(\mathbf{v})$

True because of properties of matrix arithmetic

Theorem 1.8.2 $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ is a matrix transformation if and only if the following relationships hold for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} and for every scalar k :

i) $T_A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) + T_A(\mathbf{v})$ (additivity property)

ii) $T_A(k\mathbf{u}) = kT_A(\mathbf{u})$ (homogeneity property)

\Rightarrow True from 1.8.1

Pf: (\Leftarrow) Assume (i) & (ii) hold. The proof will be complete if there is an $m \times n$ matrix A such that $T_A(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ for all $\vec{x} \in R^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{By (i) \& (ii), } T(k_1\vec{u}_1 + k_2\vec{u}_2 + \dots + k_n\vec{u}_n) \\ = k_1T(\vec{u}_1) + k_2T(\vec{u}_2) + \dots + k_nT(\vec{u}_n) \end{aligned}$$

for all scalars k_i and $\vec{u}_i \in R^n$.

In particular, this holds for $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \dots, \vec{e}_n$.

We consider scalars x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

This becomes $x_1 T(\vec{e}_1) + x_2 T(\vec{e}_2) + \dots + x_n T(\vec{e}_n)$

$$= \left[T(\vec{e}_1) \mid T(\vec{e}_2) \mid \dots \mid T(\vec{e}_n) \right] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= A \vec{x}.$$

We've shown that for $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$,

$$T(\vec{x}) = A \vec{x}.$$

22. Use Theorem 1.8.2 to show that T is a matrix transformation.

a. $T(x, y, z) = (x + y, y + z, x)$

b. $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1, x_3, x_1 + x_2)$

i) $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$

ii) $T(k\vec{u}) = k T(\vec{u})$

a. Let $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

i) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (\underline{u_1 + v_1}, \underline{u_2 + v_2}, \underline{u_3 + v_3})$

$$T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = (\underline{u_1 + v_1 + u_2 + v_2}, \underline{u_2 + v_2 + u_3 + v_3}, \underline{u_1 + v_1})$$

$$= (\underline{u_1 + u_2 + v_1 + v_2}, \underline{u_2 + u_3 + v_2 + v_3}, \underline{u_1 + v_1})$$

$$= (\underline{u_1 + u_2}, \underline{u_2 + u_3}, \underline{u_1}) + (\underline{v_1 + v_2}, \underline{v_2 + v_3}, \underline{v_1})$$

$$= T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) \quad \checkmark$$

$$ii) \quad k\vec{u} = (ku_1, ku_2, ku_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } T(k\vec{u}) &= (ku_1 + ku_2, ku_2 + ku_3, ku_1) \\ &= k(u_1 + u_2, u_2 + u_3, u_1) \\ &= kT(\vec{u}) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

These can be combined: $T(k\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = kT(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$

23. Use Theorem 1.8.2 to show that T is not a matrix transformation.

a. $T(x, y) = (x^2, y)$

b. $T(x, y, z) = (x, y, xz)$

a. Let $\vec{x} = (x, y)$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$T(kx, ky) = (k^2x^2, ky)$$

$$= k(kx^2, y) \neq kT(x, y) \quad \times$$

Vocab
A linear transformation $T: R^n \rightarrow R^m$ possesses the two **linearity conditions**, those being:

For all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in R^n and for every scalar k ,

- i) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ (additivity property)
- ii) $T(k\mathbf{u}) = kT(\mathbf{u})$ (homogeneity property)

Theorem 1.8.3 Every linear transformation from R^n to R^m is a matrix transformation, and conversely every matrix transformation from R^n to R^m is a linear transformation.

we can use these interchangeably

28. The images of the standard basis vectors for R^3 are given for a linear transformation $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$. Find the standard matrix for the transformation, and find $T(\mathbf{x})$.

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\mathbf{e}_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T_A] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = A$$

$$T_A(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose we know that for vectors \vec{u} & \vec{v} ,
 $\vec{e}_i = a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}$. If T is a linear transft.,
then $T(\vec{e}_i) = T(a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}) = aT(\vec{u}) + bT(\vec{v})$

Ex: Find the standard matrix A for the linear transformation

$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ for which $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and use it

to compute $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

\vec{u}

\vec{v}

We want a & b such that $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} = \vec{e}_1$
and another a & b such that $a\vec{u} + b\vec{v} = \vec{e}_2$

$$a \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix})$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} -1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 1 & 0 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{e}_1 = 5\vec{u} + 2\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{e}_2 = 3\vec{u} + 1\vec{v}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = 5T(\vec{u}) + 2T(\vec{v})$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = 3T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = 5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ -9 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

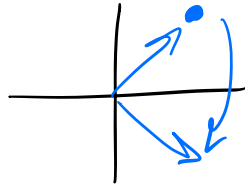
$$T_A: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 11 \\ -9 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 11 \\ -9 & -4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -47 \\ 24 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem 1.8.4 If $T_A: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $T_B: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are matrix transformations, and if $T_A(\mathbf{x}) = T_B(\mathbf{x})$ for every vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n , then $A = B$.

Matrix operators on \mathbb{R}^2



Reflection operators

- Reflection about the x-axis: $T(x, y) = T(x, -y)$, $T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Reflection about the y-axis: $T(x, y) = T(-x, y)$, $T_A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Reflection about the line $y = x$: $T(x, y) = (y, x)$, $T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

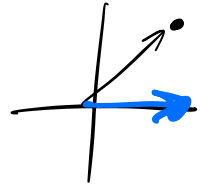
Projection operators

- Orthogonal projection onto the x-axis: $T(x, y) = T(x, 0)$,

$$T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Orthogonal projection onto the y-axis: $T(x, y) = T(0, y)$,

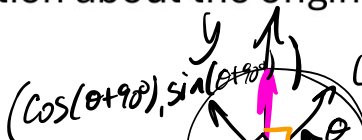
$$T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Rotation operator

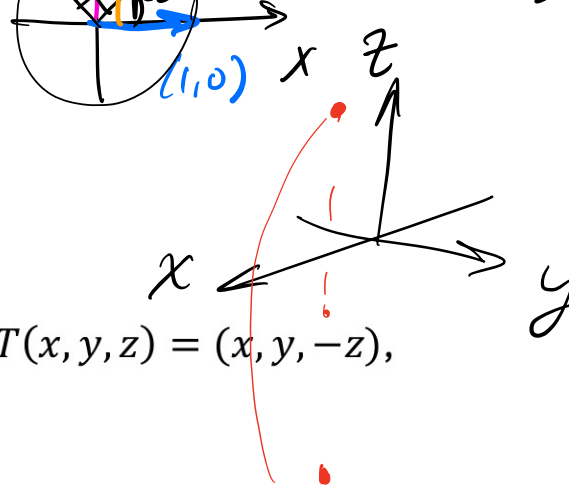
- Counterclockwise rotation about the origin through an angle θ :

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



$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\alpha + \beta) &= \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \theta &= 90^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$T(\vec{e}_1)$ $T(\vec{e}_2)$



Matrix operators on R^3

Reflection operators

- Reflection about the xy -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (x, y, -z)$,

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

- Reflection about the xz -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (x, -y, z)$,

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

- Reflection about the yz -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (-x, y, z)$,

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

Projection operators

- Orthogonal projection onto the xy -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$,

$$T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Orthogonal projection onto the xz -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (x, 0, z)$,

$$T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Orthogonal projection onto the yz -plane: $T(x, y, z) = (0, y, z)$,

$$T_A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$