

## 1.9 – Compositions of Matrix Transformations

The **composition of  $T_B$  with  $T_A$**  is achieved by first applying the matrix transformation  $T_A$  to a vector and then applying the matrix transformation  $T_B$  to the image vector. We denote the composition of  $T_B$  with  $T_A$  by  $T_B \circ T_A$  which is read “ $T_B$  circle  $T_A$ .” This is also expressed as  $(T_B \circ T_A)(\mathbf{x}) = T_B(T_A(\mathbf{x}))$ .

**Theorem 1.9.1** If  $T_A: R^n \rightarrow R^k$  and  $T_B: R^k \rightarrow R^m$  are matrix transformations, then  $T_B \circ T_A$  is also a matrix transformation, and  $T_B \circ T_A = T_{BA}$ .

Rationale:

$$\begin{aligned} (T_B \circ T_A)(\vec{x}) &= T_B(T_A(\vec{x})) \\ &= T_B(A\vec{x}) \\ &= B(A\vec{x}) \\ &= \underbrace{(BA)}_{m \times k \quad k \times n} \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

8. Find the standard matrix for the stated composition in  $R^2$ .
- A rotation about the origin of  $60^\circ$ , followed by an orthogonal projection onto the  $x$ -axis, followed by a reflection about the line  $y = x$ .
  - An orthogonal projection onto the  $x$ -axis, followed by a rotation about the origin of  $45^\circ$ , followed by a reflection about the  $y$ -axis.
  - A rotation about the origin of  $15^\circ$ , followed by a rotation about the origin of  $105^\circ$ , followed by a rotation about the origin of  $60^\circ$ .

$$a. R_{60^\circ} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$B A R_{60^\circ} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_1 \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4x_1 \\ -2x_1 + x_2 \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

12. Let  $T_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (4x_1, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 - 3x_2)$  and  $T_2(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 2x_2, -x_3, 4x_1 - x_3)$ .

- Find the standard matrices for  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .
- Find the standard matrices for  $T_2 \circ T_1$  and  $T_1 \circ T_2$ .
- Use the matrices obtained in part (b) to find formulas for  $T_1(T_2(x_1, x_2, x_3))$  and  $T_2(T_1(x_1, x_2, x_3))$ .

$$a. [T_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, [T_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b. [T_2 \circ T_1] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 17 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{matrix}$$

$\leftarrow$  formula

$$c. T_2(T_1(x_1, x_2, x_3)) = (2x_2, x_1 + 3x_2, 17x_1 + 3x_2)$$

If  $T_A: R^n \rightarrow R^n$  is a matrix operator whose standard matrix  $A$  is invertible, then  $T_A$  is **invertible**, and the **inverse** of  $T_A$  is  $T_A^{-1} = T_{A^{-1}}$ .

20. Determine whether the matrix operator  $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^3$  defined by the equations is invertible; if so, find the standard matrix for the inverse operator, and find  $T^{-1}(w_1, w_2, w_3)$ .

a.

$$w_1 = x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3$$

$$w_2 = 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$w_3 = x_1 + x_2$$

b.

$$w_1 = x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3$$

$$w_2 = -x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

$$w_3 = -2x_2 + 5x_3$$