

MATH 312
 LECTURE 10

 : Linear Transformations.

I. Introduction.

Def: Linear Transformation.

Let U, V be two vector spaces. A linear transformation from U to V is a function

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T: U \rightarrow V \\ \vec{u} \mapsto \vec{v} = T(\vec{u}) \end{array} \right\} \text{ that satisfies two properties:}$$

- 1) $T(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2) = T(\vec{u}_1) + T(\vec{u}_2)$,
 - 2) $T(\lambda \vec{u}) = \lambda T(\vec{u})$.
- for all $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2 \in U$,
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ (scalar).

Remarks: • $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$

• $T(\alpha \vec{u}_1 + \beta \vec{u}_2) = \alpha T(\vec{u}_1) + \beta T(\vec{u}_2)$.

Example: Which are linear transf.? ($a, b \in \mathbb{R}$)

a) $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}, \checkmark$ b) $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = ab, \times$

c) $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+b \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \times$ d) $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = a-b, \checkmark$

Remark: Both a) and d) can be written using a matrix:

$$a) T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \quad d) T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Example: Which are linear?

$$1) T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \vec{u} \mapsto T(\vec{u}) = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \vec{u} \mapsto T(\vec{u}) = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \end{matrix}} \right\} \checkmark$$

$$2) T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \vec{u} \mapsto \|\vec{u}\| \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ \vec{u} \mapsto \|\vec{u}\| \end{matrix}} \right\} \times$$

$$3) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{[scribbled out]} \\ \text{[scribbled out]} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} T: \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3 \\ p \mapsto T(p) \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} T: \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3 \\ p \mapsto T(p) \end{matrix}} \right\} \checkmark$$

where $T(p)(x) = (1+x)p(x)$.

Example: (Linearity)

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be linear. Assume we know that

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

$$\text{What is } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)? \quad \text{And } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)?$$

- Remark: The previous example shows that if we know how the basis vectors are transformed, then we know everything!

↳ Let U, V vector spaces, $B_U = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$ basis of U .

Assume we know $T(\vec{u}_1), \dots, T(\vec{u}_n)$.

Then, we know $T(\vec{x})$ for all $\vec{x} \in U$. Indeed,

$$\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + c_n \vec{u}_n \quad (\text{since } \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\} \text{ basis for } U).$$

Due to linearity properties,

$$T(\vec{x}) = c_1 T(\vec{u}_1) + \dots + c_n T(\vec{u}_n) //$$

II. The matrix of a linear transformation.

Example: The derivative

Let $U = P_2 \equiv$ vector space of polyn. degree ≤ 2 .

$V = P_1 \equiv$ " " " " " " ≤ 1 .

We can choose basis for U and V : $B_U = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$B_V = \{1, x\}$

Consider the following linear transformation:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T: U \rightarrow U \\ p(x) \mapsto T(p(x)) = p'(x) \end{array} \right\} \text{(derivative)}.$$

That is, if we denote $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2$, then

$$T(p(x)) = b + 2cx.$$

→ In our basis B_U , this is $p|_{B_U} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$, $T(p)|_{B_U} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Then, we can write our linear transformation as follows:

$$T(p)|_{B_U} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

Indeed, $p(x) = 4x^2 + 3 \Rightarrow T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) \Big|_{B_u} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow T(p(x)) = 8x^2.$

• Def: Kernel of a lin. transformation.

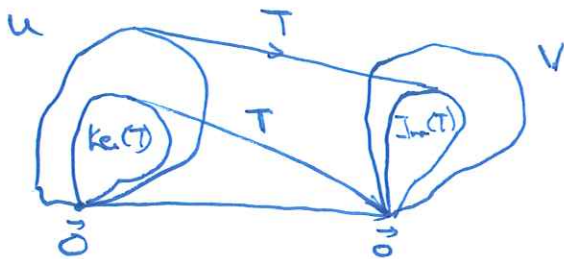
Let $T: U \rightarrow V$
 $\vec{u} \mapsto \vec{v} = T(\vec{u}) \Big\} \text{ be a lin. transf.}$

Its kernel is the vector space given by

$\text{Ker}(T) = \{ \vec{u} \in U : T(\vec{u}) = \vec{0} \}.$

• Def: Range of lin. transf.

$\text{Im}(T) = \{ \vec{v} \in V : \exists \vec{u} \in U \text{ with } T(\vec{u}) = \vec{v} \}.$



→ So, if the linear transf. is given by a matrix, $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$,
 clearly we have that

$\text{Ker}(T) \equiv N(A) \parallel$
 $\text{Im}(T) \equiv C(A) \parallel$

- For the derivative example, what is the kernel?

We had: $T(p(x)) = p'(x)$

$$T(p)|_{B_u} = M p|_{B_u}, \text{ with } M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

It's clear that:

$$T(p(x)) = p'(x) = 0 \iff p(x) = a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (constant)}.$$

We can also check that:

$$N(M) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \text{ i.e., constant polynomials.}$$

- What is the range?

For a general $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2 \mapsto p'(x) = b + 2cx$.

Notice that $T(p(x)) = b + 2cx$ is always of degree at most 1. That is,

$\text{Im}(T) \equiv \text{polynomials of degree} \leq 1.$

Indeed, we can see that

$$C(M) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

Remark: Notice that if we write the previous
lin. transf. as

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T: U \rightarrow V \\ p(x) \mapsto T(p(x)) = p'(x) \end{array} \right\} \text{ using basis } B_u, B_v$$

its matrix representation changes. Indeed:

$$p(x) = a + bx + cx^2 \rightarrow T(p(x)) = b + 2cx$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ p|_{B_u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} & & T(p)|_{B_v} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2c \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(p)|_{B_v} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 2c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{M} p|_{B_u}$$

Still, one can check that

$$N(\tilde{M}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightsquigarrow \text{Ker}(T) \equiv \text{constants.}$$

$$C(\tilde{M}) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \rightsquigarrow \text{Im}(T) \equiv \text{polynomials of degree} \leq 1.$$

→ Moral: The matrix of a lin. transf. depends on the
basis we use for the input and output spaces ||.

- Question: Given a general lin. transformation T ,
can it always be written using a matrix?

↳ Yes.

|| Let's see how:

• Matrix of a lin. transf.: Let $T: U \rightarrow V$ be a lin. transf.,
and $\mathcal{U} = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n\}$, $\mathcal{V} = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_m\}$ be basis of U, V .
Then,
$$T(\vec{u})|_{\mathcal{V}} = M_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{V}} \vec{u}|_{\mathcal{U}}, \text{ where}$$

$$M_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{V}} = \left[T(\vec{u}_1)|_{\mathcal{V}} \mid T(\vec{u}_2)|_{\mathcal{V}} \mid \dots \mid T(\vec{u}_n)|_{\mathcal{V}} \right]$$

Remark: $M_{\mathcal{U}}^{\mathcal{V}}$ is an $m \times n$ matrix (where $m = \dim V$, $n = \dim U$).

- Let's see why:

Take $\vec{u} \in U$. We can write in the basis $\mathcal{U}$:

$$\vec{u} = \alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{u}_n. \text{ That is, } \vec{u}|_{\mathcal{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, $\vec{u}$ is transformed by T using linearity properties:

$$T(\vec{u}) = \alpha_1 T(\vec{u}_1) + \dots + \alpha_n T(\vec{u}_n) =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{u}_1) & \dots & T(\vec{u}_n) \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{u}|_U} = \vec{u}|_U$$

Note that both $T(\vec{u})$ and $T(\vec{u}_1), \dots, T(\vec{u}_n)$ can be written in any basis of V . If we choose $\mathcal{V}$:

$$T(\vec{u})|_{\mathcal{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{u}_1)|_{\mathcal{V}} & \dots & T(\vec{u}_n)|_{\mathcal{V}} \end{bmatrix} \vec{u}|_U$$

• Exercise: Let $\mathcal{U} = \{\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3\}$, $\mathcal{V} = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ be basis of two vector spaces U, V . Assume that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T(\vec{u}_1) = \vec{v}_1 \\ T(\vec{u}_2) = \vec{v}_1 \\ T(\vec{u}_3) = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_3 \end{array} \right\} \text{ and that } T \text{ is linear.}$$

1) Find the matrix that represents this lin. transf. in the basis $\mathcal{U}$ to $\mathcal{V}$, i.e., $M_{\mathcal{V}}^{\mathcal{U}}$.

2) Find $T(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 + \vec{u}_3)$.

Sol:

$$1) M_u^v = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{u}_1)|_v & T(\vec{u}_2)|_v & T(\vec{u}_3)|_v \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$T(\vec{u}_1)|_v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(\vec{u}_2)|_v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T(\vec{u}_3)|_v \sim M_u^v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2) Two ways:

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \text{Direct: } T(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 + \vec{u}_3) &= T(\vec{u}_1) + T(\vec{u}_2) + T(\vec{u}_3) = \\ &= \vec{u}_1 + 2(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_3) = 3\vec{u}_1 + 2\vec{u}_3 // \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$ Using the matrix:

$$T(\vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2 + \vec{u}_3)|_v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} //.$$

• Exercise: Let $T: P_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be defined by

$$T(a_1 + a_2x + a_3x^2 + a_4x^3) = \begin{bmatrix} a_4 + a_3 \\ 2a_3 \\ a_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}a_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the standard basis for both P_3 and $\mathbb{R}^4$.

1) Find the matrix of T (using the standard basis).

2) Use the matrix to find $T(2x^3 - 4x + 3)$.

Remark: Part 2) is useful as a check of 1), since it's easy to see that

$$T(2x^3 - 4x + 3) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a_1 = 3$
 $a_2 = -4$
 $a_3 = 0, a_4 = 2$

Sol: $M = [T(1) | T(x) | T(x^2) | T(x^3)]$, ⌈ Should write $T(1)|_E, T(x)|_E \dots$ to be more precise ⌋

$$T(1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}, T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(x^2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, T(x^3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{So } M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad 2) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 3/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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• Exercise: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ -2x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find the matrix using bases $u = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}, v = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$

Solution:

→ First way: $M_{u,v}^T = \left[T(u_1)|_v, T(u_2)|_v, T(u_3)|_v \right],$

$$T(u_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, T(u_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, T(u_3) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have to write these in the basis v :

$$M_v T(u_1)|_v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \equiv T(u_1)|_e, \quad M_v T(u_2)|_v = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}, \dots$$

Gauss-Jordan:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & | & 1 & -3 & 5 \\ -1 & 5 & | & -2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_v} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 9/17 & -7/17 & 25/17 \\ 0 & 1 & | & -5/17 & -15/17 & 5/17 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{T(u_1)|_v \dots} \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{M_{u,v}^T}$$

→ Second way: Using the standard basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbb{R}^2$,

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ i.e., } T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{E}} = M \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{E}}.$$

Now we can use what we know about changing of basis:

• We want to obtain: $T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{V}} = M_{\mathcal{V}}^{-1} \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{U}}$,

and we know that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_{\mathcal{U}} \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{U}} = \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{E}} \\ M_{\mathcal{V}} T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{V}} = T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{E}} \end{array} \right\} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{where } M_{\mathcal{U}} = [\vec{u}_1 | \vec{u}_2 | \vec{u}_3] \\ M_{\mathcal{V}} = [\vec{v}_1 | \vec{v}_2] \end{array} \right)$$

Thus,

$$T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{E}} = M \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{E}} \Rightarrow M_{\mathcal{V}} T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{V}} = M M_{\mathcal{U}} \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{U}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\vec{x})|_{\mathcal{V}} = M_{\mathcal{V}}^{-1} M M_{\mathcal{U}} \vec{x}|_{\mathcal{U}}$$

Let's check it:

$$M M_{\mathcal{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 5 \\ -2 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• Remark: Note that M_u, M_v are indeed the change of basis matrix from u to E , v to E , i.e.,

$$M_u \equiv M_u^E, \quad M_v \equiv M_v^E.$$

So we can generalise what we saw in the "second way":

|| Change of basis and the matrix of a lin. transf.

Let $T: U \rightarrow V$ be a lin. transformation, and let u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 be basis of U, V (respect.).

$$\text{Then, if } T(\vec{u})|_{v_1} = M_{u_1}^{v_1} \vec{u}|_{u_1},$$

$$T(\vec{u})|_{v_2} = M_{u_2}^{v_2} \vec{u}|_{u_2},$$

it holds that:

$$|| M_{u_2}^{v_2} = P_{v_2 \leftarrow v_1} M_{u_1}^{v_1} P_{u_1 \leftarrow u_2} ||$$

• Proof:

$$T(\vec{u})|_{v_2} = P_{v_2 \leftarrow v_1} T(\vec{u})|_{v_1} = P_{v_2 \leftarrow v_1} M_{u_1}^{v_1} \vec{u}|_{u_1} = P_{v_2 \leftarrow v_1} M_{u_1}^{v_1} P_{u_1 \leftarrow u_2} \vec{u}|_{u_2}.$$