

Recall:

Systems of eqns

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1m}x_m = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nm}x_m = b_n \end{cases}$$

Can be described by the matrix equation

$$\boxed{A\vec{x} = \vec{b}}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix}$$

§2.1 Linear transformations

Ex: Suppose we have a vector

$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ that records our position in the plane. To make it harder to find us, we will encode our position

to $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ where $\begin{cases} y_1 = x_1 + 3x_2 \\ y_2 = 2x_1 + 5x_2 \end{cases} (*)$

So if $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$, our encoded position is $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 3 \cdot 7 \\ 2 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ 41 \end{bmatrix}$.

Our encoding process $(*)$ can be described by a matrix equation

$\boxed{A\vec{x} = \vec{y}}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Example of a linear transformation

Ex: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 2x$ is a function that multiplies our input by 2.

Ex: $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$. Multiplies our input vector by $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Def: A function T from $\mathbb{R}^m$ to $\mathbb{R}^n$ (written $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$) is called a linear transformation if there exists an $(n \times m)$ -matrix A such that $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$

Note: Input $\vec{x}$ is a vector in $\mathbb{R}^m$ (so m components), $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$

A has size $n \times m$

$A\vec{x}$ — result is $n \times 1$, so
 $(n \times m) (m \times 1)$

a vector in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \\ 3x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 \end{bmatrix} = T(\vec{x})$$

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

Ex: $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$ is also in fact a linear transformation.

This is because

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is called the identity matrix.

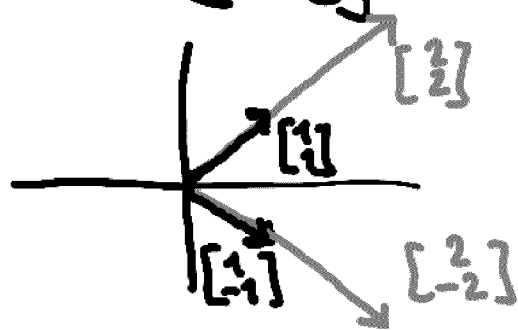
$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}, \dots, I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n}.$$

Ex: Let's consider the linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

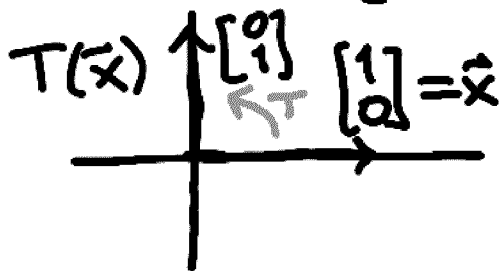
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Eg. } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

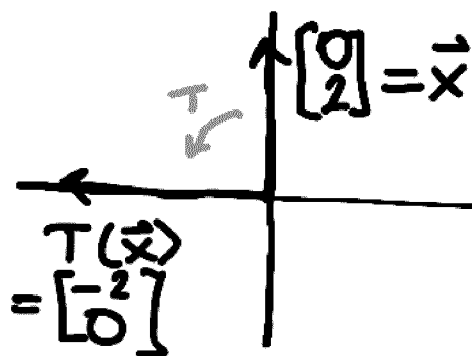


Ex: $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$.

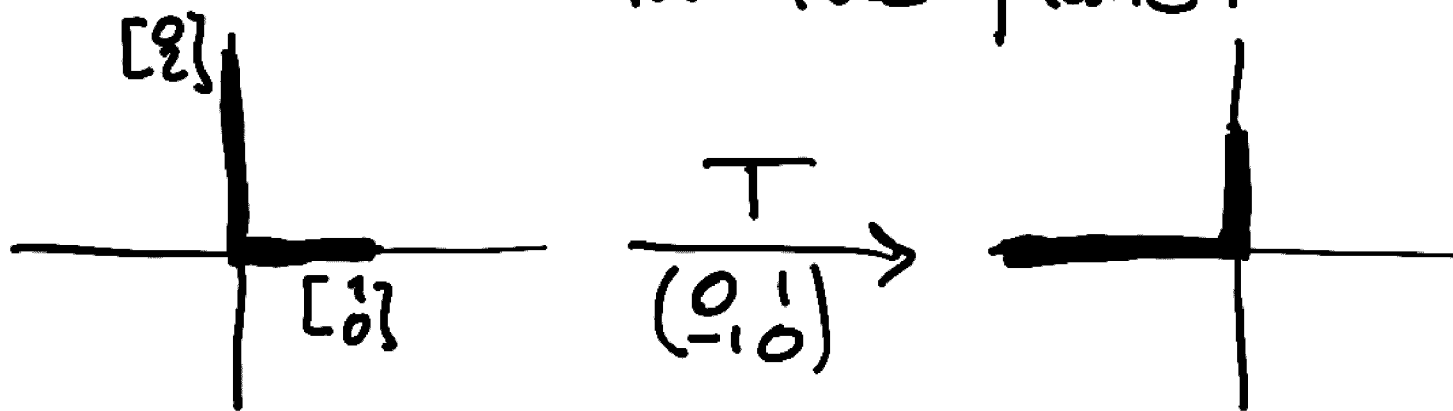
Ex: $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$



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



T seems to rotate vectors by 90° counterclockwise in the plane!



Ex: Now let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$

& consider the linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}.$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

This phenomenon is actually general!

Theorem: If $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$, then

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} | & & | \\ T(\vec{e}_1) & \cdots & T(\vec{e}_m) \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} i\text{-th} \\ \text{position} \end{matrix}$$

The vectors $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,
 $\dots$, $\vec{e}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are sometimes called the Standard vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Ex: If $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, what's the relation between $T(\vec{v})$, $T(\vec{w})$, and $T(\vec{v} + \vec{w})$?

We know that T is linear, so $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ for any vector $\vec{x}$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$.

$$T(\vec{v}) = A\vec{v}, \quad T(\vec{w}) = A\vec{w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) &= A(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = A\vec{v} + A\vec{w} \\ &= T(\vec{v}) + T(\vec{w}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{T(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = T(\vec{v}) + T(\vec{w})} \quad (1)$$

Similarly, what about $T(k\vec{v})$ where k is a real number?

$$T(k\vec{v}) = A(k\vec{v}) = kA\vec{v} = kT(\vec{v}).$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{T(k\vec{v}) = kT(\vec{v})} \quad (2)$$

It's actually true that a transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is

linear if and only if ① & ② are true!

Ex: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a linear transformation such that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

① Find $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

② Find the matrix A such that $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$.

Sol: ① $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ so

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) - T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= T\left(2\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 2T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= 2\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

② We know $A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and so } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$
