

Recall: • A linear transformation is a function $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ for some $(n \times m)$ -matrix

Ex: Consider linear transformations

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

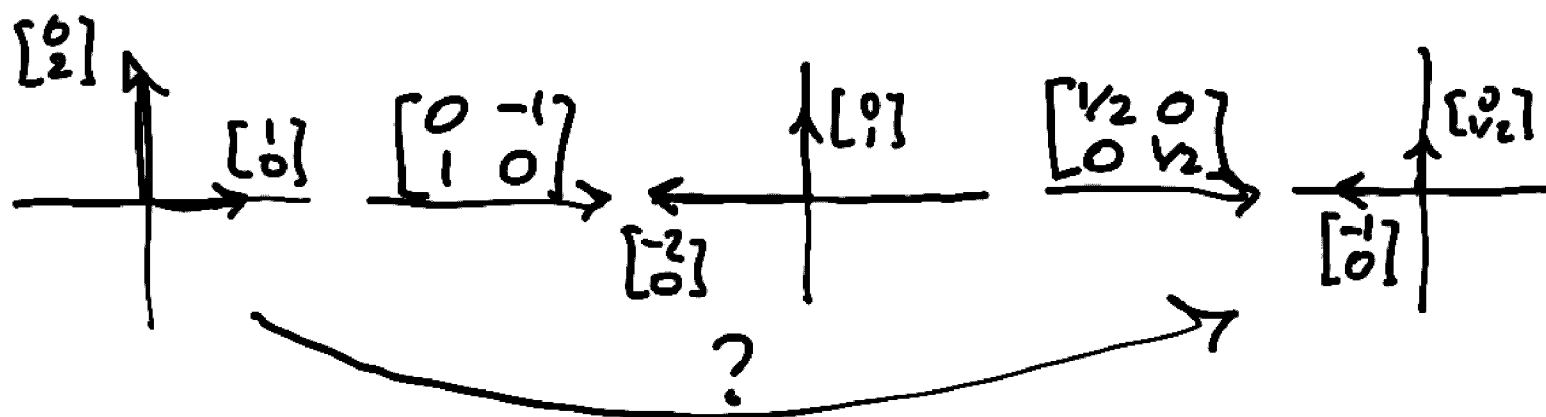
$$T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} \quad S(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$$

We compute

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

$$S\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometrically:



For the vector $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ we first computed

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and then}$$

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

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can we combine the two matrices $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ to get a new matrix C so that

$$C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}?$$

$$\text{Also } C \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}?$$

The answer is yes, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

The matrices $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ can be multiplied to get $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Def: Let A be an $(n \times p)$ -matrix and let B be a $(q \times m)$ -matrix

then their multiplication AB is defined if and only if $p=q$.
#columns of A = #rows of B

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & AB & \\ \textcircled{n} \times p & q \times m & \\ & \uparrow \quad \uparrow & \\ & \text{need to} & \\ & \text{be equal} & \end{array} \quad \text{result is } n \times m$$

If A has n rows and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}$ has n columns, then

$$AB = A \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A\vec{v}_1 & \dots & A\vec{v}_n \\ | & & | \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $2 \times \textcircled{2} \leftarrow \text{equal} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \times 2$

So we can multiply them:

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

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

EX: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note AB and BA are different!

Theorem: If $T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ and $S: \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are two linear transformations. If $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ and

$S(\vec{x}) = B\vec{x}$ then their composition

$S \circ T: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by

$$(S \circ T)(\vec{x}) = (BA)\vec{x}$$

Ex: Consider linear transformations

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \text{and} \quad S: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \vec{x}$$

$$S(\vec{y}) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}}_B \vec{y}$$

Their composition is

$\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{T} \mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{S} \mathbb{R}^2$ and the matrix is

$$\begin{aligned} BA &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} & B \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 10 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Matrix algebra :

Recall that the identity matrix
is $I_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(e.g. $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, ...)

Then if A is an $(n \times m)$ -matrix,
then

$$AI_m = I_n A = A$$

We have:

$$A(BC) = (AB)C$$

assuming all products are defined
(i.e. the matrices have the correct
sizes.)

If A, B $n \times p$ and C, D are $p \times m$
Then

$$A(C+D) = AC + AD$$
$$(A+B)C = AC + BC$$

If k is a scalar, A is $n \times p$ and B is $p \times m$, then

$$(kA)B = A(kB) = k(AB).$$

As we observed in the example above, if A and B are $n \times n$ then generally—

$$AB \neq BA$$

"matrix multiplication is not commutative"

Ex: Do $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ commute?

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer: Yes!

What about A and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$CA = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can we find all matrices D that commutes with A ?

Set $D = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and let's look at the equation

$$AD = DA$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2c & 2d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ c & 2d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} a = a \\ b = 2b \\ 2c = c \\ 2d = 2d \end{cases} \Rightarrow b = c = 0$$

and any a, d
are allowed.

So all matrices that commute with $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ are those of the form $D = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{bmatrix}$ for arbitrary real numbers a and d .
