

Lecture XXII: § 3.7 (cont.) Linear Transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$

§1 Matrix representations:

Recall: A linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (or subspaces  $W$  &  $W'$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , respectively) is a map  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  satisfying

- (1)  $T(\underline{u} + \underline{v}) = T(\underline{u}) + T(\underline{v})$  for all  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- (2)  $T(\alpha \underline{u}) = \alpha T(\underline{u})$  for all  $\underline{u}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\alpha$  scalar

[ $T(\underline{u})$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ]

Thm: Any linear transf  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  equals  $T(\underline{x}) = A \underline{x}$  for a matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$  where  $A = [T(\underline{e}_1) \cdots T(\underline{e}_n)]$

Note:  $A$  = coefficient matrix of the linear expressions. ↑ canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Eg  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $T(\underline{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 2x_3 \\ x_2 - 5x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

• Thm says that  $T$  is completely determined by its values at the canonical basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

• But any basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is as good as the canonical one.

Prop: Given a basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  & vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  there is a unique linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.  $T(v_1) = w_1, \dots, T(v_n) = w_n$ .

Example (last time)  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$   $T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightsquigarrow T(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 8x - 4y \\ x + 2y \end{bmatrix}$   $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

We constructed  $T$  by writing  $e_1 = 2\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  & using linearity of  $T$ .

⚠ This is not true if  $B$  is not a basis (dependencies matter!)

Ex: No linear transf  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , can map  $T(e_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $T(e_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $T(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (value should be  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ )

Proof of Prop: Since  $B$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , any vector  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be uniquely written as  $v = \alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n$  ( $[v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_n \end{bmatrix}$ )

Then apply  $T \rightsquigarrow T(v) = T(\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_n v_n) = T(\alpha_1 v_1) + \dots + T(\alpha_n v_n)$   
 $= \alpha_1 \boxed{T(v_1)} + \dots + \alpha_n \boxed{T(v_n)} = \alpha_1 w_1 + \dots + \alpha_n w_n$   
=  $w_1$   $\quad$  =  $w_n$  (prescribed values)

• If we want the matrix  $A$  giving  $T$ , need to write  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  as linear comb. of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  : we need to find  $[e_1]_B, \dots, [e_n]_B$ .

Last time : Null Space of  $T: \mathcal{N}(T) = \{v \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n : T(v) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m\} = \mathcal{N}(A)$   
 • Range of  $T: \mathcal{R}(T) = \{w \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m : w = T(v) \text{ for some } v \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n\} = \mathcal{R}(A)$

Thm : Given  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  :  $\dim \mathcal{N}(T) + \dim \mathcal{R}(T) = n$   
 nullity(T)                      rank(T)

Example above : • rank(T) = rank(A) = 2                       $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$                        $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 [Why?  $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 8 & 1 \\ 0 & -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + 2R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$  RFF 2 nonzero rows, so rk=2.]

Range = the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with normal  $z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$   $\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}(T) = \{10x - y - 2z = 0\}$

• nullity(T) :  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 8 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 8R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  so solution  $\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$  is unique  
 $\downarrow$  rank=2                       $\Rightarrow$  nullity = 0  
 so rank(AT)=2                       $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \}$   
 $\uparrow$  Thm  
 rank(A)

• Check the theorem:  $0 + 2 = 2 \checkmark$  ( $n=2$ )

• Why is the matrix representation useful? Allows for fast computations!

Prop Given  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  l.transf,  $G: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  l.transf, the composition  $G \circ T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  given by  $G \circ T(x) = G(T(x))$  is also a linear transformation. If  $T(x) = Ax$  &  $G(y) = Cy$                        $A$  of size  $m \times n$   
 $C$  —  $s \times m$   
 then  $G \circ T(x) = (CA)(x)$                       ( $CA$  of size  $s \times n$ )

Example :  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$                        $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}$                        $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $G: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$                        $G\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_1 + 5y_2 \\ -y_1 + y_2 \end{bmatrix}$                        $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$                        $\Rightarrow CA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 5 & 5 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Then  $G \circ T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is  $G \circ T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 + 5x_4 \\ -x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \end{bmatrix}$