

# Lecture XXIII: Linear Transformations on Vector Spaces (5.7)

- So far, we've studied:
- linear transformations  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \leftrightarrow$  matrix  $A$  of size  $m \times n$
  - Abstract vector spaces & subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

TODAY'S GOAL: Combine these 2 notions!

Definition: Fix  $W, \mathbb{W}$  two (abstract) vector spaces &  $T: W \rightarrow \mathbb{W}$   
 $v \mapsto T(v)$  in  $\mathbb{W}$   
 We say  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $W$  to  $\mathbb{W}$  if:

(1)  $T(\underbrace{v+u}_{\text{sum in } W}) = T(v) + T(u)$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{W}$  for all  $u, v$  in  $W$   
 $\downarrow$  sum in  $\mathbb{W}$

(2)  $T(\underbrace{\alpha \cdot v}_{\text{scalar mult in } W}) = \alpha \cdot T(v)$  for all  $v$  in  $W$ ,  $\alpha$  scalar.  
 $\downarrow$  scalar mult in  $\mathbb{W}$

## §1 Examples

Ex 0:  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$   $T(x) = Ax$  (old fashioned lin transf on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

Ex 1:  $T: \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $T(p(x)) = p(1)$  is a lin transf from  $\mathcal{P}_2$  to  $\mathbb{R}$

[Eg  $T(x^2 + 3x - 2) = 1^2 + 3 - 2 = 2$ ] [all this map = evaluation at 1]

Why?  $T(p(x) + q(x)) = T((p+q)(x)) = (p+q)(1) = p(1) + q(1) = T(p) + T(q)$

$T(\alpha p(x)) = T((\alpha p)(x)) = (\alpha p)(1) = \alpha p(1) = \alpha T(p)$

Generalization: Pick  $x_0$  with  $a \leq x_0 \leq b \Rightarrow T: C[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $T(f(x)) = f(x_0)$   
 $\{f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$   
 continuous

Ex 2 [Taking coordinates with respect to a basis]

Fix a  $p$ -dimensional vector space  $W$  with a Basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$

Then  $T: W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$   $T(v) = [v]_B$  words of  $v$  w.r.t.  $B$

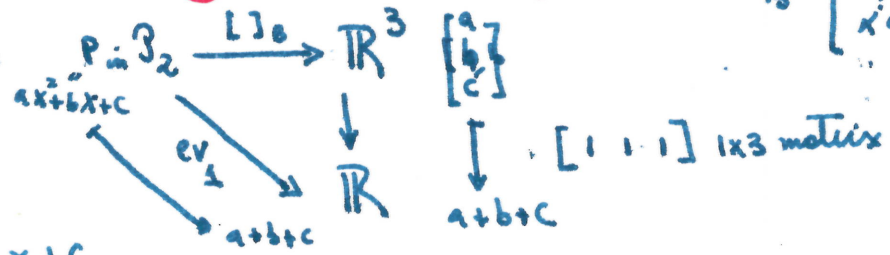
is a linear transformation.

Recall:  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_p v_p$  for  $a_1, \dots, a_p$  scalars (unique because  $B$  is a basis)  
 Then  $[v]_B = [a_1, \dots, a_p]^T$ .

Why?  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_p v_p \implies [v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_p \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p$   
 $u = b_1 v_1 + \dots + b_p v_p \implies [u]_B = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_p \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^p$   
 $u+v = (a_1+b_1)v_1 + \dots + (a_p+b_p)v_p \implies [u+v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1+b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_p+b_p \end{bmatrix}$   
 Similarly  $\alpha v = (\alpha a_1)v_1 + \dots + \alpha a_p v_p \implies [\alpha v]_B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha a_1 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha a_p \end{bmatrix} = \alpha [v]_B \in \mathbb{R}^p$

Remark:

Can combine Ex 1 & 2:



If  $P = ax^2 + bx + c$

Then  $P(1) = a+b+c =$  composition of 2 maps = matrix & words in B

We'll use a similar trick to find matrices representing lin transformations whenever the source space  $V$  has FINITE DIMENSION.

Ex 3: Set  $T: C[0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $T(f) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$  is a linear transf

Ex 4: Set  $T: C'[0,1] \rightarrow C[0,1]$   $T(f) = f'(x)$  is a linear transf

$C'[0,1] = \{f \in C[0,1] \text{ with first derivative continuous}\}$  subspace of  $C[0,1]$   
 $\implies$  can iterate & combine to get differential operators (eg  $T(f) = f'' - f' + 100f \in C[0,1]$ )

Q1: Can we always find l. transf  $T: W \rightarrow W$ ?

A: YES, the Identity map!  $T(v) = v$  for all  $v$  in  $W$ .

Q2: Can we always find l. transf  $T: W \rightarrow W$ ?

A: YES, the zero map! Write  $0_W =$  zero vector in  $W$  ( $v + 0_W = v$ )  
 $0_{WW} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $W$  ( $w + 0_{WW} = w$ )

Then  $T(v) = 0_{WW}$  is a linear transf because  $0_{WW} + 0_{WW} = 0_{WW}$   
 $\alpha \cdot 0_{WW} = 0_{WW}$  for all  $\alpha$ .

§ 2 Basic Properties:

Thm 1: If  $W$  has a finite basis  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ ,  $T: W \rightarrow W$  linear transformation is completely determined by the vectors  $T(v_1), \dots, T(v_p)$

Note: Don't need finite dimensionality on  $W$

Why? Write  $v = a_1 v_1 + \dots + a_p v_p$

Then  $T(v) = T(a_1 v_1) + \dots + T(a_p v_p) \underset{\text{by (1)}}{=} a_1 T(v_1) + \dots + a_p T(v_p) \underset{\text{by (2)}}{=} a_1 \boxed{T(v_1)} + \dots + a_p \boxed{T(v_p)}$

← assigned values!

Application:

Find a linear transformation  $T: P_3 \rightarrow P_2$  with  $T(1) = 2+x$ ,  
 $T(x) = x - x^2$ ,  $T(x^2) = 5 - 10x$ ,  $T(x^3) = 2$

Soln:  $T(a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3) = a(2+x) + b(x-x^2) + c(5-10x) + d(2)$   
 $= (2a+5c+2d) + (a+b-10c)x + (-b)x^2$

Conclusion:  $T$  induces a linear transformation  $\tilde{T}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$B_3 = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$   
 $B_2 = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$[v]_{B_3} \mapsto [T(v)]_{B_2}$

More precisely:  $\tilde{T}\left(\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2a+5c+2d \\ a+b-10c \\ -b \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \text{matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 5 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -10 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \\ 1 & x & x^2 & x^3 \end{matrix}$

(note on this in §5.9)

(II) Null Space & Range of  $T: V \rightarrow W$  l. transf.

Definition:  $\mathcal{N}(T) = \{v \text{ in } V : T(v) = 0_W\}$  (Null space)  
 $\mathcal{R}(T) = \{w \text{ in } W : w = T(v) \text{ for some } v \text{ in } V\}$  (Range)

- Thm 2:
- (1)  $T(0_V) = 0_W$
  - (2)  $\mathcal{N}(T)$  is a subspace of  $V$
  - (3)  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  is a subspace of  $W$
  - (4)  $\mathcal{N}(T) = 0_V$  if and only if  $T$  is injective ( $T(u) = T(v)$  implies  $u = v$ )

Note: For  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  (2) and (3) were automatic since they were the Null Space & range of the matrix  $A$  representing  $T$ . In general, we need to work to prove (2) & (3).

Proof: (1) Write  $0_V = 0 \cdot 0_V$  so  $T(0_V) = T(0 \cdot 0_V) = 0 T(0_V) = 0_W$   
 (2) Need to check (S1), (S2), (S3).  
 $\mathcal{N}(T)$  (S1) is prop (1) ✓ (S2) If  $T(u) = 0_W = T(v)$ , then  $T(u+v) = 0_W + 0_W = 0_W$

(S3) If  $T(u) = 0_W$ , then  $T(\alpha u) = \alpha T(u) = \alpha 0_W = 0_W$

(3)  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  (S1)  $0_W = T(0_V)$  by (1), so  $0_W$  belongs to  $\mathcal{R}(T)$

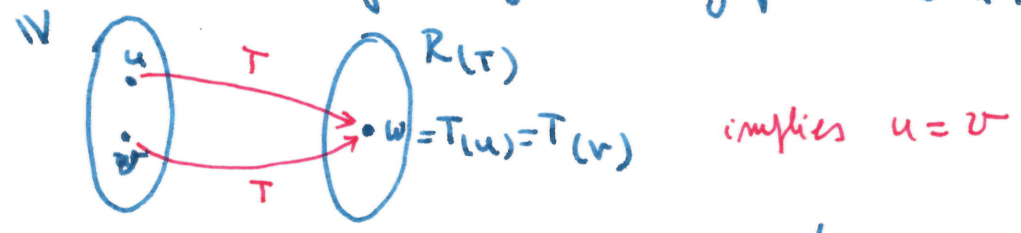
(S2) :  $w = T(u)$  in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$   
 $\tilde{w} = T(v)$  \_\_\_\_\_, then  $w + \tilde{w} = T(u+v)$  also in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$

(S3)  $w = T(v)$  in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  then  $\alpha w = \alpha T(v) = T(\alpha v)$  so  
it's also in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$

(4)  $T(u) = T(v)$  equiv to  $0_W = T(v) - T(u) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} T(v-u)$   
is equivalent to  $v-u$  in  $\mathcal{N}(T)$ . Times

So  $\mathcal{N}(T) = 0_V$  is equivalent to having  $(T(u) = T(v) \implies u=v)$

Remark: To check injectivity at any point  $w$  in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$



we only need to check it for  $w = 0_W$  ( $T(u) = T(v) = 0_W$  means  $u, v$  are in  $\mathcal{N}(T)$ )