

Section 8.1

Linear Transformation

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Goal:

- 1 Define Linear Transformations.
- 2 Examples of Linear Transformations.
- 3 Finding the linear transformation from a basis.
- 4 Kernel and Range of a linear transformations.
- 5 Properties and of Kernel and Images.
- 6 Rank and Nullity of a linear transformation.

Definition 1

A **linear transformation** is a function $T : V \rightarrow W$ with

- 1 $T(k\mathbf{v}) = kT(\mathbf{v})$. (Homogeneity Property)
- 2 $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$. (Additive Property)

In the special case, where $V = W$, the linear transformation T is called **linear operator**.

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Simple Consequences from the definition



$$\begin{aligned}T(k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2) &= T(k_1\mathbf{v}_1) + T(k_2\mathbf{v}_2) \\ &= k_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + k_2T(\mathbf{v}_2)\end{aligned}$$

- In general,

$$T(k_1\mathbf{v}_1 + k_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + k_n\mathbf{v}_n) = k_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + k_2T(\mathbf{v}_2) + \cdots + k_nT(\mathbf{v}_n)$$



$$T(\mathbf{0}) = T(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0})$$

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$$\mathbf{0}_W = T(\mathbf{0}) \quad \text{Zero goes to zero}$$



$$T(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) - T(\mathbf{v})$$

Matrix Transformation

Example 2

Let A be any $m \times n$ matrix. Define the linear transformation

$T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ by

$$T_A(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$$

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Zero Transformation

Example 3

Let V be any vector space. Define the linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow W$ by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}_W$$

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Identity Operator

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Let V be any vector space. Define the linear transformation (operator) $T : V \rightarrow V$ by

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Dilation and Contraction Operators

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$$T_k(\mathbf{x}) = k\mathbf{x}$$

If $0 < k < 1$, then T_k is called the **contraction** of V with factor k and if $k > 1$, it is called the **dilation** of V with factor k .

A Linear Transformation from \mathbb{P}_n to \mathbb{P}_{n+1}

Example 6

Define the linear operator $T : \mathbb{P}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{n+1}$ by

$$T(p(X)) = XP(X)$$

$$T(c_0 + c_1X + c_2X^2 + \cdots + c_nX^n) = c_0X + c_1X^2 + c_2X^3 + \cdots + c_nX^{n+1}$$

Linear Transformation of the Matrices

Example 7

Define the linear transformation $T : \text{Mat}(m, n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{Mat}(n, m, \mathbb{R})$ by

$$T(A) = A^T$$

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Linear Transformation of the Matrices

Example 8

Define the function $T : \text{Mat}(m, n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$T(A) = \det(A)$$

Is T a linear transformation?

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Evaluation Transformation

Example 9

Let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n be real numbers. Define the linear transformation $T : \text{Maps}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ by

$$T(f) = (f(c_1), f(c_2), \dots, f(c_n))$$

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Finding Linear Transformation from the image of a basis

Example 10

Consider the basis $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ of \mathbb{R}^2 , where

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a formula for $T(x_1, x_2)$ in general and use it to find $T(2, -3)$ and $T(4, -1)$.

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and let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}_1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T(\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T(\mathbf{v}_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a formula for $T(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ in general and use it to find $T(2, 4, -1)$ and $T(4, 3, 4)$.

Definition 12

If $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. The set of all vectors in V that T maps into zero is called the **kernel** of T and denoted by $\ker(T)$. the set of all vectors in W that are images under T of at least one vector in V is called the **range** of T and is denoted by $R(T)$.

$$\ker(T) := \{\mathbf{v} \in V \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}_W\}$$

$$R(T) := \{\mathbf{w} \in W \mid T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{w}, \text{ for some } \mathbf{v} \in V\}$$

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$\text{Ker}(T_A)$ is the Null space of A while $\text{R}(T_A)$ is the Column space of A

Zero Transformation

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Theorem 18

Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. $\text{Ker}(T)$ and $R(A)$ are both subspaces of V and W .

- 1 Dimension of the $\text{ker}(T)$ is called the **nullity** of T .
- 2 Dimension of the $R(A)$ is called the **rank** of T .

Theorem 19

Dimension Theorem Let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation, then

$$\text{rank}(T) + \text{Nullity}(T) = \dim(V) = n$$

Example 20

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T(x, y) = (x - 3y, -2x + 6y)$$

Which of the following vectors are in $R(T)$?

$(1, -2)$, $(3, 1)$, $(-2, 4)$ Which of the following vectors are in $\ker(T)$?

$(1, -3)$, $(3, 1)$, $(-6, -2)$ Find a basis for the $\ker(T)$? Find a basis for the $R(T)$? Verify the formula in the dimension theorem?

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Example 21

Let $T : \mathbb{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_3$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T(p(X)) = (X + 1)p(X)$$

Which of the following vectors are in $R(T)$?

$X + X^2$, $1 + X$, $3 - X^2$ Which of the following vectors are in $\ker(T)$?

X^2 , 0 , $X + 1$ Find a basis for the $\ker(T)$? Find a basis for the $R(T)$?

Verify the formula in the dimension theorem?

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