# The Matrix of a Linear Transformation 

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 8

## Objectives

1. Recap some of the previous lectures material
2. See the general properties of linear transformations
3. Show that matrix transformations and linear transformations are really the same thing
4. See more the geometry of linear transformations
5. Relate the properties of matrix equations to properties of linear transformations

## Keywords

matrix of a linear transformation
standard basis vectors (standard coordinate vectors)
2D linear transformations
the unit square
one-to-one
onto

## Recap

## Recall: Matrices as Transformations

Matrices allow us to transform vectors.
The transformed vector lies in the span of its columns.

$$
\mathbf{X} \longmapsto A \mathbf{X}
$$

$$
\text { map a vector } \mathbf{x} \text { to the vector } A \mathbf{v}
$$

## Recall: Transformation of a Matrix

The transformation of a $(m \times n)$ matrix $A$ is the function $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ such that

$$
T(\mathbf{v})=A \mathbf{v}
$$

given v, return $A$ multiplied by v
e.g. $\quad T(\mathbf{v})=\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right] \mathbf{v}$

## Recall: Motivating Questions

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## Recall: Examples

Examples of Linear Transformations:
» identity, constant zero
» dilation, contraction, shearing, reflection
» rotation (more on that today)
» (advanced) integrals, derivatives, expectation
Non-Examples of Linear Transformations:
» squares, translation

## Example

$$
T\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}
v_{1} \\
v_{2} \\
v_{3}
\end{array}\right]\right)=\left[\begin{array}{c}
v_{1}+v_{2} \\
v_{3} \\
v_{2}-v_{3} \\
v_{1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

verify homogeneity:

## Question

Show that $T(\mathbf{v})=5 \mathbf{v}$ is a linear transformation. Show that $T(x)=2^{x}$ is not a linear transformation.

Answer

$$
T(\mathbf{v})=5 \mathbf{v}
$$

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$$

## Properties of Linear Transformations

## The Zero Vector

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

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Note: These may be different dimensions!

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## Verification

any matrix transformation:
rotation about the origin:
translation (non-example):

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\end{array}
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## It's often easiest to show this single condition.

## Question

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$$

Show that $T(\mathbf{v})=5 \mathbf{v}$ is linear using the result from the previous slide.

Answer

$$
T(\mathbf{v})=5 \mathbf{v}
$$

## Linear Combinations

$$
T\left(a_{1} \mathbf{v}_{1}+a_{2} \mathbf{v}_{2}+\ldots+a_{n} \mathbf{v}_{n}\right)=a_{1} T\left(\mathbf{v}_{1}\right)+a_{2} T\left(\mathbf{v}_{2}\right)+\ldots+a_{n} T\left(\mathbf{v}_{n}\right)
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This is the most useful form.

Application: Unit Cost Matrices

## A Question for a Business Student

Suppose you have a company that produces two products B and C .
For each product you know how much you spend per dollar on material (M), labor (L) and overhead (0).

$$
\left.\begin{array}{cc}
\mathrm{B} & \mathrm{C} \\
{\left[\begin{array}{c}
.45
\end{array}\right.} & .40 \\
.25 & .30 \\
.15 & .15
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Solution. Use matrix transformations.

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This is much more valuable if we have a lot of products and a complex collection of costs.

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This is a very powerful algorithmic idea.
(moving on)

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## Linear transformations are exactly matrix transformations.

## A Fundamental Concern

Given a linear transformation $T$, how do we find the matrix $A$ such that

$$
T(\mathbf{v})=A \mathbf{v} ?
$$

## A Thought Experiment

Suppose I tell you $T$ is a linear transformation and

$$
T\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
1 \\
2
\end{array}\right]\right)=\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
4
\end{array}\right] \quad T\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}
3 \\
4
\end{array}\right]\right)=\left[\begin{array}{l}
5 \\
6
\end{array}\right]
$$

Do we know what $T\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}4 \\ 6\end{array}\right]\right)$ is?

## Answer: Yes

$$
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Because of additivity:
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What about:
$T\left(\left[\begin{array}{l}2 \\ 3\end{array}\right]\right)=$
$r\left({ }_{(0)}^{0}\right)=$

## The Takeaway

Linearity is a very strong restriction.
If we know the values of $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ on any set of vectors which spans all of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$, then we know T.
why?:

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## Recall: Calculating $A v$

$$
\begin{array}{cccc}
\left.\begin{array}{cccc}
a_{11} & a_{12} & \ldots & a_{1 n} \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2 n} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
a_{m 1} & a_{m 2} & \cdots & a_{m n}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
v_{1} \\
v_{2} \\
\vdots \\
v_{n}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
? \\
? \\
\vdots \\
?
\end{array}\right] \\
&
\end{array}
$$

## Recall: Matrix-Vector Multiplication

Definition. Given a $(m \times n)$ matrix $A$ with columns $\mathbf{a}_{1}, \mathbf{a}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{a}_{n}$, and a vector $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$, we define

$$
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\mathbf{a}_{1} & \mathbf{a}_{2} & \ldots & \mathbf{a}_{n}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
v_{1} \\
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Av is a linear combination of the columns of $A$ with weights given by $\mathbf{v}$

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We actually get the whole column $\mathbf{a}_{1}$

So its like battleship, but you get to choose one column at a time.

## The Takeaway

We can learn the first column of the matrix implementing

$$
T \text { by looking at } T\left(\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
0 \\
\vdots \\
0
\end{array}\right]\right)
$$

## Matrix of a Linear Transformation

## Standard Basis

Definition. The n-dimensional standard basis vectors (or standard coordinate vectors) are the vectors $\mathbf{e}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_{n}$ where

$$
\left.\mathbf{e}_{i}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
0 \\
\vdots \\
0 \\
1 \\
0 \\
\vdots \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{c}
1 \\
i-1 \\
i+1 \\
\vdots \\
n
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Standard Basis

Definition (Alternative). The $n$-dimensional standard basis vectors $\mathbf{e}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_{n}$ are the columns of the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

$$
I=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
\mathbf{e}_{1} & \mathbf{e}_{2} & \ldots & \mathbf{e}_{n}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Standard Basis and the Matrix Equation

The key points: $\left[\begin{array}{llll}\mathbf{a}_{1} & \mathbf{a}_{2} & \ldots & \mathbf{a}_{n}\end{array}\right] \mathbf{e}_{i}=\mathbf{a}_{i}$
The standard basis vectors gives us a way to "look into" a matrix.

## Standard Basis and Vector Coordinates

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
v_{1} \\
v_{2} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]=v_{1} \mathbf{e}_{1}+v_{2} \mathbf{e}_{2}+\ldots+v_{n} \mathbf{e}_{n}
$$

Column vectors can be viewed as describing how to write a vector as a linear combination of the standard basis.

Example:

## Standard Basis and Linear Transformations

Theorem. For any linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$, the matrix

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
T\left(\mathbf{e}_{1}\right) & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{2}\right) & \ldots & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{n}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

is the unique matrix such that $T(\mathbf{v})=A v$ for all $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$.

## More Formally

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

$$
=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
T\left(\mathbf{e}_{1}\right) & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{2}\right) & \ldots & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{n}\right)
\end{array}\right] \mathbf{v}
$$

## How To: Matrices of Linear Transformations

Question. Find the matrix which implements the transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$.

Solution. Determine the images of standard basis under $T$. Then write down

$$
\left[\begin{array}{llll}
T\left(\mathbf{e}_{1}\right) & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{2}\right) & \ldots & T\left(\mathbf{e}_{n}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Question

Write down the matrix implementing the following dilation, using this method.


## Answer



## Revisiting Rotation



Homogeneity


[^0]
## Revisiting Rotation

How does<br>rotation affect the standard basis?



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The Takeaway: We can figure out the matrices which implement complex linear transformations by understanding what they do to the standard basis.

## Question (Conceptual)

Is rotation about a point other than the origin a linear transformation?

## Answer: No

The origin is not fixed by this transformation.


## The Unit Square

The unit square is the set of points in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ enclosed by the points ( 0,0 ), ( 0,1 ), $(1,0)$, $(1,1)$.


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Question. Find the matrix which implements the linear transformation which is represented geometrically in the following picture. Solution. Find where the standard basis vectors go.

## Question

Write down the matrix for the following shearing operation using this method.


## Answer



You need to know these matrices, but you don't need to memorize them.

Remember: What does this matrix do to the unit square? Then build the matrix from there.

## Reflection through the $x_{2}$-axis



## Projections

Projection onto the $x_{1}$ axis


## A 3D Example: Rotation about the $x_{3}$-Axis ( $z$-Axis)



## List of Important 2D Linear Transformations

» dilation, contraction
» reflections
» projections
» horizontal/vertical contractions
» horizontal/vertical shearing

Look through the notes for a comprehensive collection of pictures or...

## demo

## One-to-One and Onto

## Recall: Motivating Questions

What kind of functions can we define in this way?

How do we interpret what the transformation does to a set of vectors?

How does this relate back to matrix equations?

## Recall: A New Interpretation of the Matrix Equation

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b} ? & \equiv \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { is there a vector which } A \\
\text { transforms into } \mathbf{b} ?
\end{array} \\
\text { Solve } A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b} \quad \equiv \quad \begin{array}{l}
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\end{array}
\end{array}
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\text { What about other questions? }
\end{array}
$$

## Other Questions Like...

Does $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ have a solution for any choice of $\mathbf{b}$ ?
Does $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$ have a unique solution?

## Other Questions Like...

Does $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ have at least one solution for any choice of $b$ ?

Does $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ have at most one solution for any choice of b?

## Wait

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0} \text { has a } \\
& \text { unique solution }
\end{aligned} \equiv \quad \begin{aligned}
& A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b} \text { has at most one } \\
& \text { solution }
\end{aligned}
$$

why?:

## Onto and One-to-One

Definition. A transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ is onto if any vector $\mathbf{b}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ is the image of at least one vector $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ (where $T(\mathbf{v})=\mathbf{b}$ ).

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## Onto (Pictorially)


$T$ is not onto $\mathbb{R}^{m}$

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## Onto (Pictorially)



## One-to-One (Pictorially)


$T$ is not one-to-one

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## Taking Stock: Onto

Theorem. The following are logically equivalent for the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ implemented by the matrix $A$.
» $T$ is onto
» $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ has a solution for any choice of $\mathbf{b}$
» $\operatorname{range}(T)=\operatorname{codomain}(T)$
» the columns of $A$ span $\mathbb{R}^{m}$
» $A$ has a pivot position in every row

## Taking Stock: One-to-One

Theorem. The following are logically equivalent for the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m}$ implemented by the matrix $A$.
» $T$ is one-to-one
» $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution for any b
》 $A \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution
» The columns of $A$ are linearly independent » $A$ has a pivot position in every column

## How To: One-to-One and Onto

Question. Show that the linear transformation $T$ is one-to-one/onto.

Solution. (one approach) Find the matrix which implements $T$ and see if it has a pivot in every column/row.

Warning: this is not the only way. Always try to think if you can solve it using any of the perspectives

## Example: both 1-1 and onto

Rotation about the origin:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\
\sin \theta & \cos \theta
\end{array}\right]
$$

why?:

## Example: 1-1, not onto

## Lifting:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right] \mapsto\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{1}+x_{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

why?:

## Example: not 1-1, not onto

Projection onto the $x_{1}$ axis:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

why?:


## Example: onto, not 1-1

Projection from $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ to $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2} \\
x_{3}
\end{array}\right] \mapsto\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{1} \\
x_{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$


why?:

## Summary

Matrix transformations and linear transformations are the same thing.

We can find these matrices by looking at how the transformation behaves on the standard basis.

We can reason about matrix equations by directly reasoning about the linear transformations.


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