

LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

LA 1 18/12/25

Review A mapping $f: U \rightarrow V$ s.t. $\forall u, v \in U, \forall t \in T$:

$$\bullet f(u+v) = f(u) + f(v)$$

$U, V \dots$ VS over T

$$\bullet f(tu) = t \cdot f(u)$$

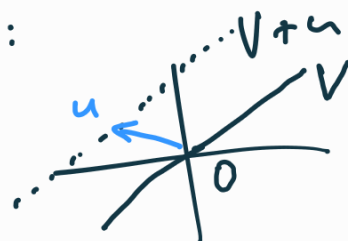
Lemma 1: For a linear transformation $f: U \rightarrow V$, $f(0) = 0$.
(VS U and V are over field T) null vector in U null vector in V

Proof: $f(0) = f(\underbrace{0}_{\text{zero in } T} \cdot \underbrace{0}_{\text{null vector in } U}) \stackrel{\text{linearity}}{=} \underbrace{0}_{\text{zero in } T} \cdot f(0) \stackrel{\text{properties of VS}}{=} 0$

Non-example: for VS V and $u \in V, u \neq 0$:

$$f(x) = x + u, \forall x \in V \quad \text{translation}$$

not a lin. transf.! $f(0) = u \neq 0$



Notation: For LT $f: U \rightarrow V$, $f(U) = \{f(u) : u \in U\}$.

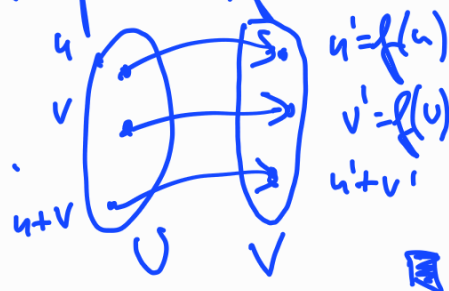
Lemma 2: For a linear transformation $f: U \rightarrow V$,
 $f(U)$ is a subspace of V .

Proof: By lemma 1, $f(U) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow$ it suffices to check that $f(U)$ is closed for $+$, $\cdot$.

$+$: for $u', v' \in f(U)$, there are $u, v \in U$ s.t. $f(u) = u', f(v) = v'$.

$\Rightarrow$ by definition of lin. tran.:

$$u' + v' = f(u) + f(v) = f(u+v) \in f(U).$$



$\bullet$: analogously

Definition: A bijective linear transformation is called an isomorphism. (one-to-one [injective] and onto [surjective])

"relabeling" of elements

Theorem: Every VS V over T of dimension n is isomorphic to the arithmetic VS T^n .

Proof: Consider any basis B of V , and the linear transformation $f(u) = [u]_B \dots$ coordinates wrt. B

• injective (unique LC of B) $V \xrightarrow{\quad} T^n$

• surjective

Observation: For vector spaces U and V over T , and for a linear transformation $f: U \rightarrow V$:

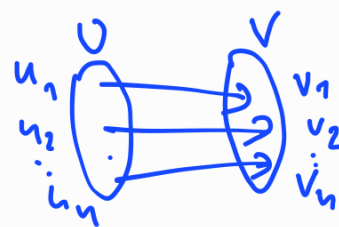
$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall a_1, \dots, a_n \in T, \forall u_1, \dots, u_n \in U: f(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(u_i)$ linear

Proof: HW - by induction on n .

Theorem (Images of a basis determine the linear transform.)

Let U and V be VS over T , and $(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ be a basis of U . Then for every n -tuple $v_1, \dots, v_n$ there is exactly one LT $f: U \rightarrow V$ s.t. $\forall i: f(u_i) = v_i$.

Proof: Consider any $u \in U$. There is exactly one linear combination $u = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i$



$\Rightarrow f(u) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i) \stackrel{\text{Obs. r.}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f(u_i)$ i.e., $f(u)$ is specified

Corollary: For every LT $f: U \rightarrow V$, $\dim(f(U)) \leq \dim(U)$.

Proof: For $f(U)$, there is a spanning collection of size $\dim(U) \Rightarrow$ by Steinitz: $\dim(f(U)) \leq \dim(U)$.

Theorem: Let $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation.

Then $f(x) = Ax$ where A is $m \times n$ matrix whose i -th column is $f(e_i)$ (where $e_i = (0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0)^T$).

Proof: Consider the canonical basis $e_1, \dots, e_n$ of VS $\mathbb{R}^n$.

by the previous thm, using the definition of A :

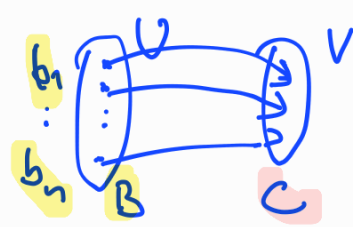
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad f(x) = f(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f(e_i) = A \cdot x.$$

Meaning: Linear transformation $\sim$ matrix multiplication. 12/2

Recall the $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ examples from last week.

Def: Let U and V be VS over T with bases $B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ and $C = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$, and $f: U \rightarrow V$ be a linear transformation.

The matrix of f with respect to bases B and C is an $m \times n$ matrix

$${}_C[f]_B = \begin{pmatrix} [f(b_1)]_C & \dots & [f(b_n)]_C \\ \vdots & & \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$


(columns of A : coordinates of images of B w.r.t. C)

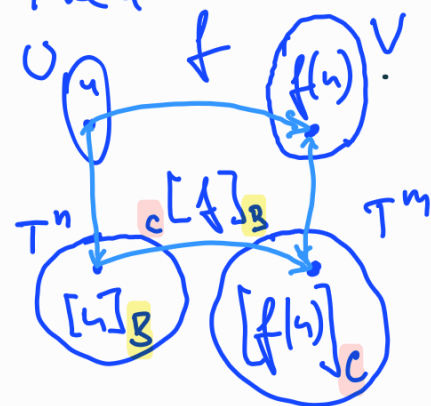
Theorem: For a linear transformation $f: U \rightarrow V$ between VS U and V with bases $B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ and C ,

it holds: $\forall u \in U \quad [f(u)]_C = [f]_B^C \cdot [u]_B$.

Proof: Let u denote $[u]_B = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$[f(u)]_C = [f(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i b_i)]_C \stackrel{f \text{ is LT}}{\downarrow} = [\sum_{i=1}^n x_i f(b_i)]_C \stackrel{"Coordinates" is \downarrow LT}{=} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i [f(b_i)]_C$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i [f(b_i)]_C = [f]_B^C \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = [f]_B^C \cdot [u]_B$$



Def: Let B and C be two bases of a VS V of finite dimension.

Then ${}_C[I_V]_B$ is called the change of basis matrix from B to C (or: transition matrix from B to C).

Example: Consider $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined as

$$f\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \\ 4x_1 + x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consider bases $B = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$, $B' = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ VP } \mathbb{R}^3$,
 canonical $\nearrow$
 $\searrow$ $C = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$, $C' = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ VP } \mathbb{R}^2$.

Then:

$${}_C[f]_B = \begin{pmatrix} [f(b_1)]_C & [f(b_2)]_C & [f(b_3)]_C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =: A$$

by THH

$$\Rightarrow [f(u)]_C = [f]_B \cdot [u]_B \quad \text{i.e., } f(u) = A \cdot u$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(b'_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} &= 7 \cdot c'_1 + 0 \cdot c'_2 \Rightarrow [f(b'_1)]_{C'} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ f(b'_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= 4 \cdot c'_1 - 2 \cdot c'_2 \Rightarrow [f(b'_2)]_{C'} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ f(b'_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= c'_1 + c'_2 \Rightarrow [f(b'_3)]_{C'} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}_{C'}[f]_{B'} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

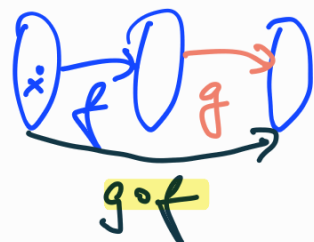
Def: For a linear transformation $f: U \rightarrow V$ and a LT $g: V \rightarrow W$, the composition of f and g is the mapping $g \circ f$ from U to W defined by $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$, $\forall x \in U$.

Lemma: $g \circ f$ is a linear transformation.

Proof: For every $u, v \in U$:

$$\begin{aligned} (g \circ f)(u+v) &\stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} g(f(u+v)) \stackrel{f \text{ is lin.}}{=} g(f(u) + f(v)) \stackrel{g \text{ is lin.}}{=} g(f(u)) + g(f(v)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (g \circ f)(u) + (g \circ f)(v) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for $(g \circ f)(t \cdot u)$.



Theorem (Matrix of composition of lin. transformations):

Let U, V and W be VS over T with bases B, C and D , and let $f: U \rightarrow V$ and $g: V \rightarrow W$ be linear transformations. Then

$$[g \circ f]_B = [g]_C \cdot [f]_B.$$

Proof: Consider the i -th vector b_i from the basis $B = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$.

$$\underbrace{[(g \circ f)(b_i)]_D}_{\substack{\text{def. compos.} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{THM for } g}} = \underbrace{[g(f(b_i))]_D}_{\substack{\text{THM for } f}} = [g]_C \cdot [f(b_i)]_C = [g]_C \cdot [f]_B \cdot \underbrace{[b_i]_B}_{\substack{\text{THM for } f \\ \downarrow \\ \text{THM for } g}} = [g]_C \cdot [f]_B \cdot [b_i]_B$$

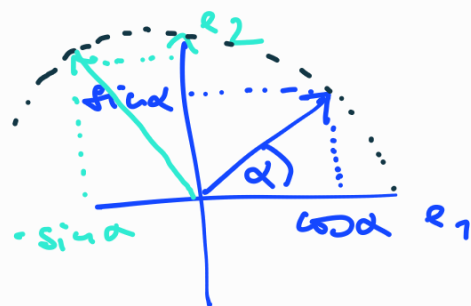
i -th column of $[g \circ f]_B$ = $[g]_C \cdot [f]_B \cdot [b_i]_B$ = i -th column of the matrix product

Example: Consider rotation by α , $f_\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

First, we express f_α w.r.t. the canonical basis $K = (e_1, e_2)$.

$$f_\alpha(e_1) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad f_\alpha(e_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \alpha \\ \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad [f_\alpha]_K = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$



Consider $f = f_\beta \circ f_\alpha$ (i.e., rotation by $\alpha + \beta$)

$$\text{Then } i) \quad [f]_K = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos(\alpha + \beta) \end{pmatrix}$$

ii) by $\textcircled{*}$ and the previous THM:

$$[f]_K = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & -\sin \beta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta \\ \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e., we derived the sin and cos sum formulas!