

Linear transformations:

Intuition: Model multiplication by a matrix. For instance, think of

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

defined by
$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ -y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Def: A linear transformation is a function between vector spaces satisfying the following properties:

①. $T(v+w) = T(v) + T(w).$

②. $T(\alpha v) = \alpha \cdot T(v).$

In our previous example,

$v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ $w = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$. Our function is

$v+w = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}.$

$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ -y \end{pmatrix}.$

$T(v+w) = \begin{pmatrix} 22 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}.$

$T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ $T \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 18 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$

$T(v) + T(w) = T(v+w). \checkmark$

Convince yourselves that $T \left(5 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 5 \cdot T \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$

Examples:

• Any function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ defined

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$$\text{by } f \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

any matrix with m rows
 n columns

is a linear transformation.

Reason: We need to prove the two properties of a linear transformation.

Take two vectors $v = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$ and $w = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad T \left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \right) &= T \left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n + y_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + A \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad T \left(\alpha \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \right) &= T \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x_1 \\ \alpha x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha x_n \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x_1 \\ \alpha x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \alpha \cdot A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \alpha \cdot T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: The function $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

defined as $T(v) = \text{length of } v$.

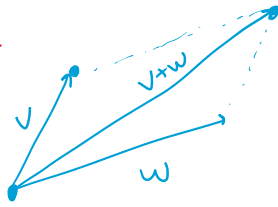
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length of $v+w$ is not equal to the

sum of length of v and length of w .



Ex: The function $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined

$$\text{as } T(v) = \underbrace{(3, -1, 4)}_C \cdot v$$

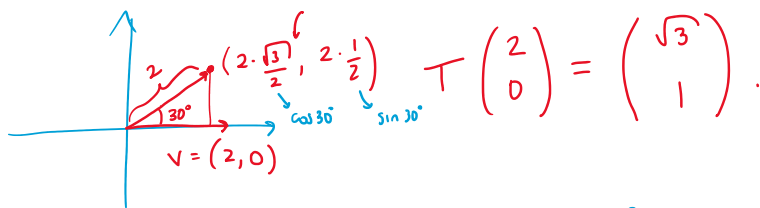
is a linear transformation because

$$\textcircled{1} T(v+w) = C \cdot (v+w) = C \cdot v + C \cdot w = T(v) + T(w).$$

$$\textcircled{2} T(\alpha v) = C \cdot (\alpha v) = \alpha (C \cdot v) = \alpha T(v).$$

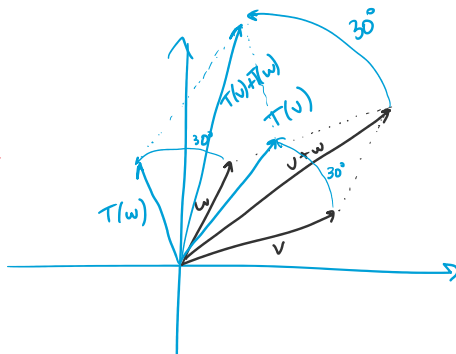
Ex: The function $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined

as $T(v) =$ rotating v 30° counter-clockwise.



In general, we do have

$$T(v) + T(w) = T(v+w).$$

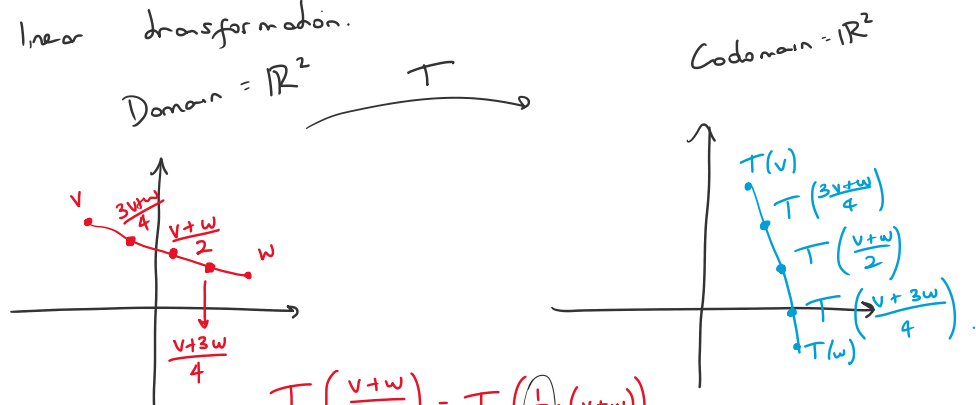


and $T(\alpha v) = \alpha T(v)$, so it is a linear transformation.

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Imagine $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation.



$$\begin{aligned}
 T\left(\frac{v+w}{2}\right) &= T\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot (v+w)\right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{using property 2 of linear transformations}}{=} \frac{1}{2} T(v+w) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (T(v) + T(w)) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{using property 1.}}{=} \frac{T(v) + T(w)}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear transformations "keep things straight".

Segments are transformed into line segments,

triangles are transformed into triangles,

and so on.

Exercise: Suppose $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is

a linear transformation, satisfying

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad T\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Q: What is $T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + T\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Q: What is $T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$?

$$\underline{A}: T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = T \left(4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 4 \cdot T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{A}: T \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} &= T \left(3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= T \left(3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) + T \left(2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= 3 \cdot T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 3 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Fact: If T is a linear transformation then

$$T \left(\underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{scalars.}}}{a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n} \right) = a_1 \cdot T(v_1) + a_2 T(v_2) + \dots + a_n T(v_n)$$

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In general, what is

$$\begin{aligned} T \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} &= T \left(a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= a \cdot T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + b \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2a + 3b + c \\ -a + 2b + 2c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Any linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

can be written as

$$T(v) = A \cdot v.$$

The matrix A is obtained by putting the values of $T(e_1)$, $T(e_2), \dots, T(e_n)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | & & | \\ T(e_1) & T(e_2) & \dots & T(e_n) \\ | & | & & | \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

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Ex: Consider the linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

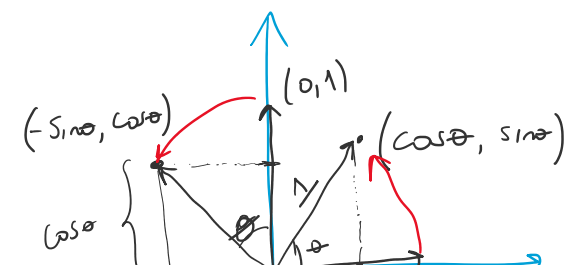
defined as

$T(v) =$ rotating the vector v θ radians counter-clockwise.

Our theorem says that we can also

write
$$T(v) = \begin{pmatrix} A \end{pmatrix} \cdot v.$$

where
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ | & | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

