

## 2.1. Session: Linear Transformations and Matrices

Recall:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the set of vectors with  $n$  coordinates.

Def. A function or transformation  $f$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a rule, that assigns to each vector  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  a unique vector  $f(\vec{x})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

Ex.  $f\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3x_2 + 7x_3 \\ x_1^2 + 2x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  ( $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ).

Ex.  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$ ,  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Def. Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$ -matrix. Then the transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  given by

$$T_A(\vec{x}) = A \cdot \vec{x}$$

is called the matrix transformation induced by  $A$ .

Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$3 \times 2$ -matrix

The matrix transformation induced by  $A$ :

$$T_A\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

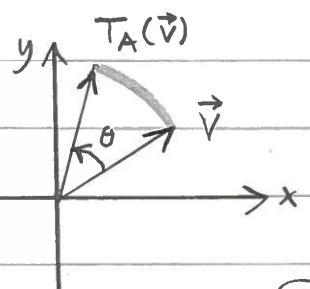
An example:

$$T_A\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Ex.  $A = R_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

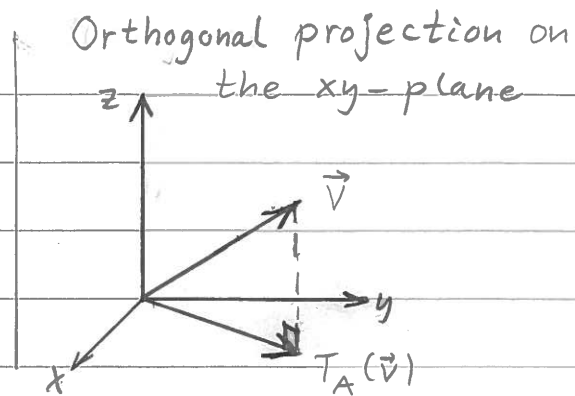
$2 \times 2$ -rotation matrix

$$T_A\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$



Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T_A \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



! Def. A transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is said to be linear if

(1)  $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$ ,

(2)  $T(c\vec{u}) = cT(\vec{u})$ ,

for all vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all scalars  $c$ .

Theorem: Matrix transformations are linear.

Proof:

(1)  $T_A(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A \cdot (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = A \cdot \vec{u} + A \cdot \vec{v} = T_A(\vec{u}) + T_A(\vec{v})$  OK

(2)  $T_A(c\vec{u}) = A \cdot (c\vec{u}) = c(A \cdot \vec{u}) = cT_A(\vec{u})$  OK q.e.d.

Theorem: If  $T$  is a linear transformation, then

(1)  $T(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}$

(2)  $T(a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}) = aT(\vec{u}) + bT(\vec{v})$ .

Proof:

(1)  $T(\vec{0}) = T(0 \cdot \vec{u}) = 0 \cdot T(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$  OK

(2)  $T(a\vec{u} + b\vec{v}) = T(a\vec{u}) + T(b\vec{v}) = aT(\vec{u}) + bT(\vec{v})$  OK q.e.d.

Ex.  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x+2 \\ y+1 \end{bmatrix}$  is not linear since  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Question: How can one see from the matrix what a matrix transformation will do?

Remark: A linear transformation  $T$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is determined by the images of the standard basis vectors

$$T(\vec{e}_1), T(\vec{e}_2), \dots, T(\vec{e}_n).$$

Ex.  $T$  linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x\vec{e}_1 + y\vec{e}_2,$$

so we have

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = T(x\vec{e}_1 + y\vec{e}_2) = xT(\vec{e}_1) + yT(\vec{e}_2).$$

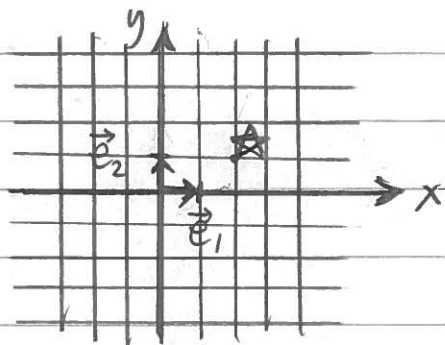
Thus, the two vectors  $T(\vec{e}_1), T(\vec{e}_2)$  determine the transformation.

Answer to question: "Plot the column vectors of the matrix, and form a grid"

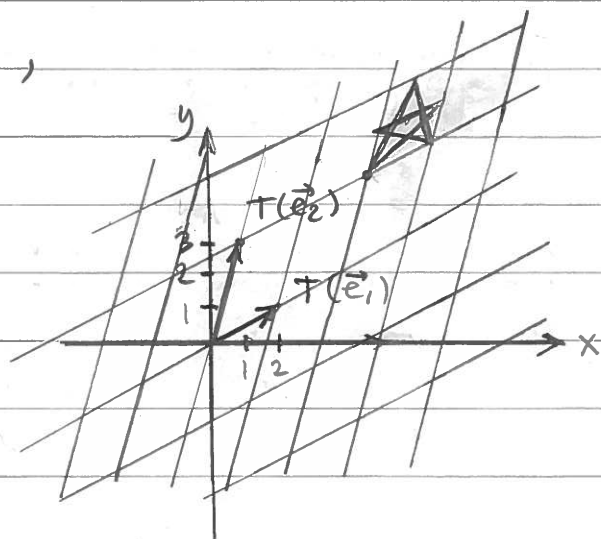
Ex.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T_A(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T_A(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



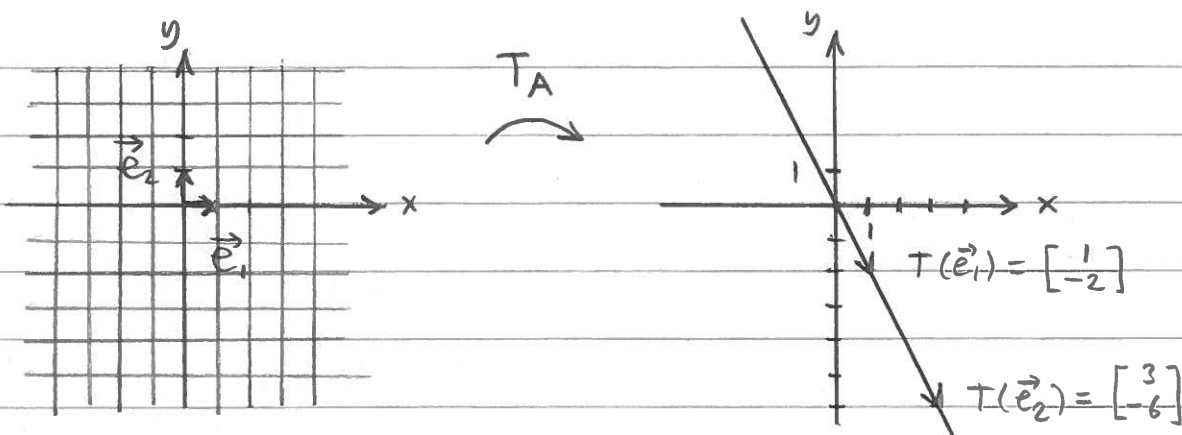
$T_A$   
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Ex. The non-invertible  $2 \times 2$ -matrix from last lecture:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_A(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T_A(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Parallel vectors.}$$



Theorem: Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then  $T$  is the matrix transformation induced by the  $m \times n$ -matrix

$$A = [T(\vec{e}_1) \ T(\vec{e}_2) \ \dots \ T(\vec{e}_n)]$$

Thus,  $T(\vec{x}) = A \cdot \vec{x}$ . The matrix  $A$  is called the standard matrix of  $T$ .

Proof.

$$\vec{x} = x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n$$

$$T(\vec{x}) = T(x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2 + \dots + x_n \vec{e}_n)$$

$$= T(x_1 \vec{e}_1) + T(x_2 \vec{e}_2) + \dots + T(x_n \vec{e}_n)$$

$$= x_1 T(\vec{e}_1) + x_2 T(\vec{e}_2) + \dots + x_n T(\vec{e}_n)$$

$$= [T(\vec{e}_1) \ T(\vec{e}_2) \ \dots \ T(\vec{e}_n)] \vec{x} = A \vec{x} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Theorem: If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$ -matrix and  $B$  an  $n \times p$ -matrix, then

$$T_A \circ T_B = T_{A \cdot B}$$

If  $C$  is an invertible  $n \times n$ -matrix, then

$$T_C^{-1} = T_{C^{-1}}$$

