

Linear Transformations

Let V be an \mathbb{R} -vector space.

Let W be an \mathbb{R} -vector space.

An \mathbb{R} -linear transformation from V to W is a function $T: V \rightarrow W$ such that

(a) If $v_1, v_2 \in V$ then $T(v_1 + v_2) = T(v_1) + T(v_2)$.

(b) If $v \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $T(cv) = cT(v)$.

The kernel of T and image of T are

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

$$\text{im}(T) = \{T(v) \mid v \in V\}$$

Let B be a basis of V , $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_s\}$

C be a basis of W , $C = \{w_1, \dots, w_t\}$.

The matrix of T with respect to the bases B and C is

$$T_{CB} = (a_{ij}) \in M_{t \times s}(\mathbb{R})$$

given by

$$T(v_1) = a_{11}w_1 + \dots + a_{\ell 1}w_\ell$$

$$T(v_2) = a_{12}w_1 + \dots + a_{\ell 2}w_\ell$$

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$$T(v_s) = a_{1s}w_1 + \dots + a_{\ell s}w_\ell.$$

Examples 2 and 14 let $T: P_3 \rightarrow P_2$ be

given by $T(p) = \frac{dp}{dx}$.

P_3 has basis, $B = \{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$

P_2 has basis, $C = \{1, x, x^2\}$.

$$T(1) = \frac{d1}{dx} = 0 = 0 + 0x + 0x^2$$

$$T(x) = \frac{dx}{dx} = 1 = 1 + 0x + 0x^2$$

$$T(x^2) = \frac{dx^2}{dx} = 2x = 0 + 2x + 0x^2$$

$$T(x^3) = \frac{dx^3}{dx} = 3x^2 = 0 + 0x + 3x^2.$$

The matrix of T with respect to the bases B and C is

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$$[T]_{CB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 4}(\mathbb{R}).$$

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Then

$$\ker(T) = \{c_0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3 \mid c_0 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ = \text{span}\{1\}.$$

$$\text{im } T = \{c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 \mid c_0, c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} \text{ since}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(3c_0 + c_0x + \frac{c_1}{2}x^2 + \frac{c_2}{3}x^3 \right) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2.$$

Then

$$\dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{im } T) = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$\text{and } 4 = \dim(\text{source}(T)).$$

Example 11 Let $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T(Q) = Q^t.$$

The matrix of T with respect to the basis $B = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$ of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ (the source) and the basis

$B = \{E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}\}$ of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ (the target) is

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$$[T]_{BB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$T(E_{11}) = E_{11} + 0E_{12} + 0E_{21} + 0E_{22}$$

$$T(E_{12}) = E_{21} = 0E_{11} + 0E_{12} + 1E_{21} + 0E_{22}$$

$$T(E_{21}) = E_{12} = 0E_{11} + 1E_{12} + 0E_{21} + 0E_{22}$$

$$T(E_{22}) = E_{22} = 0E_{11} + 0E_{12} + 0E_{21} + 1E_{22}$$

This has

$$\ker(T) = 0 \text{ and } \text{im}(T) = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Q}).$$

So

$$\dim(\ker(T)) + \dim(\text{im}(T)) = 0 + 4 = 4$$

$$\text{and } 4 = \dim(\text{source}(T)).$$

Note that, since $(\mathbb{Q}^k)^k = \mathbb{Q}$ then

$$T^{-1} = T.$$

Thus T is an invertible (reversible) linear transformation.

Example 3 Let $T: M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc.$$

Let $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then

$$T(v_1 + v_2) = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$T(v_1) + T(v_2) = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 + 0 = 0.$$

So T does not satisfy the condition if $v_1, v_2 \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ then $T(v_1 + v_2) \neq T(v_1) + T(v_2)$

So T is not a linear transformation.

Example 12 Let T be the linear transformation

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$T: P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ given by

$$T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = (a_0 + a_1) + a_2x.$$

With respect to the bases

$B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ of P_2 (the source) and

$C = \{1, x\}$ of P_1 (the target)

the matrix of T is

$$[T]_{CB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } \begin{aligned} T(1) &= 1 + 1 \cdot x \\ T(x) &= 0 + 0 \cdot x \\ T(x^2) &= 1 + 0 \cdot x. \end{aligned}$$

With respect to the basis

$B = \{1, x, x^2\}$ of P_2 (the source) and

$D = \{2, 3x\}$ of P_1 (the target)

the matrix of T is

$$[T]_{DB} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } \begin{aligned} T(1) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3x \\ T(x) &= 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3x \\ T(x^2) &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 3x. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\ker(T) = \{a_1x \mid a_1 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \text{span}\{x\} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Im}(T) = \{c_0 + c_1x \mid c_0, c_1 \in \mathbb{R}\} = P_1.$$

$\dim(\ker(H)) + \dim(\text{ran}(H)) = 1 + 2 = 3$

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and $3 = \dim(P_2) = \dim(\text{source}(H))$.

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Let $v = \langle 1, 5 \rangle \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

The coordinate vector of v with respect to the basis $B = \{ \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle \}$ is

$$[v]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ since } v = \langle 1, 5 \rangle = 1 \cdot \langle 1, 0 \rangle + 5 \cdot \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

The coordinate vector of v with respect to the basis $C = \{ \langle 2, 1 \rangle, \langle -1, 1 \rangle \}$ is

$$[v]_C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

since $\langle 1, 5 \rangle = \cancel{3} \cdot \langle 2, 1 \rangle + \cancel{2} \cdot \langle -1, 1 \rangle$

$$= 2 \cdot \langle 2, 1 \rangle + 3 \cdot \langle -1, 1 \rangle$$

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The coordinate vector of $p = 2 + 7x - 9x^2$ with respect to the basis

$$B = \{ 2, \frac{1}{2}x, -3x^2 \}$$
 of P_2 is

$$[P]_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 14 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$2 + 7x - 9x^2 = 1 \cdot 2 + 14 \cdot \frac{1}{2}x + 3 \cdot (-3x^2)$$