

Section 1.7: Linear Independence

Definition An indexed set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n is said to be **linearly independent** if the vector equation

$$x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots x_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$$

has only the trivial solution.

The set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is said to be **linearly dependent** if there exists a set of weights c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p *at least one of which is nonzero* such that

$$c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}.$$

(i.e. Provided the homogeneous equation possesses a nontrivial solution.)

An equation $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots c_p\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{0}$, with at least one $c_i \neq 0$, is called a **linear dependence relation**.

Two or More Vectors

A set with two vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is linearly dependent if one is a scalar multiple of the other.

Theorem: The columns of a matrix A are linearly **independent** if and only if the homogeneous equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

Example

Determine if the set of vectors is linearly dependent or linearly independent. If they are dependent, find a linear dependence relation.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

we can consider the
equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

where $A = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3]$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \cdot 2R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 variables, 2
pivots, so there
is a free
variable.

There is a nontrivial solution \Rightarrow the vectors are
lin. dependent.

$$\begin{array}{ll} X_1 = -2X_3 & \text{Taking } X_3 = -1, \text{ then } X_1 = 2 \\ X_2 = -X_3 & \text{and } X_2 = 1 \\ X_3 = \text{free} \end{array}$$

We get a lin. dependence relation

$$2\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

Theorem

An indexed set of two or more vectors is linearly dependent if and only if at least one vector in the set is a linear combination of the others in the set.

Example: Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be any nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . Show that if \mathbf{w} is any vector in $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$, then the set $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$ is linearly **dependent**.

Since \vec{w} is in $\text{Span}\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}\}$, there exist scalars

c_1, c_2 such that

$$\vec{w} = c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v}$$

Subtract \vec{w} to obtain

$$c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v} - \vec{w} = \vec{0}$$

The coefficient of \vec{w} is $-1 \neq 0$. Hence this is a linear dependence relation and $\{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$ is lin. dependent.

Caveat!

A set may be linearly dependent even if all proper subsets are linearly independent. For example, consider

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Examine each set $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$, $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$, $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$, and $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$.

$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ is lin. independent since $\vec{v}_1 \neq k\vec{v}_2$ for any scalar k and vice versa.

Similarly $\{\vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ and $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_3\}$ are lin. independent.

But $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\}$ is lin. dependent since

$$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1$$

Two More Theorems

Theorem: If a set contains more vectors than there are entries in each vector, then the set is linearly **dependent**. That is, if $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ is a set of vector in \mathbb{R}^n , and $p > n$, then the set is linearly dependent.

e.g. 5 vectors in \mathbb{R}^2
or 32 vectors in \mathbb{R}^{21}

Theorem: Any set of vectors that contains the zero vector is linearly **dependent**.

Determine if the set is linearly dependent or linearly independent

$$(a) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Lin. dependent. 4 vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Determine if the set is linearly dependent or linearly independent

$$(b) \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Lin. Dependent since the $\vec{0}$ is in it.

Section 1.8: Intro to Linear Transformations

Recall that the product $A\mathbf{x}$ is a linear combination of the columns of A —turns out to be a vector. If the columns of A are vectors in \mathbb{R}^m , and there are n of them, then

- ▶ A is an $m \times n$ matrix,
- ▶ the product $A\mathbf{x}$ is defined for \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n , and
- ▶ the vector $\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}$ is a vector in \mathbb{R}^m .

So we can think of A as an **object that acts** on vectors \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n (via the product $A\mathbf{x}$) to produce vectors \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m .

Transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m

Definition: A transformation T (a.k.a. **function** or **mapping**) from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m is a rule that assigns to each vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n a vector $T(\mathbf{x})$ in \mathbb{R}^m .

Some relevant terms and notation include

- ▶ \mathbb{R}^n is the **domain** and \mathbb{R}^m is called the **codomain**.
- ▶ For \mathbf{x} in the domain, $T(\mathbf{x})$ is called the **image** of \mathbf{x} under T .
- ▶ The collection of all images is called the **range**.
- ▶ The notation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ may be used to indicate that \mathbb{R}^n is the domain and \mathbb{R}^m is the codomain.
- ▶ If $T(\mathbf{x})$ is defined by multiplication by the $m \times n$ matrix A , we may denote this by $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$.

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Matrix Transformation Example

Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$. Define the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by the mapping $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$.

(a) Find the image of the vector $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ under T .

$$T(\mathbf{u}) = A\mathbf{u} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + (-3) \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-9 \\ 2-12 \\ 0+6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -10 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Determine a vector \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 whose image under T is $\begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$.

$$T(\vec{x}) = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{if } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_2 &= -4 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 &= -4 \\ -2x_2 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

solve (if possible)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad -2R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} -R_2 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \\ \text{then} \\ -\frac{1}{2}R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2 \\ x_2 = -2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is in the range of T .

Is there \vec{x} such that $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-2R_1 + R_2 + R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-R_2 + R_3 + R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The underlying system
is inconsistent

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pivot
column

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not in the range of T .

Linear Transformations

Definition: A transformation T is **linear** provided

- (i) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$ for every \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} in the domain of T , and
- (ii) $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$ for every scalar c and vector \mathbf{u} in the domain of T .

Every matrix transformation (e.g. $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$) is a linear transformation. And it turns out that every linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m can be expressed in terms of matrix multiplication.

A Theorem About Linear Transformations:

If T is a linear transformation, then

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

$$T(c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}) = cT(\mathbf{u}) + dT(\mathbf{v})$$

for scalars c, d and vectors \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} .

And in fact

$$\begin{aligned} T(c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + c_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \cdots + c_k\mathbf{u}_k) &= T(c_1\mathbf{u}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{u}_2) + \cdots + c_kT(\mathbf{u}_k). \\ &= c_1T(\vec{u}_1) + c_2T(\vec{u}_2) + \dots + c_kT(\vec{u}_k). \end{aligned}$$

Example

Let r be a nonzero scalar. The transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = r\mathbf{x}$$

is a linear transformation¹.

Show that T is a linear transformation.

If \vec{u}, \vec{v} are in \mathbb{R}^2

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

$\uparrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
 $T(\vec{u}) \qquad T(\vec{v})$

¹ It's called a **contraction** if $0 < r < 1$ and a **dilation** when $r \geq 1$

For scalar c

$$T(c\vec{u}) = c\vec{u} = c \underbrace{T(\vec{u})}_{T(\vec{u})} = cT(\vec{u})$$

T satisfies both properties. Hence
it is a linear transformation.

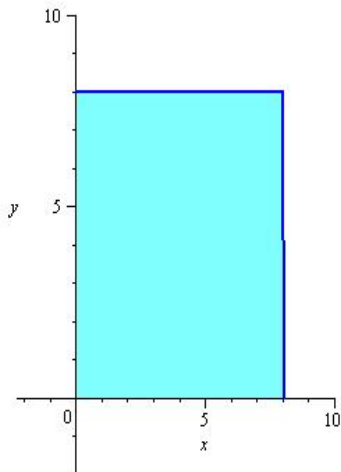
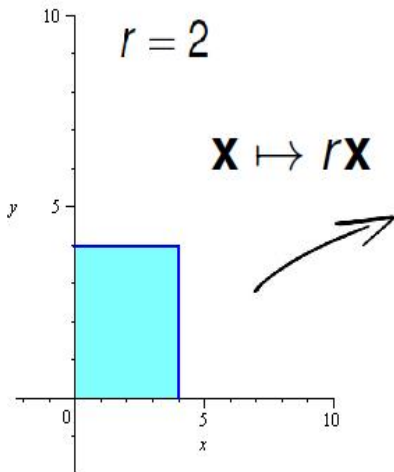


Figure: Geometry of dilation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto 2\mathbf{x}$. The 4 by 4 square maps to an 8 by 8 square.

Section 1.9: The Matrix for a Linear Transformation

Elementary Vectors: We'll use the notation \mathbf{e}_i to denote the vector in \mathbb{R}^n having a 1 in the i^{th} position and zero everywhere else.

e.g. in \mathbb{R}^2 the elementary vectors are

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

in \mathbb{R}^3 they would be

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and so forth.

Note that in \mathbb{R}^n , the elementary vectors are the columns of the identity I_n .

Matrix of Linear Transformation

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$ be a linear transformation, and suppose

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Use the fact that T is linear, and the fact that for each \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 we have

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{e}_2$$

to find a matrix A such that

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} \quad \text{for every} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{x}) &= T(x_1 \vec{e}_1 + x_2 \vec{e}_2) = x_1 T(\vec{e}_1) + x_2 T(\vec{e}_2) \\ &= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = A \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

So the matrix A should be

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\vec{e}_1) & T(\vec{e}_2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Theorem

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. There exists a unique $m \times n$ matrix A such that

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} \quad \text{for every } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Moreover, the j^{th} column of the matrix A is the vector $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$, where \mathbf{e}_j is the j^{th} column of the $n \times n$ identity matrix I_n . That is,

$$A = [T(\mathbf{e}_1) \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) \quad \cdots \quad T(\mathbf{e}_n)].$$

The matrix A is called the **standard matrix** for the linear transformation T .

Example

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the scaling transformation (contraction or dilation for $r > 0$) defined by

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = r\mathbf{x}, \quad \text{for positive scalar } r.$$

Find the standard matrix for T .

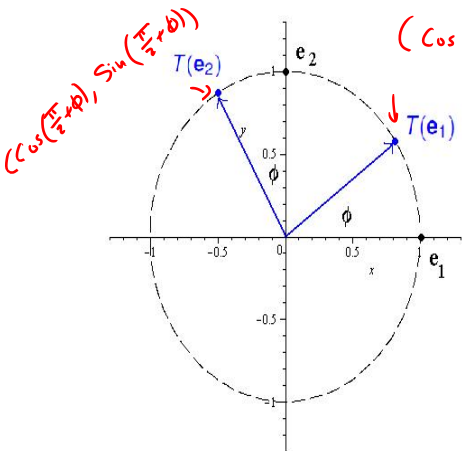
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{e}_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & T(\vec{e}_1) &= r\vec{e}_1 = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{e}_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & T(\vec{e}_2) &= r\vec{e}_2 = r \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ r \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The standard matrix

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

Example

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the rotation transformation that rotates each point in \mathbb{R}^2 counter clockwise about the origin through an angle ϕ . Find the standard matrix for T .



$$(\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi) \\ \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi\right) = \cos\frac{\pi}{2} \cos\phi - \sin\frac{\pi}{2} \sin\phi$

$$= -\sin\phi$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \phi\right) = \sin\frac{\pi}{2} \cos\phi + \sin\phi \cos\frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$= \cos\phi$$

$$\text{So } T(\vec{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin\phi \\ \cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

The standard matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\phi & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

Example²

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the projection transformation that projects each point onto the x_1 axis

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

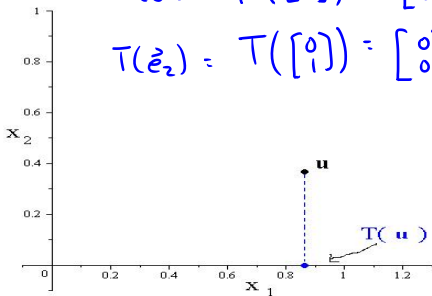
Find the standard matrix for T .

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The standard matrix

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



²See pages 73–75 in Lay for matrices associated with other geometric transformations on \mathbb{R}^2

One to One, Onto

Definition: A mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **onto** \mathbb{R}^m if each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m is the image of at least one \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n —i.e. if the range of T is all of the codomain.

$$\vec{b} = T(\vec{x}) \text{ is solvable for all } \vec{b} \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^m$$

Definition: A mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is said to be **one to one** if each \mathbf{b} in \mathbb{R}^m is the image of **at most one** \mathbf{x} in \mathbb{R}^n .

$$T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y}) \iff \vec{x} = \vec{y}$$

Determine if the transformation is one to one, onto, neither or both.

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

Check one to one: Suppose $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$.

$$\text{Then } T(\vec{x}) - T(\vec{y}) = \vec{0}$$

$$T(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) = \vec{0}$$

If there is a nontrivial solution, then \vec{x} doesn't have to equal \vec{y} ! The mapping would not be one to one.

$$\text{Consider } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 variables, 2 pivots
so there is a free variable,

$$x_1 = -2x_3$$

$$x_2 = -3x_3$$

$$x_3 \text{ - free}$$

Verify that

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

satisfy $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$ but

$$\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}.$$

The transformation is not one to one.