

## 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  $i^{\text{th}}$  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  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  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

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

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

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

Since  $T$  is  
a linear  
Transformation

Letting  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A$

is a  $4 \times 2$  matrix such that

$$T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$$

for any  $\vec{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Theorem

Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  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  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of the matrix  $A$  is the vector  $T(\mathbf{e}_j)$ , where  $\mathbf{e}_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  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  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  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  $T$ .

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

Here, we're in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  so  $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = r\vec{e}_1 = r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

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

So the standard matrix

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

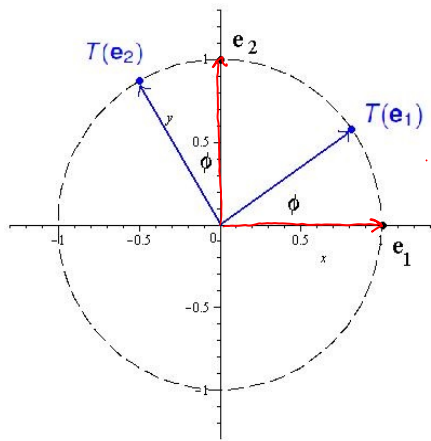
Let's confirm:

$$\text{Let } \vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\vec{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rx_1 + 0x_2 \\ 0x_1 + rx_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rx_1 \\ rx_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= r\vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

## 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  $\phi$ . Find the standard matrix for  $T$ .



Using some basic trigonometry, the points on the unit circle

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{e}_2) &= (\cos(90^\circ + \phi), \sin(90^\circ + \phi)) \\ &= (-\sin \phi, \cos \phi) \end{aligned}$$

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

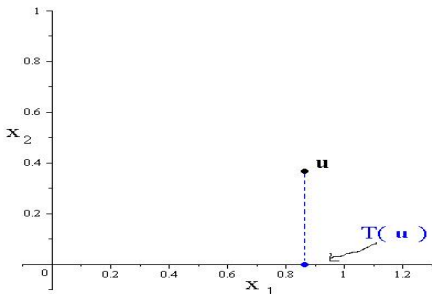


## Example<sup>1</sup>

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  $T$ .



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<sup>1</sup> See pages 73–75 in Lay for matrices associated with other geometric transformation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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

The standard matrix

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

## The Property **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.

If  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is an **onto** transformation, then the equation

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

is always solvable. If  $T$  is a linear transformation with standard matrix  $A$ , then this is equivalent to saying  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is always consistent.

Determine if the transformation is onto.

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

call  
this

$\rightarrow$   
A is  $2 \times 3$ , so  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

Is  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  consistent for every  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

Let  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . An augment matrix is

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & b_2 \end{array} \right]$$

not a pivot column for any choice of  $b_1, b_2$

Yes,  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is always consistent.

That is  $\vec{b}$  is in the range of  $T$   
for every  $\vec{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$T$  is onto.

# The Property **One to One**

**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  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a **one to one** transformation, then the equation

$$T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{y}) \quad \text{is only true when} \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}.$$

Determine if the transformation is one to one.

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

Does  $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$  imply that  $\vec{x} = \vec{y}$ ?

Suppose  $T(\vec{x}) = T(\vec{y})$ . Since  $T$  is linear

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

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

Consider the homogeneous equation  $T(\vec{z}) = \vec{0}$

(note  $\vec{z} = \vec{x} - \vec{y}$ )

An augmented matrix for  $A\vec{z} = \vec{0}$  is

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

We have two pivot columns  
and one non-pivot.

$$z_1 = -2z_3$$

$$z_2 = -3z_3$$

$z_3$  - free

Ans  $\vec{z} = z_3 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a solution

$\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  need not be zero!

We've found infinitely many solutions to

$T(\vec{z}) = \vec{0}$ , Hence  $T$  is not one to one.



## Some Theorems on Onto and One to One

**Theorem:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Then  $T$  is one to one if and only if the homogeneous equation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  has only the trivial solution.

**Theorem:** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation, and let  $A$  be the standard matrix for  $T$ . Then

- (i)  $T$  is onto if and only if the columns of  $A$  span  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , and
- (ii)  $T$  is one to one if and only if the columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

→ for onto check  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  for consistency

for one to one check  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  for nontrivial soln.

## Example

Let  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 2x_1 - x_2, 3x_2)$ . Verify that  $T$  is one to one. Is  $T$  onto?

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3.$$

$$T(\vec{e}_1) = T(1, 0) = (1, 2, 0) \quad \text{so the matrix}$$

$$T(\vec{e}_2) = T(0, 1) = (0, -1, 3)$$

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

Check to see if  $T$  is one to one.

Consider  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  (no free variables - one to one)

Using an augmented matrix

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

There are no free variables  $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$   
if and only if  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$

The mapping is one to one.

Is  $T$  onto?

Is  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  always consistent?

let  $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{rref}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2b_1 - b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 6b_1 - 3b_2 - b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 3<sup>rd</sup> column is a pivot

column except when  $6b_1 - 3b_2 - b_3 = 0$ .

So  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  is only consistent

when  $b_1 = \frac{1}{2}b_2 + \frac{1}{6}b_3$ .

Since  $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{b}$  is not

always consistent,  $T$  is not  
onto.

To recap,  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 \\ 3x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

has standard matrix

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

It is one to one, but  
it is not onto.