

Math 8530: Linear Algebra

4. Matrices

Let $T: X \rightarrow U$ be a linear map.

Goal: Encode T as a matrix.

- We need to pick:
- a basis $B_{in} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ for X ("input basis")
 - a basis $B_{out} = \{u_1, \dots, u_m\}$ for U ("output basis")

Let $\{l_1, \dots, l_m\}$ be the dual basis in U' .

Next, write

$$Tx_1 = a_{11}u_1 + a_{21}u_1 + \dots + a_{m1}u_m$$

$$Tx_2 = a_{12}u_1 + a_{22}u_2 + \dots + a_{m2}u_m$$

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$$Tx_j = a_{1j}u_1 + \dots + a_{ij}u_i + \dots + a_{mj}u_m$$

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$$Tx_n = a_{1n}u_1 + a_{2n}u_n + \dots + a_{mn}u_m$$

$$a_{ij} := l_i(Tx_j) = (l_i, Tx_j)$$

The matrix of T wrt B_{in} and B_{out} is

$$A = [T]_{B_{in} \ B_{out}} := \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \dots & a_{m1} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{1n} & a_{2n} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{A_{X_1} \ A_{X_2} \ \dots \ A_n}$$

Remarks • $R_T = \text{Span}(\text{col. vectors})$, also called the "column space."

$$\bullet a_{ij} = (l_i, Tx_j)$$

Ex: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the projection onto the line $y=x$.

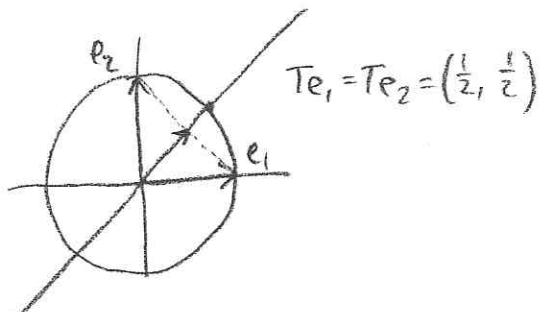
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$$Te_1 = \frac{1}{2}e_1 + \frac{1}{2}e_2$$

$$Te_2 = \frac{1}{2}e_1 + \frac{1}{2}e_2$$

So $[T]_{B_{\text{in}}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_2 & v_2 \\ v_2 & v_2 \end{bmatrix}$

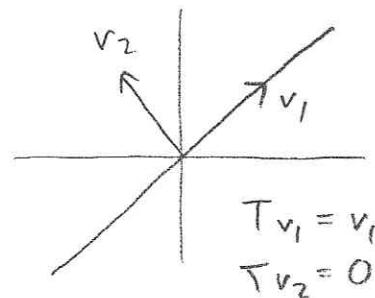


Let's pick a different basis: $B'_{\text{in}} = B'_{\text{out}} = \{v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}\}$

$$Tv_1 = 1v_1 + 0v_2$$

$$Tv_2 = 0v_1 + 0v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow [T]_{B'_{\text{in}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Remark: If $T: X \rightarrow X$ is invertible, then we can always

choose B_{in} and B_{out} so $[T]_{B_{\text{in}}} = I$.

If $B_{\text{in}} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$,

then $B_{\text{out}} := \{Tv_1, \dots, Tv_n\}$



Ex: Let $X = \mathbb{P}_2 = \{c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ $B_{\text{in}} = \{1, x, x^2\}$

$U = \mathbb{P}_1 = \{c_0 + c_1x : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ $B_{\text{out}} = \{1, x\}$

Let $T = \frac{d}{dx}$, so $T(c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2) = c_1 + 2c_2x$.

$$T(1) = 0 \cdot 1 + 0x$$

$$T(x) = 1 \cdot 1 + 0x$$

$$T(x^2) = 0 \cdot 1 + 2x$$

$$A = [T]_{B_{\text{in}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Multiplying matrices (4 ways)

① Rows times columns

$$\text{row } i \begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ \vdots \\ l_n \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix}_{n \times p} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{ij} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times p}$$

$a_{ij} = (l_i, x_j)$

② By columns: $\begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B \\ \vdots \\ B \end{bmatrix}_{n \times p} = \begin{bmatrix} Ax_1 \\ \vdots \\ Ax_p \end{bmatrix}$

These columns are linear combinations of rows of A.

③ By rows $\begin{bmatrix} l_1 \\ \vdots \\ l_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l_1 B \\ \vdots \\ l_m B \end{bmatrix}$ Each row is a linear combin. of rows of B.

④ Sum of rank 1 matrices: (cols of A) \times (rows of B)

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \vdots \\ A \end{bmatrix}_{n \text{ columns}} \begin{bmatrix} B \\ \vdots \\ B \end{bmatrix}_{n \text{ rows}} = \sum_{j,k=1}^n \vec{a}_j \vec{b}_k^T \quad m \times p \text{ matrix}$$

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Recall: If $T: X \rightarrow U$ is linear, and A is the matrix wrt.

basis $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \underbrace{U_1, \dots, U_m}_{\text{with dual basis } l_1, \dots, l_m \in U'}$.

$$\text{[that is, } l_i(u_j) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i=j \end{cases} \text{]}$$

then $a_{ij} = (l_i, T x_j)$

Thus, to get a_{ij} , where $A = (a_{ij})$:

- Apply T to the j^{th} basis vector of X
- Then apply the i^{th} co-vector in U' to this

Now, consider $T': U' \rightarrow X'$. Find matrix (a'_{ij})

- Apply T' to the j^{th} basis vector of U'
- Then apply the i^{th} co-vector in $X'' = X$ to this:

$$a'_{ij} = (\hat{x}_i, T' l_j) \Rightarrow (T' l_j, x_i) = (l_j, T x_i) = a_{ji}$$

in $X'' \cong X$ Identify $X'' = X$

* Thus, the matrix (a'_{ij}) for T' satisfies $a'_{ij} = a_{ji}$.

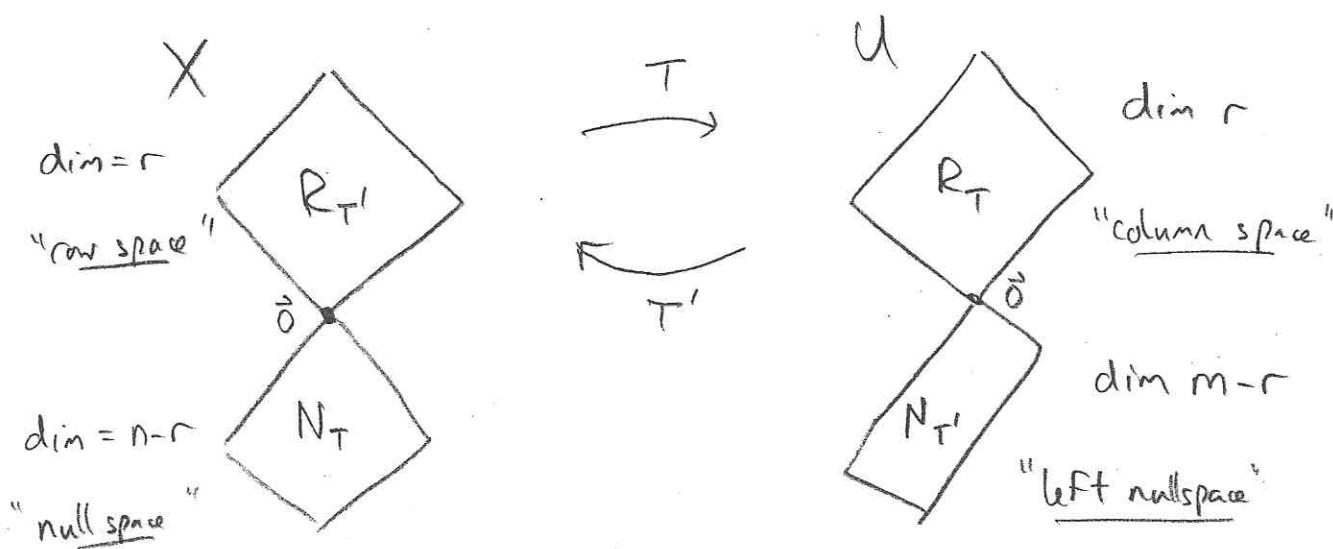
Denote this matrix by A^T . Obtained by swapping rows with columns.

Recall: The range R_T consists of all linear combinations of the column vectors. The dimension of this space is called the column rank of T . The row rank is defined similarly.

Remarks: (i) row rank of T is $\dim R_{T'}$.

(ii) By thm 3.6 ($\dim R_T = \dim R_{T'}$), row rank and column rank are equal.

"Cartoon" of this: $T: X \rightarrow U$



Prop: T is a bijection when restricted $R_{T'} \rightarrow R_T$.

Proof: Only need to show it's 1-1.

Suppose, $Tl_1 = Tl_2 \Rightarrow T(l_1 - l_2) = 0 \Rightarrow l_1 - l_2 \in N_T$

But $l_1 - l_2$ also in $R_{T'}$ (since its a subspace).

$\Rightarrow l_1 - l_2 = 0$, since $X = R_{T'} \oplus N_T$

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Change of basis

Let $T: X \rightarrow U$ be linear, $x_1, \dots, x_n \in U_1, \dots, U_m$ be bases.

Since $\dim X = n$, $\dim U = m$, we have $X \cong \mathbb{R}^n$, $U \cong \mathbb{R}^m$.

That is, we have isomorphisms:

$$B: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \quad C: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$x_i \mapsto e_i \quad u_i \mapsto e_i$$

Putting this together, we can choose isomorphisms such as these to get a linear map $CTB^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & U \\ B \downarrow & & \downarrow C \\ \mathbb{R}^n & \xrightarrow{CTB^{-1}} & \mathbb{R}^m \end{array}$$

If $T: X \rightarrow X$ then we can take $x_i = u_i$ & $B = C$ and get a matrix $M = BTB^{-1}$.

Suppose we change the isomorphism B . In particular, let $A: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be another isomorphism, and let N be the matrix wrt this basis, i.e., $N = ATA^{-1}$

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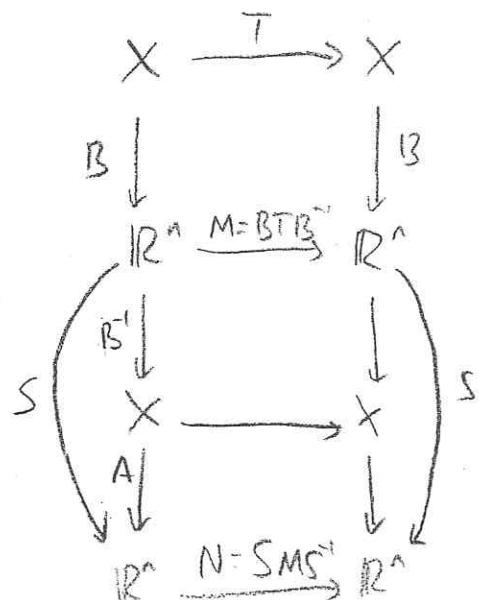
$$\text{we have } N = ATA^{-1} = AB^TBTB^TBA^{-1} = SBS^{-1}$$

where $S = AB^T$, which is invertible.

Two square matrices M, N related by

conjugation (e.g., $N = SMS^{-1}$) are said to

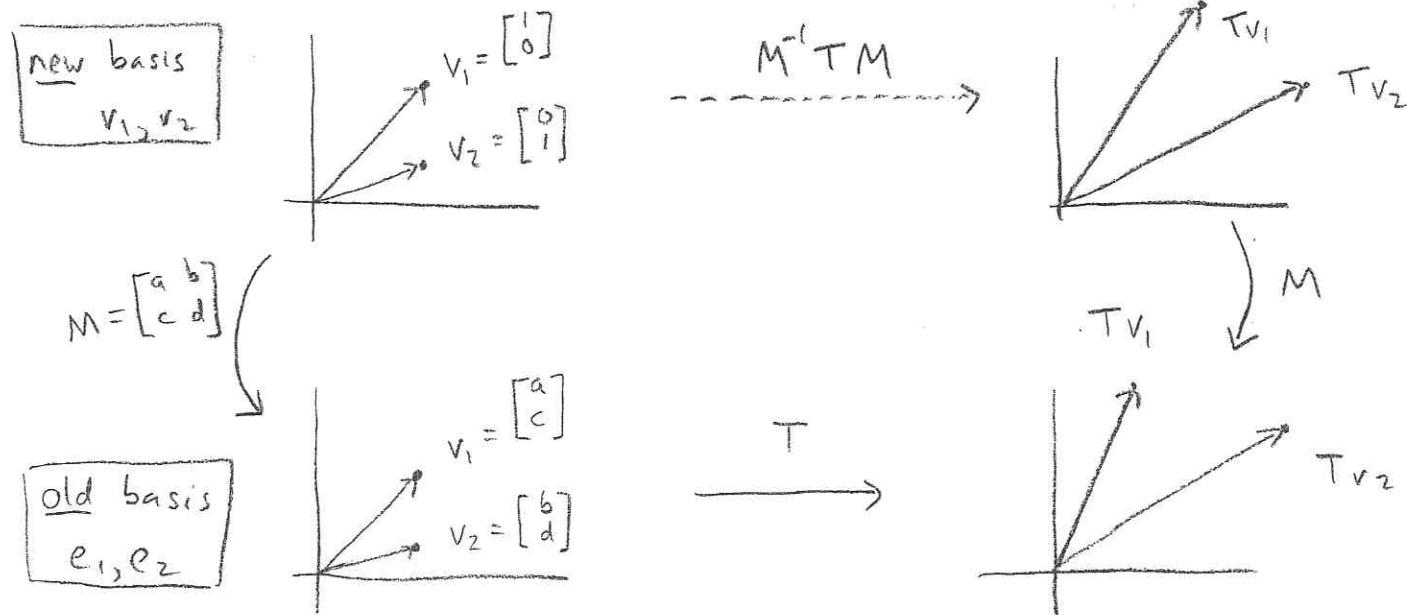
be conjugate.



* Similar matrices describe the same mapping of a space into itself, but using different bases. Thus (as we'll see later) similar matrices share the same intrinsic properties.

Picture of this: Consider a 2×2 matrix wrt the standard unit basis vectors $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$:

What is the matrix wrt. a different basis, $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix}$?



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Remark: We can write any $n \times n$ matrix A in block form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad A = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \{ k \text{ rows} \\ \{ n-k \text{ rows} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{k \text{ columns}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{n-k \text{ columns}} \end{array}$$

Addition and multiplication of block matrices "works out" just as if the blocks were entries.

Def: The square matrix $I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is the identity matrix.

Def: A square matrix $T = (t_{ij})$ for which $t_{ij} = 0$ for $i > j$ (resp. $i < j$) is called upper triangular (resp. lower triangular).

Systems of equations

Matrices can be used to effectively express and solve systems of equations.

A system $\sum_{i=1}^n t_{ij}x_i = u_j$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$ may have a unique sol'n, many solutions, or no solutions.

Example: x_1, \dots, x_4 unknowns:

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = u_1,$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = u_2$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 = u_3$$

$$3x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 = u_4$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sim} M \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{u}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

System can be solved by Gaussian elimination:

Subtract multiples of Eq 1 from last 3 eqns to eliminate x_1 :

$$x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = u_2 - u_1,$$

$$-x_2 - 2x_3 - 3x_4 = u_3 - 2u_1,$$

$$x_2 - 7x_4 = u_4 - 3u_1,$$

Use 1st eqn to eliminate x_2 from last 2:

$$-x_3 - 5x_4 = u_3 + u_2 - 3u_1,$$

$$-x_3 - 5x_4 = u_4 - 2u_2 - 2u_1,$$

Subtract these equations to eliminate x_3 (i.e. by chance, x_4 too)

$$\boxed{0 = u_4 - u_3 - 2u_2 + u_1}$$

This is a necessary & sufficient condition for our original system to have a sol'n. It can be written as

$$(l, u) = 0, \text{ where } l = (1, -2, -1, 1).$$

$$\text{That is, } (1, -2, -1, 1) \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{pmatrix} = u_1 - 2u_2 - u_3 + u_4 = 0.$$

Since $Mx=u$ and $lu=0$, we must have

$$lMx = lu = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^4, \text{ thus } lM = 0.$$

* In general, if $Mx=u$ is a system of equations then a sol'n is described by a linear function $l(x)$, or equivalently, a row vector for which $lM=0$.