

An $m \times n$ **matrix** can be viewed as a **function** that maps an n -component **vector** x to an m -component **vector** y .

This type of **functions** is associated with the concept of **linear transformations**, one of the two major concepts in the course of linear algebra.

Set

**Set of
Vectors**

**Vector
Space**

Function

A mapping from one
set to another set

Matrix

A mapping of one vector
to another vector (with a
matrix-vector product).

**Linear
Transformation**

A mapping from one set of vectors
to another set of vectors

2.7 Linear Transformations and Matrices

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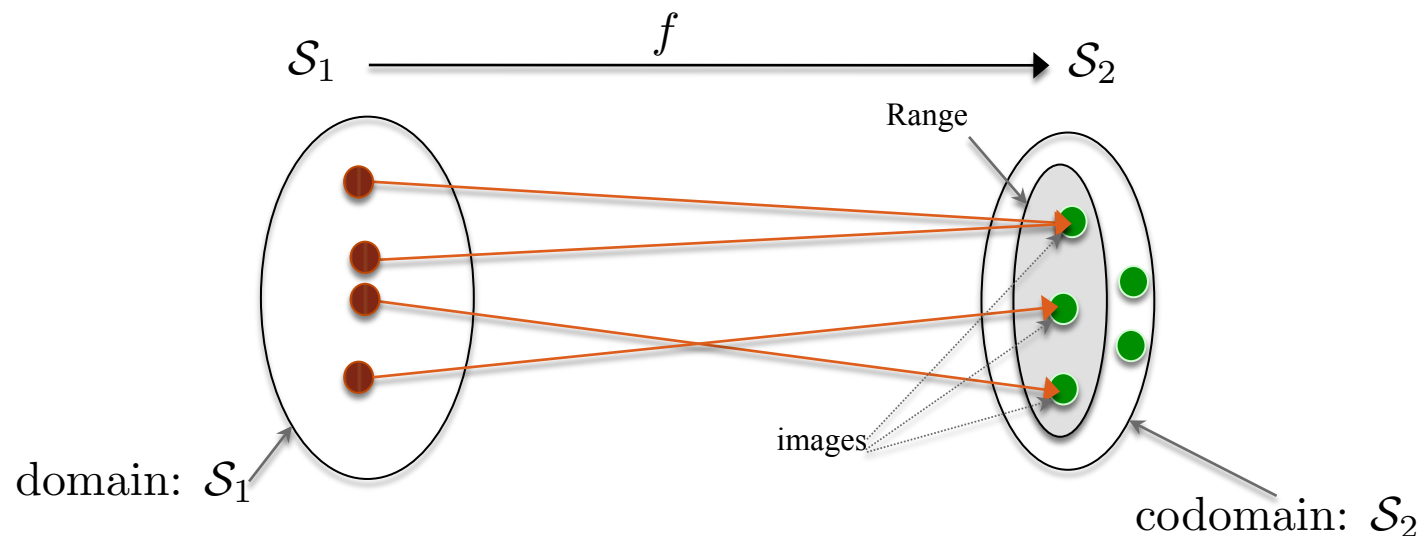
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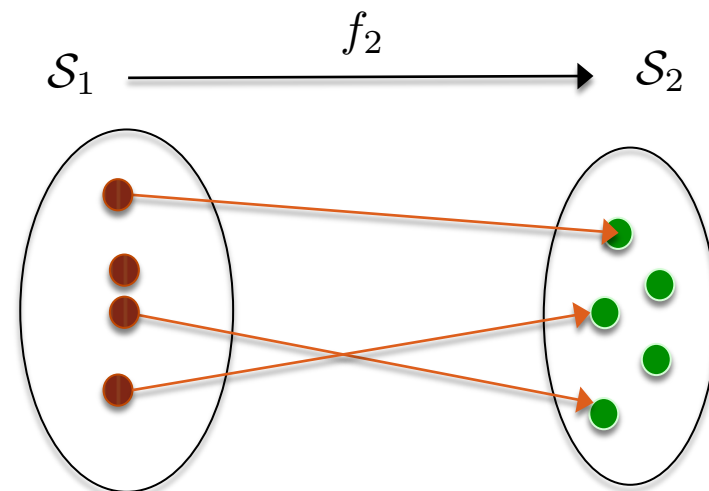
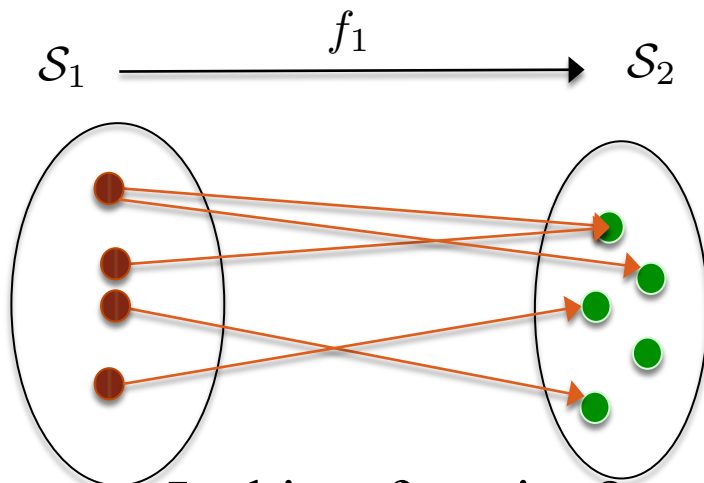
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Definitions (Functions on subsets of \mathcal{R}^n)

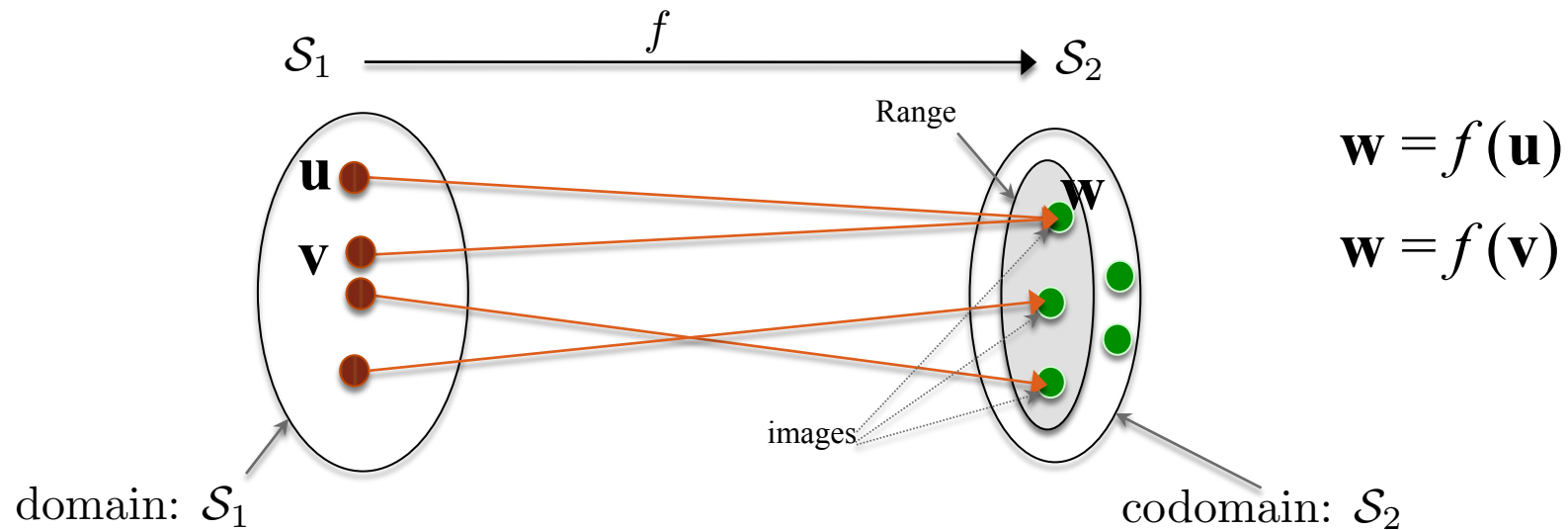
Let \mathcal{S}_1 and \mathcal{S}_2 be subsets of \mathcal{R}^n and \mathcal{R}^m , respectively.

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Example:

$$f : \mathcal{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2 \text{ with } f \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

$$f \left(\begin{bmatrix} \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:

$$T_A : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^3 \text{ with } T_A(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

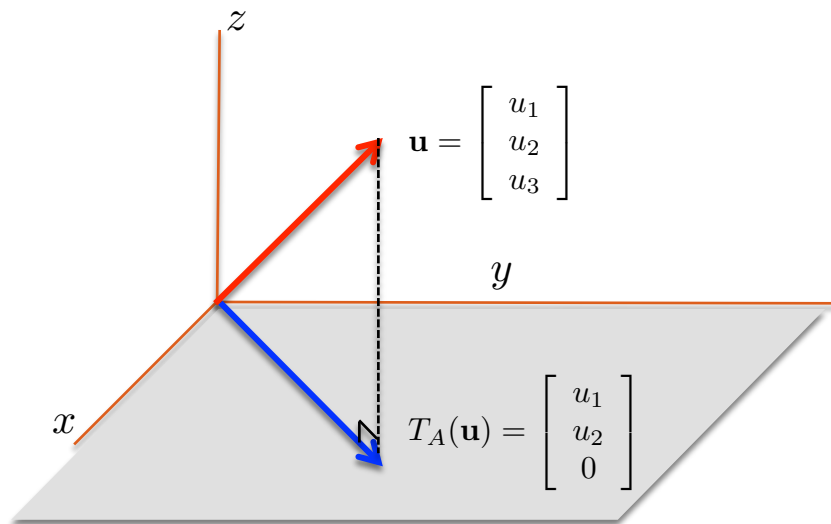
$$\Rightarrow T_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. The function $T_A : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ defined by $T_A(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ for all \mathbf{x} in \mathcal{R}^n is called the **matrix transformation induced by A** .

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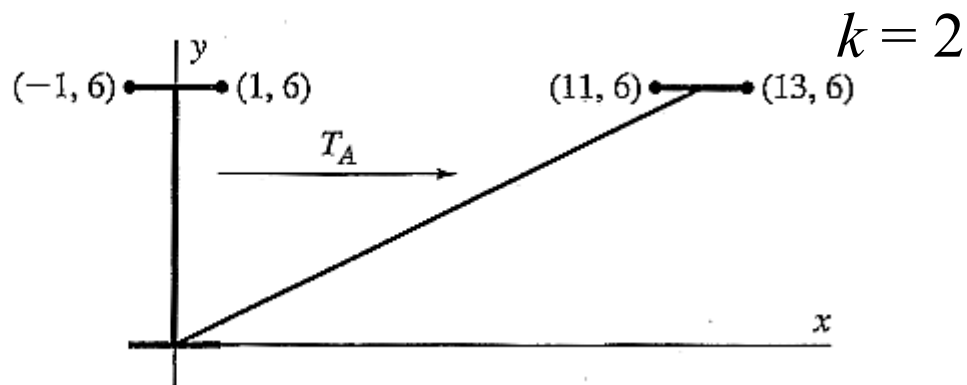
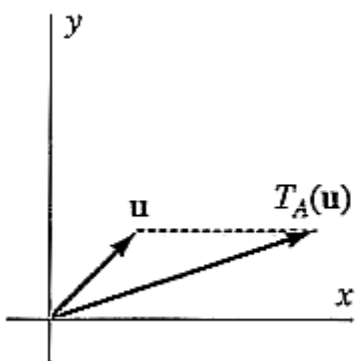
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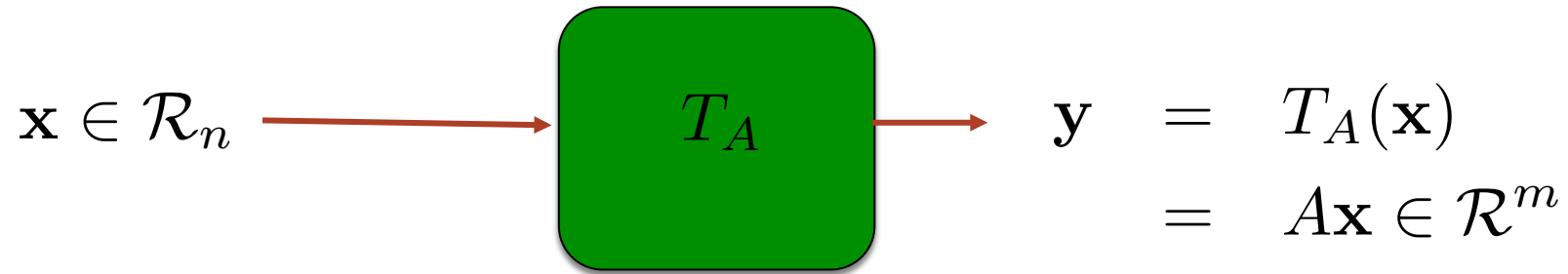


$T_A(\mathbf{u})$ is the **projection** of $\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{R}^3$ on to the xy -plane,
which is the **range** of T_A .

Example:

$$T_A : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2 \text{ with } T_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + kx_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ shear transformation}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$





Question: Is any **matrix transformation** (induced by an $m \times n$ matrix) a **function** (from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m)?

Question: Can any function from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m be written as a matrix transformation induced by an $m \times n$ matrix?

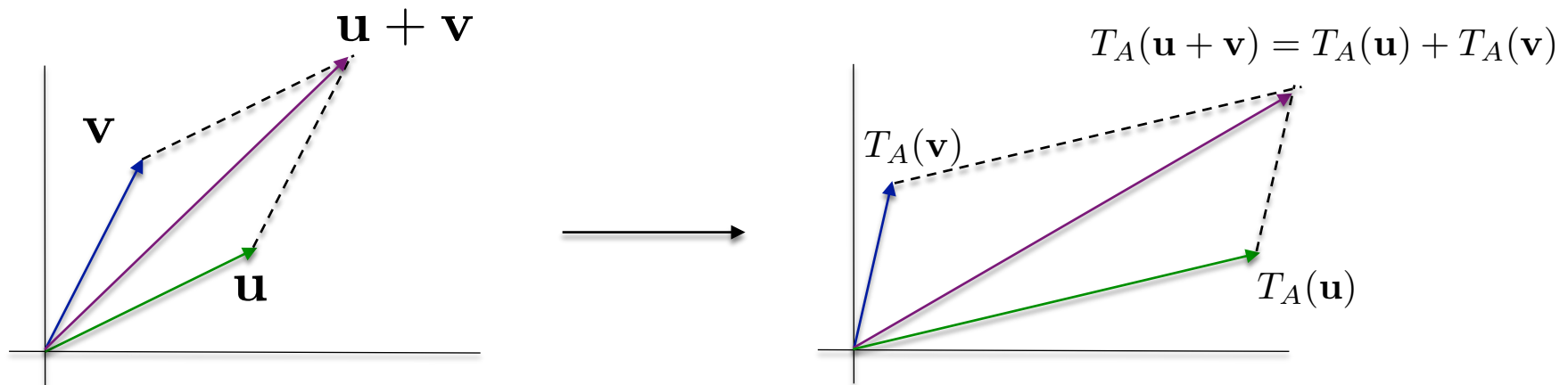
Think: What kind of properties does a matrix transformation, a special case of functions from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m , possess?

For example, can we express $T_A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})$ in terms of $T_A(\mathbf{u})$ and $T_A(\mathbf{v})$, for any $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{R}^n$?

Theorem 2.7

For any $m \times n$ matrix A and any vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n , the following statements are true:

- (a) $T_A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T_A(\mathbf{u}) + T_A(\mathbf{v})$
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Proof

Definition

A function T from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m , written $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$, is called a **linear transformation** (or simply **linear**) if, for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n and all scalars c , both of the following conditions hold:

- (i) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$.
- (ii) $T(c\mathbf{u}) = cT(\mathbf{u})$.

In the case of (i), we say that T **preserves vector addition**.

In the case of (ii), we say that T **preserves scalar multiplication**.

From Theorem 2.7, any **matrix transformation** (induced by any matrix A) must be a **linear transformation**!

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There are functions from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m satisfying condition (ii) of the definition of linear transformation but not (i). For example,

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{for } \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \neq \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If a function $T: \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ satisfies condition (i), then for all integers $k, l > 0$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$, $T(k\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x} + \cdots + \mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + \cdots + T(\mathbf{x}) = kT(\mathbf{x})$ and $T(\mathbf{x}) = T((1/l)\mathbf{x} + \cdots + (1/l)\mathbf{x}) = T((1/l)\mathbf{x}) + \cdots + T((1/l)\mathbf{x}) = lT((1/l)\mathbf{x})$, or $(1/l)T(\mathbf{x}) = T((1/l)\mathbf{x})$. Also, $T(\mathbf{0}) = T(\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}) = T(\mathbf{0}) + T(\mathbf{0})$, so $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$. And $T(\mathbf{0}) = T(\mathbf{x} + (-1)\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{x}) + T(-\mathbf{x})$, so $T(-\mathbf{x}) = -T(\mathbf{x})$. Therefore $T(r\mathbf{x}) = rT(\mathbf{x})$ for all rational number r . To further imply $T(c\mathbf{x}) = cT(\mathbf{x})$ for all real number c , “continuity” of the function T must be assumed.

Consider the following functions:

- (1) the identity transformation $I : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^n$ with $I(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$.
- (2) the zero transformation $T_0 : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ with $T_0(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$.

Question: Is each of them a linear transformation?

Question: Is each of them a matrix transformation?

Think: Can any linear transformation be written as a matrix transformation induced by an $m \times n$ matrix A ?

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- (a) $T(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$.
- (b) $T(-\mathbf{u}) = -T(\mathbf{u})$ for all vectors \mathbf{u} in \mathcal{R}^n .
- (c) $T(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}) = T(\mathbf{u}) - T(\mathbf{v})$ for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n .
- (d) $T(a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}) = aT(\mathbf{u}) + bT(\mathbf{v})$ for all vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n and all scalars a and b .

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Corollary:

Let $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ be a linear transformation. If $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k$ are vectors in \mathcal{R}^n and a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k are scalars, then

$$T(a_1\mathbf{u}_1 + a_2\mathbf{u}_2 + \dots + a_k\mathbf{u}_k) = a_1T(\mathbf{u}_1) + a_2T(\mathbf{u}_2) + \dots + a_kT(\mathbf{u}_k).$$

Note: $T : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ with $T(x) = 2x + 3$ is **not** a linear transformation, but is an **affine** transformation.

Example:

Suppose $T : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$ is a linear transformation such that

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) =$

(b) Find $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ and $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$, and then determine $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$.

Example:

$T : \mathcal{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2$ with $T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ is linear. Why?

(a) $T(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) =$

$$= T(\mathbf{u}) + T(\mathbf{v})$$

(b) $T(c\mathbf{u}) =$

$$= cT(\mathbf{u})$$

another way of verifying the linearity:

show \exists a matrix A such that $T = T_A$, and in this case

$$T_A \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix} = T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Observations:

1. $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear transformation.
2. It can be written as a matrix transformation induced by an 2×2 matrix A . $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Think again:

Can any linear transformation $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ be written as a matrix transformation induced by an $m \times n$ matrix A ?

If the answer is yes, then:

How can we determine the $m \times n$ matrix A , given the linear transformation $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$?

Theorem 2.9

Let $T : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^m$ be linear. Then there is a unique $m \times n$ matrix

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whose columns are the images under T of the standard vectors for \mathcal{R}^n , such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$ for all \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n .

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) & \cdots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

the **standard matrix** of T .

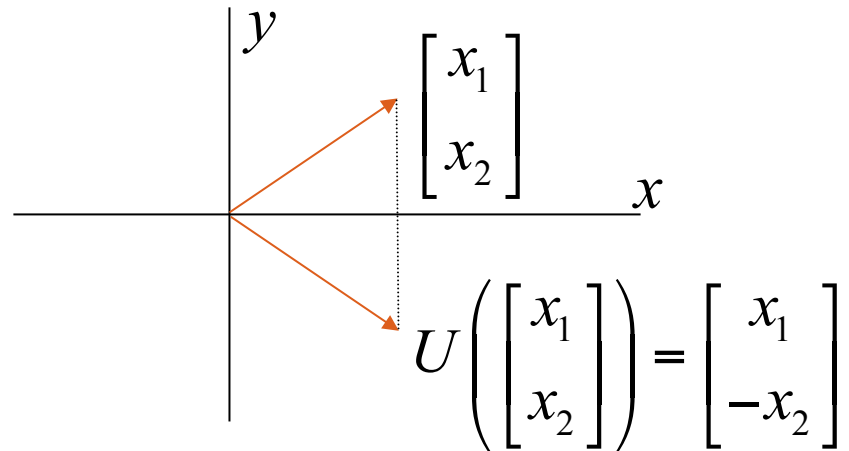
Note that, by Theorem 2.9, the standard matrix A of T has the property that $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$ for every \mathbf{v} in \mathcal{R}^n .

Example:

$$T : \mathcal{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^2 \text{ with } T \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x_1 - 4x_2 \\ 2x_1 + x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the standard matrix of T .

Example: Reflection of \mathcal{R}^2 about the x-axis.



$U(\mathbf{e}_1) = \mathbf{e}_1$, and $U(\mathbf{e}_2) = -\mathbf{e}_2$
 \Rightarrow the standard matrix of U

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

Homework Set for Section 2.7

Section 2.7: Problems 1-6, 10-12, 21-23, 26, 29, 32-34