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Topic 9 - Matrices of linear transformations

Ex: Consider $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
be defined by

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3x \\ 8x - y \end{pmatrix}$$

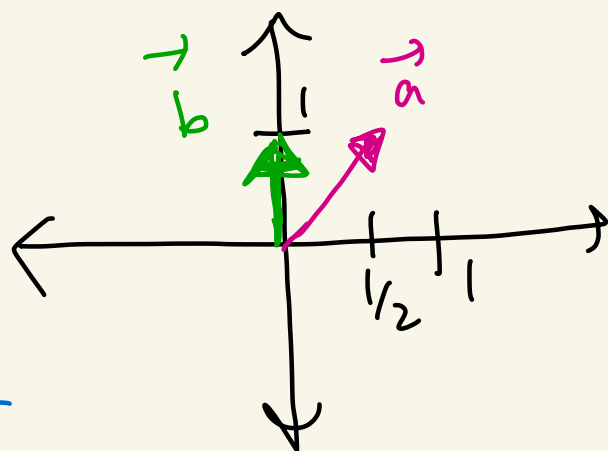
We saw that the eigenvalues of T are $\lambda = 3, -1$ with eigenvectors $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

That is, $T(\vec{a}) = 3\vec{a}$

$$T(\vec{b}) = -\vec{b}$$

Let $\beta = [\vec{a}, \vec{b}]$. Then
you can show \vec{a}, \vec{b} are lin. ind.
so β is a basis / coordinate system
for \mathbb{R}^2 .

basis
of
T's
eigenvectors



Idea: Given any other
vector \vec{v} we can
decompose it in terms
of the basis β
like this

$$\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{a} + c_2 \vec{b}$$

Ex:

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = 2\vec{a} + 1 \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$\left[\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$T(\vec{v})$$

Then,

$$T(\vec{v}) = T(c_1 \vec{a} + c_2 \vec{b})$$

$$= A(c_1 \vec{a} + c_2 \vec{b})$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = A(c_1 \vec{a}) + A(c_2 \vec{b})$$

$$= c_1 A \vec{a} + c_2 A \vec{b}$$

eigen-vector \vec{a}

$$= c_1 (3 \vec{a}) + c_2 (-\vec{b})$$

$$= (3c_1) \vec{a} + (-c_2) \vec{b}$$

$$= T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 8 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 6 \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

$$= 3(2 \vec{a}) - (1 \cdot \vec{b})$$

So T turns β -coordinates

$$[\vec{v}]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ into } \beta\text{-coordinates}$$

$$[T(\vec{v})]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 3c_1 \\ -c_2 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ The matrix}$$

that does this is: $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Another way to think of T:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3c_1 \\ -c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

new matrix that computes T

β -coordinates input

T applied to the β -coordinates but outputted as β -coordinates

$$T(c_1 \vec{a} + c_2 \vec{b}) = (3c_1) \vec{a} + (-c_2) \vec{b}$$

Let $\vec{w} = -2\vec{a} + 6\vec{b}$

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 6 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{w} \end{aligned}$$

Do this:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3(-2) \\ -(6) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

new matrix for T

\vec{w} 's β -coordinates

T(\vec{w})'s β -coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} T(\vec{w}) &= -6\vec{a} - 6\vec{b} \\ &= -6\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 6\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Def: Let $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a linear transformation.

Let $\beta = [\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n]$ be a basis / coordinate system for \mathbb{R}^n . The matrix

$$[T]_{\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} [T(\vec{v}_1)]_{\beta} & [T(\vec{v}_2)]_{\beta} & \dots & [T(\vec{v}_n)]_{\beta} \end{array} \right)$$

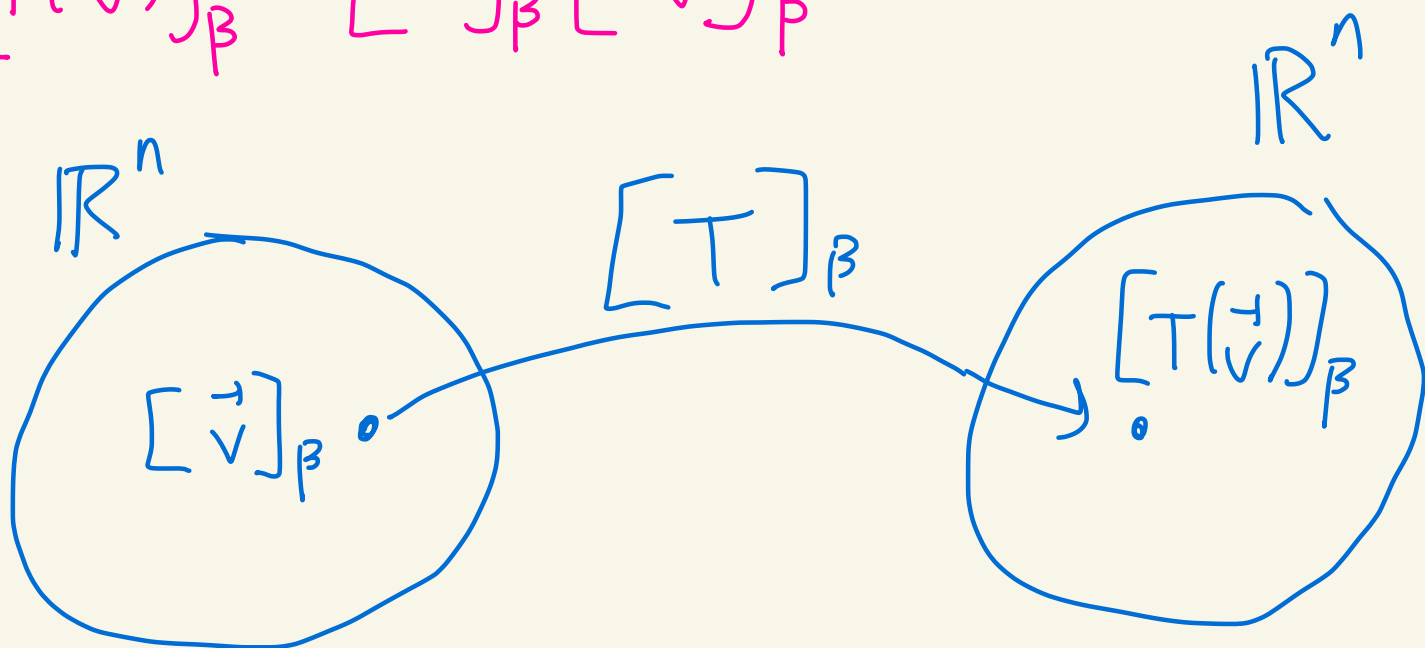
\uparrow column 1 \uparrow column 2 \uparrow column n

is called the matrix for T

with respect to β .

The matrix does this:

$$[T(\vec{v})]_{\beta} = [T]_{\beta} [\vec{v}]_{\beta}$$

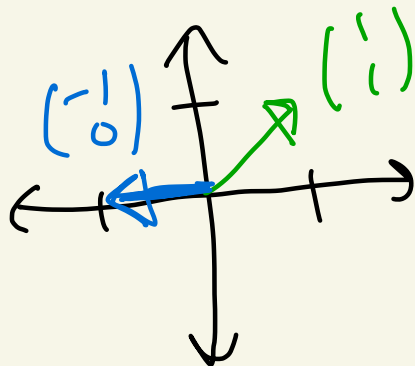


Ex: $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

Pick the basis

$$\beta = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$



Let's find $[T]_{\beta}$.

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-1 \\ 1+1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1-0 \\ -1+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

plug β
into T

write the answers
in β -coordinates

$$[T]_{\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} [T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}]_{\beta} & [T\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}]_{\beta} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

this matrix will compute T but
it wants β -coordinates as

input and gives β -coordinates as output

$$\text{Let } \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x-y \\ x+y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then, } T(\vec{v}) = T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-0 \\ 1+0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let's compute T using $[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

We need \vec{v} 's β -coordinates.

$$\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So, } [\vec{v}]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

And,

$$[T]_{\beta} [\vec{v}]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 0 - 1(-1) \\ 2 \cdot 0 + 0(-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = [T(\vec{v})]_{\beta}$$

So,

$$T(\vec{v}) = 1 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$