

MAT-535

## Rank of linear transformation

## \* Linear Transformation

The central objective of linear algebra is the analysis of the shear transformation is a this sort. First we define the concept of a linear function or transformation

Def<sup>n</sup>-

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be real vector space (their dimensions can be different) and let  $T$  be a function with domain  $V$  and range in  $W$  (written  $T: V \rightarrow W$ )

We say  $T$  is a linear transformation if

- for all  $x, y \in V$ ,  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$  ( $T$  is additive)
- for all  $x \in V$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(rx) = rT(x)$  ( $T$  is homogeneous)

If  $V$  and  $W$  are complex vector spaces the def<sup>n</sup> is the same except in

- $r \in \mathbb{C}$
- If  $V = W$ , then  $T$  can be called a linear operator

E.g let  $V = W = E'$  Define  $T(x) = mx$ , where  $m$  is a fixed real number. Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

Sol<sup>n</sup>

We must show that  $T$  is additive and homogeneous for the additivity.

We let  $x$  and  $y$  be in  $E'$  and calculate

$$\begin{aligned} T(x+y) &= m(x+y) = mx + my \\ T(x) + T(y) &= mx + my \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$ , we know that  $T$  is additive. Also  $T$  is homogeneous since

$$T(rx) = m(rx) = (mr)x = r(mx) = rT(x)$$

Thus  $T$  is a linear transformation.

E.g Let  $V = W = E'$ . For  $x \in V$ , define  $F(x) = mx + b$ , where  $m$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $b \neq 0$ . Show that  $F$  is not a linear transformation.

Sol<sup>n</sup>

First we check additivity, noting  $F(\cdot) = m(\cdot) + b$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x+y) &= m(x+y) + b \\ &= mx + my + b \end{aligned}$$

However

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) + F(y) &= (mx + b) + (my + b) \\ &= mx + my + 2b \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b \neq 0$ ,  $2b \neq 0$ . So  $F(x+y) \neq F(x) + F(y)$   
for all  $x, y \in V$ , and  $F$  is not linear

### THEOREM

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector space. If  $T: V \rightarrow W$   
is a linear transformation then  $T(\theta_V) = \theta_W$ .  
(The subscripts emphasize the vector space  
that the zero vector comes from)

Proof -

Since  $\theta_V + \theta_V = \theta_V$ ,

$$\underbrace{T(\theta_V)}_{\text{In } W} = \underbrace{T(\theta_V + \theta_V)}_{\text{By additivity}} = \underbrace{T(\theta_V) + T(\theta_V)}_{\text{In } W}$$

and so

$$T(\theta_V) = T(\theta_V) + T(\theta_V)$$

By uniqueness of  $\theta_W$  in  $W$  the only way  
the last equation can hold is if

$$T(\theta_V) = \theta_W$$

This th<sup>m</sup> can sometimes be used to show  
transformations are non-linear

A logical consequence of the th<sup>m</sup> is  
If  $T(\theta_V) \neq \theta_W$  then  $T$  is not linear

Eg Show that  $T: E^2 \rightarrow E^2$ ; defined by  
 $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2 + 1)$   
is not linear

Eg Let  $T: E^2 \rightarrow E^1$  be defined by  
 $T(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$   
Show that  $T$  is not linear even though  
 $T(0) = 0$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup> = We have  $T(0) = T(0, 0) = 0^2 + 0^2 = 0$   
which is the zero of  $E^1$  - this allows no  
conclusion. the definition of linearity may  
be used

To check additivity we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} T(x+y) &= T((x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2)) \\ &= T((x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1)^2 + (x_2 + y_2)^2 \\ &= x_1^2 + 2x_1y_1 + y_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_2y_2 + y_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$T(x) + T(y) = T((x_1, x_2)) + T((y_1, y_2))$$

$$= x_1^2 + x_2^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2$$

Since  $T(x+y) \neq T(x) + T(y)$ . We know that  $T$  is not linear. In most cases, to determine linearity or nonlinearity of a transformation. We use the definition

Show that the following transformation are linear.

a)  $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^3$  defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2 + x_3, x_3 + x_1)$$

b)  $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^3$  defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = v \times (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

where  $v$  is a fixed vector in  $E^3$

c)  $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^3$  defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are fixed real numbers

d)  $T: M_{22} \rightarrow M_{22}$  defined by

$$T \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

e)  $T: P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  defined by

$$T(ax+b) = \frac{ax^2}{2} + bx$$

f)  $T: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  defined by

$$T((z_1, z_2)) = (z_1 + z_2, z_1 - 2z_2)$$

Solution - Parts (a) through (e) are left to the problems.

$$(f) T((z_1, z_2) + (u_1, u_2)) = T((z_1 + u_1, z_2 + u_2))$$

$$= (z_1 + u_1 + z_2 + u_2, z_1 + u_1 - 2z_2 - 2u_2)$$

$$= (z_1 + z_2, z_1 - 2z_2) + (u_1 + u_2, u_1 - 2u_2)$$

$$= T((z_1, z_2)) + T((u_1, u_2))$$

$$T(c(z_1, z_2)) = T((cz_1, cz_2))$$

$$= (cz_1 + cz_2, cz_1 - 2cz_2)$$

$$= c(z_1 + z_2, z_1 - 2z_2)$$

$$= cT((z_1, z_2))$$

Thus  $T$  is linear

Show that  $T: C_{22} \rightarrow C_{22}$  defined by  $T(A) = \bar{A}$  is not linear

Sol<sup>n</sup> - We know that  $T(cA) = \overline{cA} = \bar{c}\bar{A} = \bar{c}T(A) \neq cT(A) = \bar{A}$  is not linear

unless  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

but  $c$  can have that a non-zero imaginary part, so  $T$  is not linear. (However  $T$  is called conjugate linear because  $T(cA) = \bar{c}T(A)$  and  $T(A+B) = T(A) + T(B)$ )

Let  $V = M_{n1}$  and  $W = M_{m1}$ . Let  $M$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix. Define  $T: V \rightarrow W$  by

$$T(x) = Mx$$

$T$  is linear because by matrix algebra

$$T(x+y) = M(x+y) = Mx + My$$

$$T(cx) = M(cx) = c(Mx)$$

Let  $V = C_{n1}$  and  $W = C_{m1}$  and let  $Z$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix from  $C_{mn}$ . Define

$T: V \rightarrow W$  by  $T(x) = Zx$ . Then  $T$  is linear because by matrix algebra

$$Z(x+y) = Zx + Zy$$

$$Z(cx) = c(Zx)$$

Some Special linear transformation  
be noted for future use

The zero transformation  $T_0$  from  $V$   
is defined as

$$T(x) = 0_w \text{ for all } x \text{ in } V$$

The identity transformation  $I$  from  $V$  to  
is defined as

$$I(x) = x \text{ for all } x \text{ in } V$$

The contraction transformation  $T_\alpha$  from  $V$   
is

$$T_\alpha(x) = \alpha x, 0 < \alpha < 1, \text{ for all } x$$

The dilation transformation  $T_\beta$  from  $V$  to  
is

$$T_\beta(x) = \beta x, 1 < \beta \text{ for all } x$$

Verification that these are linear trans-  
formation is left to the problems.

Although several eg linear transformation  
have now been given.

We have not yet begun to analyze  
linear transformation

In algebra, analysis of function was  
with graphs of the function.



In our present situation we must usually be satisfied without the types of graphs we drew in algebra

Find  $\ker T$ , where  $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2 - x_3)$

Since  $\ker T = \{x \mid T(x) = \theta\}$  we must solve  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0)$ .

$$(x_1 + x_2, x_2 - x_3) = (0, 0)$$

The resulting equations are

$$x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

which have solution  $(-k, k, k)$  Therefore

$$\ker T = \{v \in E^3 \mid v = k(-1, 1, 1)\}$$

$$= \text{Span}\{(-1, 1, 1)\}$$

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector space, and let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. The set  $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Proof - The kernel of  $T$  is non-empty because  $T(\theta) = \theta$ . We need to show that  $\ker T$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Recall that  $x \in \ker T$ , if and only if  
 let  $x$  and  $y$  be in  $\ker T$   
 and  $c$  be a number  
 By the linearity of  $T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(x+y) &= T(x) + T(y) \\ &= 0 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(cx) &= cT(x) \\ &= c \cdot 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0$$

So  $x+y \in \ker T$  and  $cx \in \ker T$ , thus  
 $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $V$

Since  $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $V$ , it  
 has a dimension. The dimension of  $\ker T$  is  
 the nullity of  $T$ .

Thus for the linear transformation  
 the nullity is  $\perp$

We write this

$$\eta(T) = \perp$$

e.g. Calculate  $\eta(T)$  for the linear transformation  
 $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^2$  defined by

$$T(a, b, c) = (a + 2b + c, -a + 3b + c)$$

Find a basis for  $\ker T$ .

We must find the set of all vectors  $(a, b, c)$  in  $E^3$  that  $T(a, b, c) = (0, 0)$ . That is the equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a + 2b + c \\ -a + 3b + c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

must be solved. The solution is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -k \\ -2k \\ 5k \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\ker T = \text{span} \{(-1, -2, 5)\}$ . Therefore  $\dim(\ker T) = 1$ , so  $\eta(T) = 1$ . A basis is  $\{(-1, -2, 5)\}$ .

To continue the analysis of linear transformation, we consider the range of  $T$ .

In algebra finding the range of a function  $f$  is important in graphing  $y = f(x)$ .

$y = x^2 - 2x - 3$  has range  $\{y \mid -4 \leq y \leq \infty\}$ . The sol<sup>n</sup> of  $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$  are  $x = 3, x = -1$ .

(That is, the kernel of  $f$  is  $\{-1, 3\}$ . All this information is shown.

The range of a linear transformation cannot always be used to obtain a graph of  $T$ , but it is quite useful - in other ways.

Def<sup>n</sup> - Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.  
 range of  $T$  is the set of all possible  
 such that  $y = T(x)$  for some  $x$  in  $V$ .  
 The range of  $T$  is the set of all  
 in  $V$  in  $W$ . such that  $y = T(x)$  for some  
 $x$  in  $V$ .

The range of  $T$  is written  $\text{range } T$ .  
 range of  $T$  is a subspace of  $W$  (see ...)

Th<sup>m</sup> - If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation  
 and  $\dim V = n$ , then

$$R(T) + \eta(T) = n$$

Before proving this th<sup>m</sup>, we consider an  
 of its use.

e.g Find the nullity of the linear transformation

Sol<sup>n</sup> We have  $T: E^3 \rightarrow E^3$  and found  $R(T)$   
 since  $\dim V = \dim E^3 = 3$   
 leads to

$$2 + \eta(T) = 3$$

Therefore  $\eta(T) = 1$

Proof - Since  $\ker T$  and range of  $T$  are vector  
 space,  $R(T)$  and  $\eta(T)$  are defined.  
 consider three case  $\eta(T) = 0$ ,  $\eta(T) = 1$ ,  
 $1 \leq \eta(T) \leq n-1$

Case I.

$n(T) = 0$ , Suppose  $R(T) = k < n$ . That is  
Suppose that  $n(T) + R(T) < n$

We will obtain a contradiction.

Since  $R(T) = k$ , any set of more than  $k$   
vectors in range  $T$  is linearly dependent.

Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for  $V$ .

Since  $k < n$ ,  $\{T(v_1), \dots, T(v_n)\}$

must be linearly dependent and so there  
exist