

## Ch-2 Linear Transformations & Matrices

In Chapter 1, we studied the theory of vector spaces. In this chapter we are going to do linear transformations which are functions over vector spaces and preserve the structure of a vector space in some sense.

### Section 2.1

Defn:- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over same field  $F$ . we call a function  $T: V \rightarrow W$  a linear transformation from  $V$  to  $W$  if, for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $c \in F$ , we have,

- (a)  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$  and
- (b)  $T(cx) = cT(x)$ .

We often simply call  $T$  linear.

Properties:- Let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be a function where  $V$  and  $W$  are vector spaces (over  $F$ ).

- 1.) If  $T$  is linear, then  $T(0) = 0$

Proof:- As  $T$  is linear.

$$\therefore T(cx) = cT(x) \text{ for all } c \in F \text{ and } x \in V.$$

$$\therefore T(0) = T(0 \cdot x) = 0 \cdot T(x) = 0 \quad [ \because 0 \cdot x = 0 \forall x \in V ].$$

$$\therefore T(0) = 0.$$

②  $T$  is linear if and only if  $T(cx+y) = cT(x)+T(y)$  for all  $x, y \in V$  and  $c \in F$ .

Proof: Let  $T(cx+y) = cT(x)+T(y)$   $\forall x, y \in V \text{ & } c \in F$ .

Claim:  $T$  is linear.

Taking  $c=1$ , we get

$$T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y), \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

and taking  $y=0$ , we get

$$T(cx) = cT(x), \quad \forall x \in V \text{ & } c \in F.$$

Conversely, let  $T$  is linear.

$$\therefore (a) \quad T(x+y) = T(x)+T(y), \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

$$(b) \quad T(cx) = cT(x), \quad \forall x \in V, c \in F.$$

Let  $c \in F$  and  $x \in V$  &  $y \in V$

$$\text{then } cx \in V$$

$$\therefore \text{By (a)} \quad T(cx+y) = T(cx)+T(y)$$

$$= cT(x)+T(y) \quad (\text{By (b)})$$

$$\therefore T(cx+y) = cT(x)+T(y), \quad \forall x, y \in V \\ \text{& } c \in F.$$

③ If  $T$  is linear, then  $T(x-y) = T(x)-T(y)$   $\forall x, y \in V$ .

Proof: Let  $x, y \in V$ , then  $-y \in V$

$$\therefore T(x+(-y)) = T(x)+T(-y)$$

$$= T(x)+T((-1)y) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Ansatz} \\ \text{A}(-1)y = -x \\ \text{A}(1)y = x \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow = T(u) + (-1) T(y)$$

$$T(u + (-y)) = T(u) - T(y)$$

$$\therefore T(u-y) = T(u+(-y)) = T(u)-T(y)$$

$$\therefore T(u-y) = T(u)-T(y), \forall u, y \in V.$$

(4)  $T$  is linear if and only if, for  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in V$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ , we have

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i u_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(u_i).$$

Proof: Let  $T$  is linear, we will prove the required claim by mathematical induction on  $n$ .

$$\text{If } n=1, \text{ then } T(a_1 u_1) = a_1 T(u_1) \quad \forall u_1 \in V \quad \text{and } a_1 \in F$$

As  $T$  is linear ( $\because$  By (b) part)

$\rightarrow$  The result is true for  $n=1$ .

Now the result is true for  $n=k-1$ , i.e.

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i u_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i T(u_i) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

for all  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{k-1} \in V$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-1} \in F$ .

Now we show that the result is true for  $n=k$ .

Consider,  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in V$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in F$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 T\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i x_i\right) &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i x_i + a_k x_k\right) \\
 &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i x_i\right) + T(a_k x_k) \quad [\text{By part (a)}] \\
 &= T\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i x_i\right) + a_k T(x_k) \quad [\text{By part (b)}] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} a_i T(x_i) + a_k T(x_k) \quad [\text{By (1)}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(x_i)$$

which is required.

∴ By principle of mathematical induction, we have

$$T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(x_i)$$

for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in V$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

Conversely let  $T\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i T(x_i)$

for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in V$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

Claim:  $T$  is linear.

(Do yourself)

Note:- We will be using property 2, i.e.  
~~[~~  $T$  is linear iff  $T(cx+y) = cT(x)+T(y)$  ]  
 to prove a given transformation is linear.

Example:-

① Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as

$$T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (a_1 - a_2, 2a_3)$$

Then  $T$  is linear.

Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_1, a_2, a_3), (b_1, b_2, b_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

then

$$\begin{aligned} T(c(a_1, a_2, a_3) + (b_1, b_2, b_3)) &= T(c a_1 + b_1, c a_2 + b_2, c a_3 + b_3) \\ &= (c a_1 + b_1 - (c a_2 + b_2), 2(c a_3 + b_3)) \\ &= (c a_1 - c a_2 + b_1 - b_2, 2 c a_3 + 2 b_3) \\ &= (c a_1 - c a_2, 2 c a_3) + (b_1 - b_2, 2 b_3) \\ &= c T(a_1, a_2, a_3) + T(b_1, b_2, b_3) \end{aligned}$$

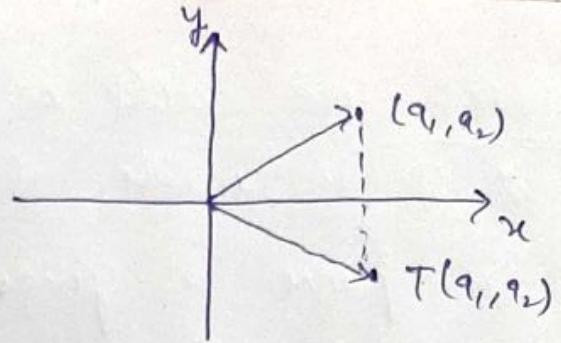
$$\therefore T(c(a_1, a_2, a_3) + (b_1, b_2, b_3)) = c T(a_1, a_2, a_3) + T(b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

&  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_1, a_2, a_3), (b_1, b_2, b_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  are arb.

$\therefore T$  is linear transformation.

② Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as  
 $T(a_1, a_2) = (a_1, -a_2)$

is linear and called  
 reflection about  $x$ -axis



$\rightarrow$  Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(c(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2)) &= T((ca_1, ca_2) + (b_1, b_2)) \\
 &= T[(ca_1 + b_1, ca_2 + b_2)] \\
 &= (ca_1 + b_1, -(ca_2 + b_2)) \\
 &= (ca_1 + b_1, -ca_2 - b_2) \\
 &= [(a_1, -a_2) + (b_1, -b_2)] \\
 &= c(a_1, -a_2) + (b_1, -b_2) \\
 &= cT(a_1, a_2) + T(b_1, b_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T(c(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2)) = cT(a_1, a_2) + T(b_1, b_2)$$

As  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  are arb.

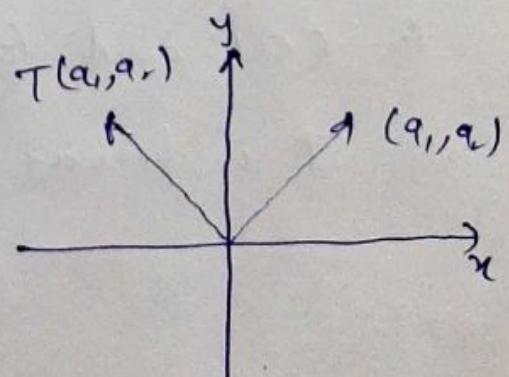
$\rightarrow$   $T$  is a linear transformation.

③ Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as

$$T(a_1, a_2) = (-a_1, a_2)$$

is linear and called reflection  
 about  $y$ -axis

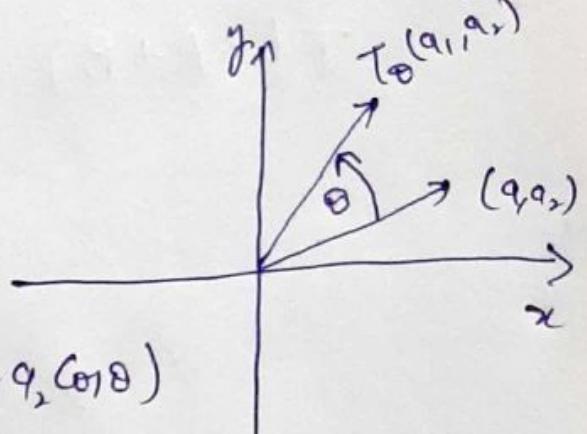
(Do yourself)



④ For any angle  $\theta$ , Define  $T_\theta: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by the rule:  $T_\theta(a_1, a_2)$  is the vector obtained by rotating vector  $(a_1, a_2)$  counterclockwise by  $\theta$  if  $(a_1, a_2) \neq 0$  and  $T_\theta(0, 0) = 0$ . This mapping is called rotation by  $\theta$ .

Explicitly  $T_\theta$  can be defined as

$$T_\theta: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$



$$T_\theta(a_1, a_2) = (a_1 \cos \theta - a_2 \sin \theta, a_1 \sin \theta + a_2 \cos \theta)$$

$T_\theta$  is linear transformation

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } c \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ and } (a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

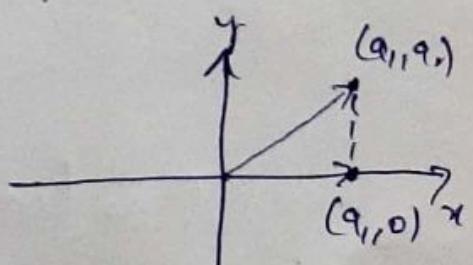
$$\begin{aligned} T_\theta(c(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2)) &= T_\theta((ca_1 + b_1, ca_2 + b_2)) \\ &= (ca_1 + b_1) \cos \theta - (ca_2 + b_2) \sin \theta, (ca_1 + b_1) \sin \theta + (ca_2 + b_2) \cos \theta \\ &= (ca_1 \cos \theta - ca_2 \sin \theta, ca_1 \sin \theta + ca_2 \cos \theta) \\ &\quad + (b_1 \cos \theta - b_2 \sin \theta, b_1 \sin \theta + b_2 \cos \theta) \\ &= c T(a_1, a_2) + T(b_1, b_2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore T$  is linear transformation.

⑤ Define  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$T(a_1, a_2) = (a_1, 0)$$

then  $T$  is linear and called projection on the  $x$ -axis (Do yourself).



⑥ Define  $T: M_{m \times n}(F) \rightarrow M_{m \times m}(F)$  as

$$T(A) = A^t$$

then  $T$  is linear transformation

$\rightarrow$  let  $c \in F$  and  $A, B \in M_{m \times n}(F)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(cA + B) &= (cA + B)^t \\ &= (cA)^t + B^t \quad (\because (A+B)^t = A^t + B^t) \\ &= cA^t + B^t \\ &= cT(A) + T(B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T(cA + B) = cT(A) + T(B)$$

$\rightarrow T$  is linear transformation.

⑦ Define  $T: M_{n \times n}(F) \rightarrow F$  as

$$T(A) = \text{trace}(A)$$

then  $T$  is linear transformation

$\rightarrow$  let  $c \in F$  and  $A, B \in M_{n \times n}(F)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(cA + B) &= \text{trace}(cA + B) \\ &= \text{trace}(cA) + \text{trace}(B) \\ &= c\text{trace}(A) + \text{trace}(B) \\ &= cT(A) + T(B) \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow T$  is linear transformation.

(8) Let  $V = C(\mathbb{R})$  = set of all continuous real valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b$ .

Define  $T: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$T(f) = \int_a^b f(t) dt$$

then  $T$  is linear transformation.

$\rightarrow$  Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g \in V$ .

$$T(cf + g) = \int_a^b (cf + g)(t) dt$$

$$= \int_a^b (cf(t) + g(t)) dt$$

$$= \int_a^b cf(t) dt + \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

$$= c \int_a^b f(t) dt + \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

$$= cT(f) + T(g) \quad . . . \blacksquare$$

(9) Let  $V$  be a Vector Space.

then define  $I_V: V \rightarrow V$  as

$$I_V(v) = v, \quad v \in V$$

is a linear transformation and called Identity transformation on  $V$  denoted by  $I_V$ .

10. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces.

Define  $T_0: V \rightarrow W$  as

$$T_0(x) = 0 \quad ; \forall x \in V.$$

Then  $T_0$  is linear transformation and is called zero transformation.

Def<sup>n</sup>:- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and let  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be linear. We define the null space (or kernel) denoted by  $N(T)$ , of  $T$  to be the set of all vectors  $x$  in  $V$  s.t.  $T(x) = 0$ . i.e.  $N(T) = \{x \in V : T(x) = 0\}$

We define range (or image) denoted by  $R(T)$ , of  $T$  to be the subset of  $W$  as

$$R(T) = \{T(x) : x \in V\}.$$

Note:-  $N(T) \subseteq V$  and  $R(T) \subseteq W$ .

Examples:-

(1) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$T(a_1, a_2) = (a_1 + a_2, 0, 2a_1 - a_2)$$

then  $T$  is a linear transformation (show)

$$N(T) = \{(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : T(a_1, a_2) = (0, 0, 0)\}$$

$$\text{As } T(a_1, a_2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\rightarrow (q_1 + q_2, 0, 2q_1 - q_2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\rightarrow q_1 + q_2 = 0$$

$$\& 2q_1 - q_2 = 0$$

Solving these we get  $q_1 = 0, q_2 = 0$

$$\therefore N(T) = \{(0, 0)\}$$

$$\text{and } R(T) = \{T(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

$$= \{(q_1 + q_2, 0, 2q_1 - q_2) : (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

$$\rightarrow R(T) = \{(x, 0, y) : \left(\frac{x+y}{3}, \frac{2x-y}{3}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \quad \cancel{\text{or } R(T) = \mathbb{R}^2}$$

Q. Let  $T$  be the reflection about  $x$ -axis.

$$\text{i.e. } T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ as}$$

$$T(q_1, q_2) = (q_1, -q_2)$$

then

$$N(T) = \{(q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : T(q_1, q_2) = (0, 0)\}$$

$$= \{(q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : (q_1, -q_2) = (0, 0)\}$$

$$= \{(0, 0)\}$$

and

$$R(T) = \{T(q_1, q_2) : (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

$$= \{(q_1, -q_2) : (q_1, q_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$$

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$$R(T) = \mathbb{R}^2$$