

Math 2270-3
Tuesday Sept 15

§3.1 Image and kernel of linear transformations

Recall,

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a function

X is called domain of f

Y is called target of f

$\{f(x) \in Y \text{ s.t. } x \in X\}$ is a subset of Y and is called image of f

to avoid confusion because the usual word "range" is sometimes ambiguous.

HW for Friday Sept 18 (was posted last Fri.)

2.3 29, 33, 34, 38, 45, 48, 49, 50

2.4 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 29, 33, 38, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 104

Review p 98-99: justify! 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 16, 26, 34, 40, 41

3.1 3, 5, 6, 13, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37.

Ex $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$f(x) = e^x$

domain = \mathbb{R}

target = \mathbb{R}

image = $\{y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } y > 0\} = (0, \infty)$

Today: $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ linear, i.e. $\begin{cases} T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v}) \\ T(k\vec{u}) = kT(\vec{u}) \end{cases} \quad \forall \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{R}$

- then what are the possible geometries of $\text{image}(T)$?
- also, the kernel of T , $\ker(T)$ is defined to be the domain subset mapped to $\vec{0}$:

$\ker(T) := \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } T(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}\}$

= "vectors that get squashed by T "

What ^{are} the possible geometries of $\ker(T)$?

Examples for $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ linear:

	kernel	image
rotations		
reflections across a line L thru 0		
projections onto L		
invertible T		

Theorem (3.1.8) The following are equivalent characterizations that the linear transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$, $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is invertible

- (1) (ref)
- (2) (ker)
- (3) (image)
- (4) (1-1)
- (5) (onto)
- (6) (rank)
- (7) (a unique sol.).

example $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$f \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

ker(f) is easy

image(f) a little harder

or (better!)

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & y_1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & y_2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & y_3 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & y_1 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & y_2 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & y_3 - y_1 \end{array} \\ \hline \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 3 & y_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & y_2/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & y_3 - y_1 - y_2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Image}(f) = \left\{ x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} : x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \text{all linear combos of } \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$= \text{span} \left\{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \right\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vec{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= t \\ x_2 &= 2t \\ x_1 &= -t \end{aligned}$$

$$\ker f = \left\{ t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

line thru origin.

this will be solvable iff $-y_1 - y_2 + y_3 = 0$

i.e. iff \vec{y} lies on the plane thru origin $\{ \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y_1 + y_2 - y_3 = 0 \}$

What can I do to a collection of vectors to clean them up and figure out their span?

- ① interchange 2 vectors
- ② multiply a vector by non-zero const
- ③ replace a vector by its sum with a scalar multiple of another vector

expressing $f(\vec{x})$ in the linear combo of cols way, and looking at $\ker(f)$, we see

$$-1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

the $\ker(f)$ tells me about possible redundancy in my "span" expression for $\text{image}(f)$

$$\text{So } \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ So } \text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3 \} = \text{span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \} \text{ is a plane!}$$

$$\vec{v}_3 = \vec{v}_1 - 2\vec{v}_2$$

What kind of subsets of \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m can $\ker T$ and $\text{image}(T)$ be, when T is linear?

(4)

Theorem $\ker()$ is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

proof: We need to show that if $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \ker T$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$, then

(1) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in \ker T$

(2) $k\vec{u} \in \ker T$

check:

Theorem $\text{image}()$ is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

proof: We need to show that if $\vec{w}, \vec{z} \in \text{image}(T)$ then

(1) $\vec{w} + \vec{z} \in \text{image}(T)$ & $k \in \mathbb{R}$

(2) $k\vec{w} \in \text{image}(T)$

check:

So, what subsets of \mathbb{R}^n are closed under addition and scalar multiplication?
e.g. in $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$?

possible subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 closed under addition and scalar multiplication
(let S be such a subset (called a subspace)

let $\vec{u} \in S$
then $0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ is a scalar mult, so

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \in S$$

↑ a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n is a subset closed under addition and scalar multiplication. This page shows the only subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 are

- (0) $\{\vec{0}\}$
- (1) Lines thru origin
- (2) Planes thru origin
- (3) all of \mathbb{R}^3

① one possibility
[closed under + & s.m.]

If this is not all of S , then let $\vec{u} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{u} \in S$.

$\Rightarrow \{t\vec{u}\} \subset S$ ← ① another possibility, a line thru origin

If $L = \{t\vec{u} : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is not all of S , let $\vec{v} \in S, \vec{v} \notin L$

$$\Rightarrow \{t\vec{u} + s\vec{v} : s, t \in \mathbb{R}\} \subset S$$

↑ ② plane thru origin.
[could get normal vector by $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ or
rref $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & | & \vec{0} \end{bmatrix}$

If the plane above is not all of S ,
let $\vec{w} \in S, \vec{w} \notin \text{plane}$.

$$\text{then } \{t\vec{u} + s\vec{v} + r\vec{w} : s, t, r \in \mathbb{R}\} = \mathbb{R}^3 !$$

proof: this is "clear" geometrically but requires an algebraic proof.
The explanation is quite clever, with ideas we shall use over & over:

Write $t\vec{u} + s\vec{v} + r\vec{w} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u} & \vec{v} & \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ r \end{bmatrix}$

↗ i.e. S is all of \mathbb{R}^3 .

from page 2,
the transformation $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ is onto iff $\ker(T) = \{\vec{0}\}$

so $\ker T = \{\vec{0}\}$ } Suppose $A \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0}$. Then $t\vec{u} + s\vec{v} + r\vec{w} = \vec{0}$
 if $r \neq 0$, then solve for \vec{w} : $\vec{w} = -\frac{t}{r}\vec{u} - \frac{s}{r}\vec{v}$
 but we chose \vec{w} not in $\vec{u}-\vec{v}$ plane!
 thus $r=0$, so $t\vec{u} + s\vec{v} = \vec{0}$
 thus $s=0$, since otherwise $\vec{v} = -\frac{t}{s}\vec{u}$.
 thus $t=0$, since otherwise $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$!

so our space is all of \mathbb{R}^3 !