

Goal Invent matrix multiplication

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Recall A linear transformation determines and is determined by its action on a basis.



Encode linear trans'n $V \xrightarrow{f} W$ by

① Choose ordered bases $\alpha = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$, $\beta = (w_1, \dots, w_m)$ of V, W , resp.

② Record $\text{Rep}_\beta f(v_1), \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_2), \dots, \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_n) \in F^m$ as the columns of an $m \times n$ matrix

$$A_\alpha^\beta(f) = \begin{pmatrix} | & & | \\ \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_1) & \dots & \text{Rep}_\beta f(v_n) \\ | & & | \end{pmatrix} \in F^{m \times n}$$

This is the matrix representing f relative to the ordered bases α, β .

This produces a linear transformation (check! $A_\alpha^\beta(f+g) = A_\alpha^\beta(f) + A_\alpha^\beta(g)$, $A_\alpha^\beta(\lambda f) = \lambda A_\alpha^\beta(f)$)

$$A_\alpha^\beta : \text{Hom}(V, W) \longrightarrow F^{m \times n}$$

$$f \longmapsto A_\alpha^\beta(f)$$

Q Why surjective?

A Given $A = (a_{ij}) \in F^{m \times n}$, take $f: V \rightarrow W$ linear

$$\text{Then } A_\alpha^\beta(f) = A.$$

$$v_j \longmapsto \sum_i a_{ij} w_i$$

vector with Repr

Q Why injective?

$$\text{A } \ker(A_\alpha^\beta) = \{f \in \text{Hom}(V, W) \mid A_\alpha^\beta(f) = (0)\}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{1j} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mj} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \{f \mid f(v_j) = 0 \ \forall j\} = \{0: V \rightarrow W\}.$$

Upshot $A_{\alpha}^{\beta}: \text{Hom}(V, W) \cong F^{m \times n}.$

But wait — there's more!

$$U \xrightarrow{f} V \xrightarrow{g} W$$

$$\searrow \quad \nearrow$$

$$g \circ f$$

Suppose U has ord'd basis $\alpha = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$

$V \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad \beta = (v_1, \dots, v_m)$

$W \xrightarrow{\quad} \quad \gamma = (w_1, \dots, w_\ell)$

Get matrices $A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) \in F^{m \times n}$

$A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) \in F^{\ell \times m}$

$A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \circ f) \in F^{\ell \times n}$

$$\text{Hom}(V, W) \times \text{Hom}(U, V) \xrightarrow{\circ} \text{Hom}(U, W)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \cong \downarrow & \downarrow \cong \\ F^{\ell \times m} & \times & F^{m \times n} \longrightarrow F^{\ell \times n} \end{array}$$

Goal Define a function

$$F^{l \times m} \times F^{m \times n} \longrightarrow F^{l \times n}$$

$$(A, B) \longmapsto A \cdot B$$

$$\text{such that } A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \circ f) = A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) \cdot A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f)$$

👉 The function won't depend on $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, f, g$, but rather only on matrix entries.

let's compute $(g \circ f)(u_j) = g(f(u_j))$ k -th entry of j -th col of $[A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f) = (b_{kj})]$

$$= g\left(\sum_k b_{kj} v_k\right)$$
$$= \sum_k b_{kj} g(\underline{v_k}) \quad [\text{linearity}]$$

$$= \sum_k b_{kj} \left(\sum_i a_{ik} w_i \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{i-th entry of k-th col} \\ \text{of } [A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) = (a_{ik})] \end{array}$$

$$= \sum_i \underbrace{\left(\sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj} \right)}_{(i,j) \text{ entry of } A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \cdot f)} w_i$$

Thus for arbitrary $A = (a_{ij}) \in F^{l \times m}$, $B = (b_{ij}) \in F^{m \times n}$,

we must define $A \cdot B \in F^{l \times n}$ to be the matrix (c_{ij}) with

$$c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj}.$$

With this operation, we have .

Thm $A_{\alpha}^{\gamma}(g \circ f) = A_{\beta}^{\gamma}(g) \cdot A_{\alpha}^{\beta}(f)$

i.e. matrix multiplication encodes composition of linear transformations!

Matrix multiplication visually:

$$c_{ij} = a_{i1}b_{1j} + a_{i2}b_{2j} + \dots + a_{im}b_{mj}$$

E.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot (-1) + 3 \cdot 2 & 1 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 \\ 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot (-1) + 6 \cdot 2 & 4 \cdot (-1) + 5 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

often called the dot product
of $(a_{i1}, \dots, a_{im})$ and
 $(b_{1j}, \dots, b_{mj})$.

Alternative visualization:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now consider $\mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}^3$

$$e_1 \mapsto (1, -1, 2)$$

$$e_2 \mapsto (-1, 1, 0)$$

$\mathbb{R}^3 \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}^2$ lin trans'n's.

$$e_1 \mapsto (1, 4)$$

$$e_2 \mapsto (2, 5)$$

$$e_3 \mapsto (3, 6)$$

Then $A(f) = A_{\Sigma_2}^{\Sigma_3}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A(g) = A_{\Sigma_3}^{\Sigma_2}(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation Write

$$\Sigma_n := (e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

for the standard ord
basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$

and the previous computation implies

$$A(g \circ f) = A_{\Sigma_2}^{\Sigma_2}(g \circ f) = A(g) \cdot A(f) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 11 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $g \circ f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is the unique linear trans'n such that $e_1 \mapsto (5, 11)$, $e_2 \mapsto (1, 1)$.

E.g. Consider $V = \text{span}\{\cos, \sin\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ with ordered basis $(\cos, \sin)$.

$$\frac{d}{dx} : V \rightarrow V \quad \text{so} \quad A\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos \mapsto -\sin$$

$$\sin \mapsto \cos$$

$$A_{\alpha}^{\alpha}\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\alpha}(-\sin) = (0, -1)$$

$$\text{Rep}_{\alpha}(\cos) = (1, 0)$$

Note $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} : \frac{d}{dx} \circ \frac{d}{dx}$ so $A\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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

And indeed, $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} : \cos \mapsto -\cos, \sin \mapsto -\sin$.

Now $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ corresponds to $\text{id}: V \rightarrow V$.

so $\frac{d^4}{dx^4} = \text{id}$ on V .