

3C Matrices

Representing a Linear Map by a Matrix

3.29 definition: *matrix*, $A_{j,k}$

Suppose $\underline{m}$ and $\underline{n}$ are nonnegative integers. An $\underline{m}$ -by- $\underline{n}$ matrix $\underline{A}$ is a rectangular array of elements of $\underline{F}$ with $\underline{m}$ rows and $\underline{n}$ columns:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The notation $A_{j,k}$ denotes the entry in row $\underline{j}$, column $\underline{k}$ of A .

3.31 definition: *matrix of a linear map*, $\mathcal{M}(T)$

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$ and $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$ is a basis of V and $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_m$ is a basis of W . The *matrix of T* with respect to these bases is the $\underline{m}$ -by- $\underline{n}$ matrix $\underline{\mathcal{M}(T)}$ whose entries $A_{j,k}$ are defined by

$$\text{in } W \quad T v_k = A_{1,k} w_1 + \cdots + A_{m,k} w_m. \quad \text{lin. combo. of a basis of } W$$

If the bases $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$ and $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_m$ are not clear from the context, then the notation $\mathcal{M}(T, (\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n), (\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_m))$ is used.

Idea

$$\mathcal{M}(T) = \begin{matrix} & v_1 & \cdots & v_k & \cdots & v_n \\ \begin{matrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_m \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,k} \\ \vdots \\ A_{m,k} \end{pmatrix} & & & & \end{matrix}.$$

The k^{th} column of $\mathcal{M}(T)$ consists of the scalars needed to write $T v_k$ as a linear combination of $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_m$:

$$T v_k = \sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,k} w_j.$$

Ex

Suppose $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{F}^2, \mathbb{F}^3)$ is defined by

$$T(x, y) = (\underline{x} + \underline{3y}, \underline{2x} + \underline{5y}, \underline{7x} + \underline{9y}).$$

With respect to the basis $(1, 0), (0, 1)$ of $\mathbb{F}^2$
and the basis $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ of $\mathbb{F}^3$,

$$M(T) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{1} & \underline{3} \\ \underline{2} & \underline{5} \\ \underline{7} & \underline{9} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Since} \quad \begin{aligned} T(1, 0) &= (\underline{1} + \underline{3(0)}, \underline{2(1)} + \underline{5(0)}, \underline{7(1)} + \underline{9(0)}) \\ &= (\underline{1}, \underline{2}, \underline{7}) = \underline{1}(1, 0, 0) + \underline{2}(0, 1, 0) + \underline{7}(0, 0, 1) \\ T(0, 1) &= (\underline{3}, \underline{5}, \underline{9}) \\ &= \underline{3}(1, 0, 0) + \underline{5}(0, 1, 0) + \underline{9}(0, 0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Ex

Suppose $D \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}), \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}))$ is the differentiation map defined by $Dp = p'$.

With respect to the basis $1, x, x^2, x^3$ of $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$
and the basis $1, x, x^2$ of $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$, we have

$$M(T) = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{0} & \underline{1} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{2} & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{0} & \underline{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Since } D1 &= 0 = \underline{0}(1) + \underline{0}(x) + \underline{0}(x^2) \\ Dx &= 1 = \underline{1}(1) + \underline{0}(x) + \underline{0}(x^2) \\ Dx^2 &= 2x = \underline{0}(1) + \underline{2}(x) + \underline{0}(x^2) \\ Dx^3 &= 3x^2 = \underline{0}(1) + \underline{0}(x) + \underline{3}(x^2) \end{aligned}$$

Addition and Scalar Multiplication of Matrices

3.34 definition: matrix addition

The *sum of two matrices of the same size* is the matrix obtained by adding corresponding entries in the matrices:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,1} & \cdots & C_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ C_{m,1} & \cdots & C_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} + C_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} + C_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} + C_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} + C_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(T)v_k &= M(T)_{:,k} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} \\ M(S)v_k &= M(S)_{:,k} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} \\ \left[M(S) + M(T) \right] v_k &= \left(M(S)_{:,k} + M(T)_{:,k} \right) \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= M(S+T)v_k \end{aligned}$$

3.35 matrix of the sum of linear maps

Suppose $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then $M(S+T) = M(S) + M(T)$.

Proof Since $M(S)$ & $M(T)$ tell you the coefficients needed to write the image of a basis element in V as a linear combo of a basis of W , add together these coefficients and you, by linearity, get a linear combo that is equal to the sum of the map's image of that basis element.

3.36 definition: scalar multiplication of a matrix

The product of a scalar and a matrix is the matrix obtained by multiplying each entry in the matrix by the scalar:

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{m,1} & \cdots & A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda A_{1,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda A_{m,1} & \cdots & \lambda A_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}.$$

3.38 the matrix of a scalar times a linear map

Suppose $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$ and $T \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Then $M(\lambda T) = \lambda M(T)$.

Proof exercise.

3.39 notation: $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$

For m and n positive integers, the set of all m -by- n matrices with entries in $\mathbf{F}$ is denoted by $\mathbf{F}^{m,n}$.

3.40 $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$

Suppose m and n are positive integers. With addition and scalar multiplication defined as above, $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ is a vector space of dimension mn .

Proof That $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ is a vector space will be left as an exercise (idea: write a matrix as a long list. Then, everything works since $\mathbb{F}^k$ is a vector space for all k a positive integer). To show $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$, notice that the list of matrices $B_{1,1}, \dots, B_{1,n}, \dots, B_{n,1}, \dots, B_{n,n}$, where B_{ij} is the matrix w/ zeros everywhere except the ij th entry, is a basis for $\mathbb{F}^{m,n}$ so, since this list has length mn , $\dim \mathbb{F}^{m,n} = mn$.

Matrix Multiplication

Consider linear maps $T: U \rightarrow V$ and $S: V \rightarrow W$. The composition ST is a linear map from U to W . Does $\mathcal{M}(ST)$ equal $\mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$? This question does not yet make sense because we have not defined the product of two matrices. We will choose a definition of matrix multiplication that forces this question to have a positive answer. Let's see how to do this.

3.41 definition: matrix multiplication

Suppose A is an m -by- n matrix and B is an n -by- p matrix. Then AB is defined to be the m -by- p matrix whose entry in row j , column k , is given by the equation

$$(AB)_{j,k} = \sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k}.$$

Thus the entry in row j , column k , of AB is computed by taking row j of A and column k of B , multiplying together corresponding entries, and then summing.

$$\begin{matrix} A & B & AB \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] & = \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \right] \\ & \quad \quad \quad k & \end{matrix}$$

Ex

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 7 & 4 & 1 \\ 26 & 19 & 12 & 5 \\ 42 & 31 & 20 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

If $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ and $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$, then $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$.

Proof Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$, $S \in \mathcal{L}(V, W)$. Let

$v_1, \dots, v_n$ be a basis of V , $w_1, \dots, w_m$ be a basis of W ,

$u_1, \dots, u_p$ be a basis for U .

Write $A = \mathcal{M}(S)$ & $B = \mathcal{M}(T)$. Now, for $k=1, \dots, p$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{(ST)u_k} &= S(Tu_k) \\
 &= S\left(\sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} v_r\right) \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} S(v_r) \quad \leftarrow \text{linearity} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n B_{r,k} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m A_{j,r} w_j\right) \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (A_{j,r} B_{r,k} w_j) \quad \leftarrow \text{distributivity} \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k}\right) w_j \quad \leftarrow \text{commutativity}
 \end{aligned}$$

But this says that the k^{th} column of $\underline{\mathcal{M}(ST)}$ has as its j^{th} entry $\sum_{r=1}^n A_{j,r} B_{r,k}$. But, this is just what we get from looking at the j^{th} entry of the k^{th} column of $\underline{\mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)}$. So, $\mathcal{M}(ST) = \mathcal{M}(S)\mathcal{M}(T)$.