

Linear transformations $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$
can only behave in certain limited ways.

Understanding the different ways is key to understanding
linear transformations.

For $n=m=2$, all lin. trans. are combinations
(compositions) of these types:

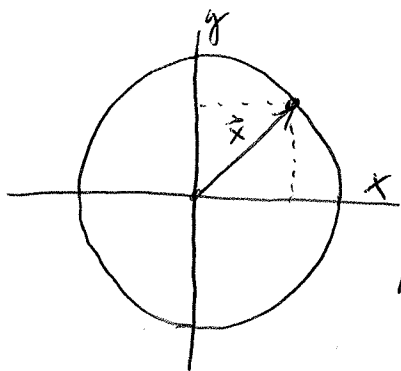
(A) Scalings

When $A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix}$, for $k \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$T\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \end{bmatrix}, \text{ or } T(\vec{x}) = k\vec{x}$$

- Here, if $k > 0$, direction is preserved $\forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and every vector is scaled by k
- If $k < 0$, direction is reversed (but again scaled)
- What happens when $k = 0$?

(B) Rotations



Any vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ has polar coordinates

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta \\ r \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ for some } r \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

For pts in $\mathbb{R}^2$ on the unit circle, where $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$r = 1$, and

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

(B) Rotations (cont'd)

Given the 2 standard vectors $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, we say they are perpendicular, or orthogonal since they form a 90° ($\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians) angle.

In general, 2 vectors $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are called orthogonal if their dot product is 0.

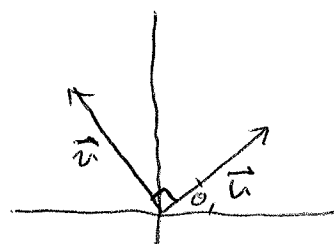
Note the dot product is defined for 2 column vectors by rewriting the first as a row vector and using regular matrix multiplication.

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = [x_1 \cdots x_n] \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i, \text{ a scalar.}$$

Also note that the 2 vectors, for any $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

are orthogonal.



Consider the linear transformation $T_\theta: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, where

$$T_\theta \vec{e}_1 = T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad T_\theta \vec{e}_2 = T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

for a choice of $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$

The matrix A_θ for this transformation can be written

$$T_\theta(\vec{x}) = A_\theta \vec{x}, \text{ where } A_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{T_\theta \vec{e}_1} & \frac{1}{T_\theta \vec{e}_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

⑧ Rotations (cont'd).

A_θ here is called a (counterclockwise) rotation of $\mathbb{R}^2$ through an angle θ .

See the pattern?

A linear transformation on $\mathbb{R}^2$ with a matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } a^2 + b^2 = 1$$

is a rotation of the plane.

ex. $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ is a rotation of angle $\pi/3$ (solution to $1/2 = \cos \theta$, $\sqrt{3}/2 = \sin \theta$)

ex. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ represents a rotation in $\mathbb{R}^2$
Through what angle?

Q: What if $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$, but $a^2 + b^2 \neq 1$?
Is this a rotation?

A: Using polar coordinates, $a = r \cos \theta$, $b = r \sin \theta$
we see that

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ corresponds
to a composition of
a rotation and a scaling.

$$= r I_2 \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

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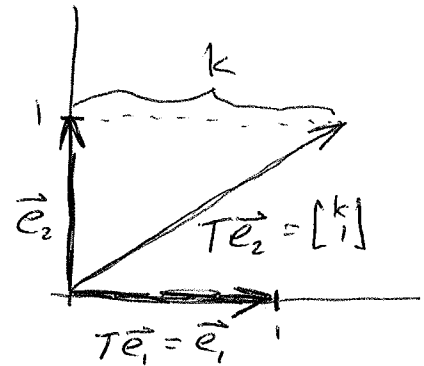
A matrix of the form $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ corresponds to a linear transformation called a horizontal shear (vertical if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ k & 1 \end{bmatrix}$).

Notice that $T(\vec{x}) = T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+ky \\ y \end{bmatrix}$.
So what does it do to points in the plane?

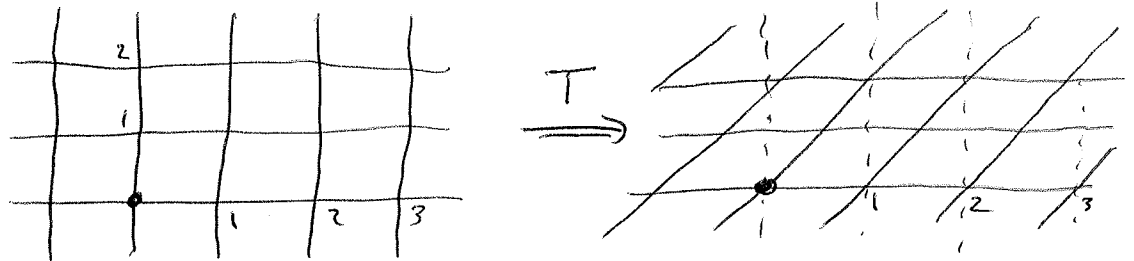
Geometrically

$$T\vec{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{e}_1$$

$$T\vec{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Think of all integer lines in the plane as a grid
(~~centered at the origin~~)



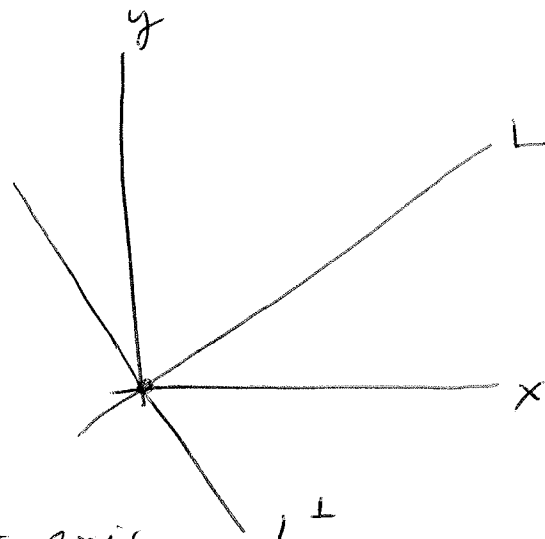
Via T , the grid goes to a "slanted" (in the vertical direction) grid.

ex $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$

takes all horizontal lines to themselves
and all vertical lines to diagonal lines
(of slope 1)

⑤ Projections

Let L be a line thru the origin in $\mathbb{R}^2$. L has a unique perpendicular line thru the origin, $L^\perp$.



(For L on axis, $L^\perp$ is the other axis. $L^\perp$ otherwise slope of $L^\perp$ is $-\frac{1}{m}$ for L w/ slope m .)

Any vector $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a sum of a vector along L and a vector along $L^\perp$. Call these $\vec{x}^{\parallel}$ and $\vec{x}^{\perp}$, respectively.

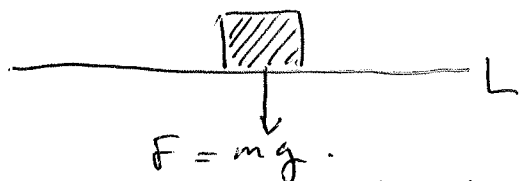
ex. if $L = x\text{-axis}$, then for $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$,

$$\vec{x}^{\parallel} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \vec{x}^{\perp} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

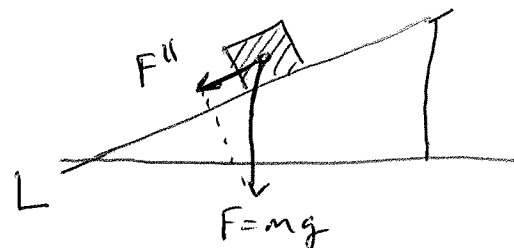
Q: How to find these component vectors if L is not on axis?

Note: Why do this? Many reasons. For example in classical mechanics, forces are vectors.

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Motion restricted to along L .
Block doesn't move since
no component of F along L .

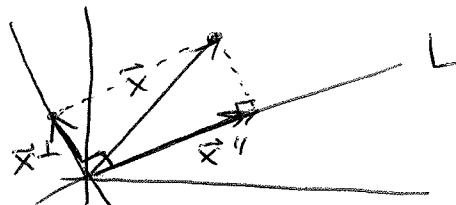


Here there is a component
of F along L , $F^{\parallel}$.
Will block move?

For general L , and $\vec{x}$ one can
write $\vec{x} = \vec{x}'' + \vec{x}^\perp$

Notice that $\vec{x}'' \cdot \vec{x}^\perp = 0$

Here $\vec{x}'' \perp \vec{x}^\perp$ or they are orthogonal.



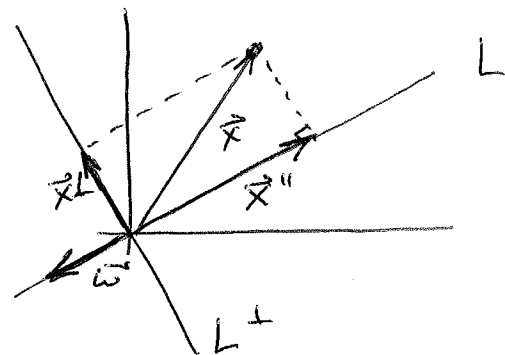
Definition Given L , the lin. transp. $T_L: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
defined by $T_L(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}''$ is called the
orthogonal projection of $\vec{x}$ onto L ,
and denoted $\text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}''$.

Q: What does the matrix look like here?
How to construct it?

A: Choose any nonzero $\vec{w} \in L$.

Then $\exists k \in \mathbb{R}$ where

$$k\vec{w} = \vec{x}''$$



How to calculate the k ? Here $\vec{x}^\perp = \vec{x} - \vec{x}''$
and since $\vec{x}''$, $\vec{x}^\perp$ are orthogonal,

$$\underbrace{(\vec{x} - k\vec{w})}_{\vec{x}^\perp} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{w}}_{\frac{1}{k} \cdot \vec{x}''} = 0$$

This is $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w} - k\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$, or $k = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}}$

So that $\text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}'' = k\vec{w} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{w}}{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{w}} \right)}_{\text{just a scalar } k} \vec{w}$

⑤ Projections (cont'd)

And if $\vec{u}$ is chosen to be a unit vector $\vec{u}$ (a vector of length 1), then $(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 1)$, and

$$(4) \quad \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}'' = \underbrace{(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})}_{k} \vec{u}$$

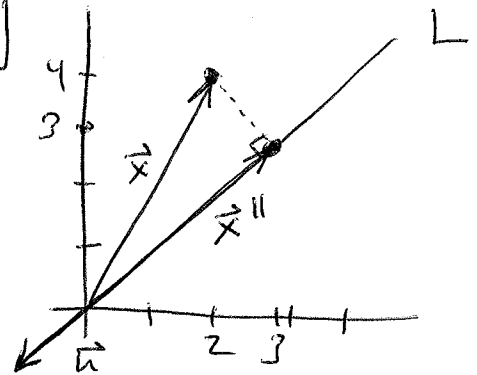
ex. Calculate $\vec{x}''$ for $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ and $L = \{y=x \text{ line}\}$.

Strategy: Choose $\vec{u}$ of length 1 and entries equal, and use formula (4).

Solution: choose $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Here } \|\vec{u}\| = \text{length of } \vec{u} \\ = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

and.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{proj}_L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}\right) \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left(2\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + 4\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

① Projections (cont'd.)

So what is the matrix of the lin. transt.?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) &= (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{u} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= (xu_1 + yu_2) \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} xu_1^2 + yu_1u_2 \\ xu_1u_2 + yu_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1u_2 \\ u_1u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= A \vec{x}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $A = \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1u_2 \\ u_1u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$, where $u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1$ ($\|\vec{u}\| = 1$).

ex: The ~~matrix~~ Here $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$ is the orthogonal projection onto the line L containing the vector $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

ex: Given the orthogonal projection onto $L = \{y=x\}$, calculate $\vec{x}''$ for $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: Here $T(\vec{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}$.

$$\text{So } T \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(1/2) + 4(1/2) \\ 2(1/2) + 4(1/2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q: What does A look like for $\vec{u}$?

(E) Reflection

In the same way, the linear transformation of $\mathbb{R}^2$ which is a reflection of $\mathbb{R}^2$ through a line L through the origin is simply.

$$\text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}'' - \vec{x}^\perp \quad (\text{why is this so?})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall } \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}'' \text{ and } \vec{x}^\perp = \vec{x} - \vec{x}'' \\ &= \vec{x} - \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}'' - \vec{x}^\perp = \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) - (\vec{x} - \text{proj}_L(\vec{x})) \\ &= 2\text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) - \vec{x} \\ &= 2(\vec{x} - \vec{u})\vec{u} - \vec{x} \text{ for } \vec{u} \in L \text{ of length 1.} \end{aligned}$$

Write this out to see that for $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ where

$$T(\vec{x}) = \text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}, \text{ where } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix}, a^2 + b^2 = 1.$$

ex. let $T(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{x}$. Then T is a reflection about what line?

• Trig helps here a lot.

• Can you see the line of reflection?

