

2. If  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are production vectors, then the total cost vector associated with the combined production  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$  is precisely the sum of the cost vectors  $T(\mathbf{x})$  and  $T(\mathbf{y})$ . ■

### PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Suppose  $T : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$  for some matrix  $A$  and for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^5$ . How many rows and columns does  $A$  have?
2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Give a geometric description of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .
3. The line segment from  $\mathbf{0}$  to a vector  $\mathbf{u}$  is the set of points of the form  $t\mathbf{u}$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Show that a linear transformation  $T$  maps this segment into the segment between  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $T(\mathbf{u})$ .

## 1.8 EXERCISES

1. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and define  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ .

Find the images under  $T$  of  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ .

2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$ .

Define  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . Find  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$ .

In Exercises 3–6, with  $T$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , find a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under  $T$  is  $\mathbf{b}$ , and determine whether  $\mathbf{x}$  is unique.

3.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$

4.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -7 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}$

5.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 & -7 \\ -3 & 7 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$

6.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 9 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$

7. Let  $A$  be a  $6 \times 5$  matrix. What must  $a$  and  $b$  be in order to define  $T : \mathbb{R}^a \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^b$  by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ ?

8. How many rows and columns must a matrix  $A$  have in order to define a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^4$  into  $\mathbb{R}^5$  by the rule  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ ?

For Exercises 9 and 10, find all  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that are mapped into the zero vector by the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  for the given matrix  $A$ .

9.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

10.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 9 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

11. Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $A$  be the matrix in Exercise 9. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the range of the linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? Why or why not?

12. Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $A$  be the matrix in Exercise 10. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the range of the linear transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? Why or why not?

In Exercises 13–16, use a rectangular coordinate system to plot  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and their images under the given transformation  $T$ . (Make a separate and reasonably large sketch for each exercise.) Describe geometrically what  $T$  does to each vector  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

13.  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

14.  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} .5 & 0 \\ 0 & .5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

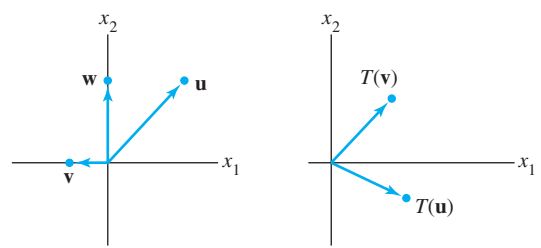
15.  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

16.  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$

17. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and maps  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  into  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use the fact that  $T$  is linear to find the images under  $T$  of  $3\mathbf{u}$ ,  $2\mathbf{v}$ , and  $3\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{v}$ .

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18. The figure shows vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$ , along with the images  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$  under the action of a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Copy this figure carefully, and draw the image  $T(\mathbf{w})$  as accurately as possible. [Hint: First, write  $\mathbf{w}$  as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .]



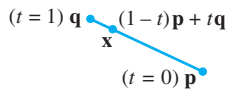
19. Let  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{e}_1$  into  $\mathbf{y}_1$  and maps  $\mathbf{e}_2$  into  $\mathbf{y}_2$ . Find the images of  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
20. Let  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation that maps  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $x_1\mathbf{v}_1 + x_2\mathbf{v}_2$ . Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is  $A\mathbf{x}$  for each  $\mathbf{x}$ .

In Exercises 21 and 22, mark each statement True or False. Justify each answer.

21. a. A linear transformation is a special type of function.  
 b. If  $A$  is a  $3 \times 5$  matrix and  $T$  is a transformation defined by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ , then the domain of  $T$  is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 c. If  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix, then the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .  
 d. Every linear transformation is a matrix transformation.  
 e. A transformation  $T$  is linear if and only if  $T(c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2) = c_1T(\mathbf{v}_1) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}_2)$  for all  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  in the domain of  $T$  and for all scalars  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ .
22. a. Every matrix transformation is a linear transformation.  
 b. The codomain of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  is the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $A$ .  
 c. If  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear transformation and if  $\mathbf{c}$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then a uniqueness question is "Is  $\mathbf{c}$  in the range of  $T$ ?"  
 d. A linear transformation preserves the operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication.  
 e. The superposition principle is a physical description of a linear transformation.
23. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation that reflects each point through the  $x_1$ -axis. (See Practice Problem 2.)

Make two sketches similar to Figure 6 that illustrate properties (i) and (ii) of a linear transformation.

24. Suppose vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation. Suppose  $T(\mathbf{v}_i) = \mathbf{0}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ . Show that  $T$  is the zero transformation. That is, show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  is any vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
25. Given  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{p}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the line through  $\mathbf{p}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$  has the parametric equation  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{v}$ . Show that a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  maps this line onto another line or onto a single point (a degenerate line).
26. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and let  $P$  be the plane through  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{0}$ . The parametric equation of  $P$  is  $\mathbf{x} = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v}$  (with  $s, t$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Show that a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  maps  $P$  onto a plane through  $\mathbf{0}$ , or onto a line through  $\mathbf{0}$ , or onto just the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . What must be true about  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$  in order for the image of the plane  $P$  to be a plane?
27. a. Show that the line through vectors  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  may be written in the parametric form  $\mathbf{x} = (1-t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$ . (Refer to the figure with Exercises 21 and 22 in Section 1.5.)  
 b. The line segment from  $\mathbf{p}$  to  $\mathbf{q}$  is the set of points of the form  $(1-t)\mathbf{p} + t\mathbf{q}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  (as shown in the figure below). Show that a linear transformation  $T$  maps this line segment onto a line segment or onto a single point.



28. Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It can be shown that the set  $P$  of all points in the parallelogram determined by  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  has the form  $a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$ , for  $0 \leq a \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq b \leq 1$ . Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Explain why the image of a point in  $P$  under the transformation  $T$  lies in the parallelogram determined by  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$ .
29. Define  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = mx + b$ .  
 a. Show that  $f$  is a linear transformation when  $b = 0$ .  
 b. Find a property of a linear transformation that is violated when  $b \neq 0$ .  
 c. Why is  $f$  called a linear function?
30. An affine transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  has the form  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ , with  $A$  an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\mathbf{b}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Show that  $T$  is not a linear transformation when  $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{0}$ . (Affine transformations are important in computer graphics.)
31. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation, and let  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  be a linearly dependent set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Explain why the set  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), T(\mathbf{v}_2), T(\mathbf{v}_3)\}$  is linearly dependent.

In Exercises 32–36, column vectors are written as rows, such as  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$ , and  $T(\mathbf{x})$  is written as  $T(x_1, x_2)$ .

32. Show that the transformation  $T$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (4x_1 - 2x_2, 3|x_2|)$  is not linear.

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- 33. Show that the transformation  $T$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_1 - 3x_2, x_1 + 4, 5x_2)$  is not linear.
- 34. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Show that if  $T$  maps two linearly independent vectors onto a linearly dependent set, then the equation  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$  has a nontrivial solution. [Hint: Suppose  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are linearly independent and yet  $T(\mathbf{u})$  and  $T(\mathbf{v})$  are linearly dependent. Then  $c_1T(\mathbf{u}) + c_2T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$  for some weights  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , not both zero. Use this equation.]
- 35. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the transformation that reflects each vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  through the plane  $x_3 = 0$  onto  $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, x_2, -x_3)$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation. [See Example 4 for ideas.]
- 36. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the transformation that projects each vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  onto the plane  $x_2 = 0$ , so  $T(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, 0, x_3)$ . Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation.

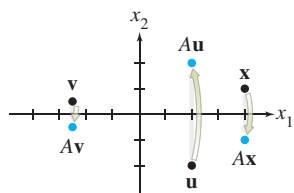
[M] In Exercises 37 and 38, the given matrix determines a linear transformation  $T$ . Find all  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

37.  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 5 & -5 \\ -9 & 7 & -8 & 0 \\ -6 & 4 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & -3 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$       38.  $\begin{bmatrix} -9 & -4 & -9 & 4 \\ 5 & -8 & -7 & 6 \\ 7 & 11 & 16 & -9 \\ 9 & -7 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

39. [M] Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $A$  be the matrix in Exercise 37. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? If so, find an  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under the transformation is  $\mathbf{b}$ .

40. [M] Let  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -7 \\ 13 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $A$  be the matrix in Exercise 38. Is  $\mathbf{b}$  in the range of the transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ ? If so, find an  $\mathbf{x}$  whose image under the transformation is  $\mathbf{b}$ .

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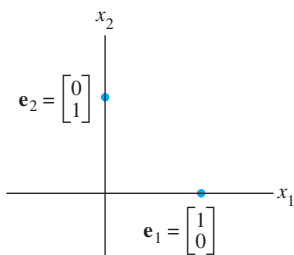
The transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ .

SOLUTIONS TO PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1.  $A$  must have five columns for  $A\mathbf{x}$  to be defined.  $A$  must have two rows for the codomain of  $T$  to be  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
2. Plot some random points (vectors) on graph paper to see what happens. A point such as  $(4, 1)$  maps into  $(4, -1)$ . The transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  reflects points through the  $x$ -axis (or  $x_1$ -axis).
3. Let  $\mathbf{x} = t\mathbf{u}$  for some  $t$  such that  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Since  $T$  is linear,  $T(t\mathbf{u}) = tT(\mathbf{u})$ , which is a point on the line segment between  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $T(\mathbf{u})$ .

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Whenever a linear transformation  $T$  arises geometrically or is described in words, we usually want a “formula” for  $T(\mathbf{x})$ . The discussion that follows shows that every linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is actually a matrix transformation  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$  and that important properties of  $T$  are intimately related to familiar properties of  $A$ . The key to finding  $A$  is to observe that  $T$  is completely determined by what it does to the columns of the  $n \times n$  identity matrix  $I_n$ .



**EXAMPLE 1** The columns of  $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  are  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $T$  is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

$$T(\mathbf{e}_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T(\mathbf{e}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With no additional information, find a formula for the image of an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .