

We continue studying the connection between linear transformations $T:V \rightarrow W$ between finite dimensional vector spaces and matrices, as well as the connection between the vector space of all linear transformations $L(V,W)$ from V to W , and the corresponding vector space of all matrices $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$.

Note that for this correspondence to make sense, we need $m = \dim(W)$, $n = \dim(V)$ and F is the common field for the vector spaces V and W .

Last time we showed that given an ordered basis

$$\beta = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \text{ for } V$$

we could write any v in V uniquely as $v = \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} a_i v_i$, and so represent v by its coordinate vector of coefficients a_i relative to β :

$$[v]_{\beta} = [a_1; \dots; a_n]$$

The coordinate vectors are themselves members of the vector space F^n . Since every v in V has such a unique representation, $[\]_{\beta} : V \rightarrow F^n$ is a one-to-one correspondence between V and F^n .

Its inverse function is easily seen to be

Def: $[\]^{\beta} : F^n \rightarrow V$ is defined by

$$[[x_1; \dots; x_n]]^{\beta} = \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} x_i v_i$$

We showed $[\]_{\beta}$ is a linear transformation. It is easy to see that its inverse is linear too:

Lemma 1: $[\]^{\beta} : F^n \rightarrow V$ is linear

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } [c*x+y]^{\beta} &= [[c*x_1+y_1; \dots; c*x_n+y_n]]^{\beta} \\ &= \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} (c*x_i+y_i)*v_i \\ &= \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} (c*x_i)*v_i + \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} y_i*v_i \\ &= c* \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} x_i*v_i + \sum_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} y_i*v_i \\ &= c* [x]^{\beta} + [y]^{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, given an ordered basis $\gamma = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ for W , we can write any w in W uniquely as $w = \sum_{\{j=1 \text{ to } m\}} b_j w_j$ so that

$$[w]_{\gamma} = [b_1; \dots; b_m]$$

is w 's coordinate vector relative to γ .

In summary, we have that $[\]_{\beta} : V \rightarrow F^n$ was a linear transformation and a 1-to-1 correspondence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & []_{\beta} & \\
 x \text{ in } V & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & [x]_{\beta} \text{ in } F^n \\
 & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \\
 & []^{\beta} &
 \end{array}$$

Similarly, $[]_{\gamma}: W \rightarrow F^m$ is linear and a 1-to-1 correspondence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & []_{\gamma} & \\
 y \text{ in } W & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & [y]_{\gamma} \text{ in } F^m \\
 & \xleftarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & \\
 & []^{\gamma} &
 \end{array}$$

Given β and γ , we also showed there was a linear transformation

$$[]_{\beta}^{\gamma}: L(V,W) \rightarrow M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$$

that took any T in $L(V,W)$ and gave a matrix $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ in $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & []_{\beta}^{\gamma} & \\
 T \text{ in } L(V,W) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad\quad\quad\quad\quad} & [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} \text{ in } M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)
 \end{array}$$

In a moment we will ask, and answer affirmatively, the natural question as to whether this operation is also a 1-to-1 correspondence between $L(V,W)$ and $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$, as well as what its inverse is.

Before we do this, we recall that we already showed that $[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$ corresponds to T in a number of important ways:

The 0 linear transformation \rightarrow the 0 matrix

Matrix-vector multiplication by A was "the same" as applying T to a vector, provided we use the right coordinate vectors:

$$y = T(x) \rightarrow [y]_{\gamma} = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} * [x]_{\beta}$$

If T is in $L(V,W)$, and U is in $L(W,Z)$, then we can compose them to get $S = UT$ in $L(V,Z)$. If $\delta = \{z_1, \dots, z_p\}$ is an ordered basis for Z , composing linear transformations U and T to get S is the same as multiplying their matrices:

$$S = UT \rightarrow [S]_{\beta}^{\delta} = [U]_{\gamma}^{\delta} * [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$$

Let us go back to the transformation

$$T \text{ in } L(V,W) \xrightarrow{[\]_{\beta}^{\gamma}} [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma} \text{ in } M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$$

and show it is a 1-to-1 correspondence. This is always true, but for simplicity we will only prove this when $V = F^n$ with the standard ordered basis, and $W = F^m$ with the standard ordered basis.

Def: Let A be in $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$. Define $L_A: F^n \rightarrow F^m$ by matrix-vector multiplication (by A on the left)

$$\begin{aligned} L_A(x) &= L_A([x_1; \dots; x_n]) \\ &= A[x_1; \dots; x_n] \\ &= [\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i ; \dots ; \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i] \end{aligned}$$

First, a lemma, hopefully familiar from Ma54:

Lemma 2: $L_A: F^n \rightarrow F_m$ is a linear transformation:

$$L_A(c*x+y) = c*L_A(x) + L_A(y),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } L_A(c*x+y) &= A(c*x+y) \quad \dots \text{ def of } L_A \\ &= A[c*x_1 + y_1 ; \dots ; c*x_n + y_n] \\ &= [\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} * (c*x_i + y_i) ; \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i} * (c*x_i + y_i) ; \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi} * (c*x_i + y_i)] \\ &\quad \dots \text{ def of matrix-vector multiplication} \\ &= \\ &= [c*\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}y_i ; \\ &\quad c*\sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{2i}y_i ; \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad c*\sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}y_i] \\ &= c*[\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}x_i ; \dots ; \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}x_i] \\ &\quad + [\sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i}y_i ; \dots ; \sum_{i=1}^n a_{mi}y_i] \\ &= c*A*x + A*y \\ &= c*L_A(x) + L_A(y) \end{aligned}$$

The last lemma lets us think of $L_$ as a mapping that takes any matrix A in $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$ and produces a linear transformation in $L(F^n, F^m)$. The next Lemma shows that this mapping is linear:

Lemma 3: Suppose A and B are in $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$, x in F^n , then

$$L_{(cA+B)} = cL_A + L_B$$

(to interpret this, note that both sides are members of $L(F^n, F^m)$)

Proof: We show that for all x in F^n , $L_{(cA+B)}(x) = cL_A(x) + L_B(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{(cA+B)}(x) &= (cA+B)x \quad \dots \text{ def of } L_{(cA+B)} \\ &= [\text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} (c a_{1i} + b_{1i}) x_i ; \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} (c a_{mi} + b_{mi}) x_i] \\ &= [c \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} a_{1i} x_i + \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} b_{1i} x_i ; \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad c \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} a_{mi} x_i + \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} b_{mi} x_i] \\ &= c [\text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} a_{1i} x_i ; \dots ; \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} a_{mi} x_i] \\ &\quad + [\text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} b_{1i} x_i ; \dots ; \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } n\}} b_{mi} x_i] \\ &= c(Ax) + (Bx) \\ &= cL_A(x) + L_B(x) \quad \dots \text{ def of } L_A \end{aligned}$$

Thm: Let $V = F^n$ with the standard ordered basis β , and

let $W = F^m$ with the standard ordered basis γ . Then

$[\]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma} : L(F^n, F^m) \rightarrow M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$ is a 1-to-1 correspondence,

with inverse $L_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma} : M_{\{m \times n\}}(F) \rightarrow L(F^n, F^m)$

Proof: We need to show that for any A in $M_{\{m \times n\}}(F)$, and any T in $L(F^n, F^m)$,

(1) $[\ L_A \]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma} = A$ and (2) $L_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}([\ T \]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}) = T$

(1): Let e_{ni} be i -th standard ordered basis vector of F^n ,
and e_{mi} be i -th standard ordered basis vector of F^m .

We compute $[\ L_A \]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}$ as follows:

$$L_A(e_{nj}) = L_A([0; \dots; 0; 1; 0; \dots; 0])$$

... with 1 in j -th location, rest zero

$$= A[0; \dots; 0; 1; 0; \dots; 0] \quad \dots \text{ by def of } L_A$$

$$= [a_{1j} ; a_{2j} ; \dots ; a_{mj}]$$

$$= \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } m\}} a_{ij} * e_{mi} \quad \dots \text{ by def of } e_{mi}$$

so the (i, j) th entry of $[\ L_A \]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}$ is a_{ij} ,

by the definition of $[\]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma}$, as desired

$$\begin{aligned} (2): T(x) &= T(\text{sum}_{\{j=1 \text{ to } n\}} x_j * e_{nj}) \quad \dots \text{ by def of } x \\ &= \text{sum}_{\{j=1 \text{ to } n\}} x_j * T(e_{nj}) \quad \dots \text{ by linearity of } T \\ &= \text{sum}_{\{j=1 \text{ to } n\}} x_j * \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } m\}} A_{ij} * e_{mi} \\ &\quad \dots \text{ by def of } A = [\ T \]_{\beta \rightarrow \gamma} \\ &= \text{sum}_{\{j=1 \text{ to } n\}} \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } m\}} A_{ij} * x_j * e_{mi} \\ &\quad \dots \text{ move } x_j \text{ into summation} \\ &= \text{sum}_{\{i=1 \text{ to } m\}} \text{sum}_{\{j=1 \text{ to } n\}} A_{ij} * x_j * e_{mi} \\ &\quad \dots \text{ reverse order of summation} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^m e_{mi} * (\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} * x_j) \\
&\quad \dots \text{ move } e_{mi} \text{ out of summation} \\
&= [\sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j} * x_j ; \dots ; \sum_{j=1}^n A_{mj} * x_j] \\
&\quad \dots \text{ by def of } e_{mi} \\
&= L_A(x) \quad \dots \text{ by def of } L_A = L_{\{[T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}\}}
\end{aligned}$$

The connection between applying L_A to a vector and multiplying A times a vector can be used to derive:

Corollary:

- (1) $L_A = L_B$ iff $A = B$
- (2) $L_{\{AB\}} = L_A L_B$
- (3) $A(BC) = (AB)C$, i.e. matrix-matrix multiplication is associative

Proof: (1) $A = [L_A]_{\beta}^{\gamma} \quad \dots$ by part 1 of Thm
 $= [L_B]_{\beta}^{\gamma} \quad \dots$ since $L_A = L_B$
 $= B \quad \dots$ by part 1 of Thm

Conversely, $A=B$ implies $L_A=L_B$ by the definition of $L_{\{AB\}}$

- (2) It suffices to show that $L_{\{AB\}}(e_j) = (L_A L_B)(e_j)$ for every standard ordered basis vector e_j :

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\{AB\}}(e_j) &= (AB) * [0; \dots; 1; \dots; 0] \\
&\quad \dots \text{ def of } L_{\{AB\}} \text{ and } e_j \\
&= [(AB)_{1j}; (AB)_{2j}; \dots; (AB)_{mj}] \\
&\quad \dots \text{ def of matrix-vector multiply } AB \\
&= [\sum_{i=1}^n A_{1i} * B_{ij}; \\
&\quad \sum_{i=1}^n A_{2i} * B_{ij}; \dots; \\
&\quad \sum_{i=1}^n A_{mi} * B_{ij}] \\
&\quad \dots \text{ def of matrix-matrix multiply} \\
&= A * [B_{1j}; B_{2j}; \dots; B_{nj}] \\
&\quad \dots \text{ def of matrix-vector multiply by } A \\
&= A * (B * e_j) \\
&\quad \dots \text{ def of matrix-vector multiply by } B, e_j \\
&= L_A (L_B(e_j))
\end{aligned}$$

- (3) It suffices to show $L_{\{A(BC)\}} = L_{\{(AB)C\}}$, because of part (1):

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{\{A(BC)\}} &= L_A L_{BC} \quad \dots \text{ by part (2)} \\
&= L_A (L_B L_C) \quad \dots \text{ by part (2) again} \\
&= (L_A L_B) L_C \quad \dots \text{ by associativity of} \\
&\quad \text{function composition (see App B)} \\
&= (L_{AB}) L_C \quad \dots \text{ by part (2)} \\
&= L_{\{(AB)C\}} \quad \dots \text{ by part (2)}
\end{aligned}$$

Example: A graph G is a set of vertices some of which are connected by edges. For example, the set of cities (vertices) along with highways connecting them is a graph. Another graph is the Web, viewed as a set of web pages (vertices) connected by links that you can click on to get from one page to another (edges). An edge has a direction, eg it may be possible to get from vertex i to vertex j but not backwards. Thus a highway connecting city i and city j creates 2 edges, one from i to j and one from j to i (unless one direction of the highway is closed by an accident, for example).

The simplest questions we can ask about a graph G are these: Can you get from vertex i (a city or web page) to vertex j directly, i.e. by using one edge? If not, what is the fewest number of edges you have to use to get from i to j ? Or is there no way to get from i to j ? If one can get from i to j , how many ways are there to do it?

We will answer these questions by reducing them to matrix-matrix multiply. You probably depend on this every day, as does anyone else who uses Google.

Def: Suppose a graph G has n vertices (numbered from 1 to n). The incidence matrix A of G is an $n \times n$ matrix defined as follows:

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there is an edge connecting vertex } i \text{ to vertex } j \\ 0 & \text{if there is no edge connecting vertex } i \text{ to vertex } j \\ 0 & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

The matrix A records the answer to the simplest question about G : it is possible to go directly from i to j iff $A_{ij} = 1$.

Now consider taking exactly two edges to from from i to j , i.e. taking a path from i to k to j for some vertex k . Such a path exists if there is a path from i to k (i.e. iff $A_{ik}=1$) and from k to j (i.e. iff $A_{kj}=1$), i.e. iff $A_{ik} * A_{kj} = 1$. If no such path exists then $A_{ik} * A_{kj} = 0$.

Note that this includes the possibility of asking if there is a path of length 2 from i to i (which may exist if there are edges from i to j and j to i for some $j \neq i$).

Thus we can count the number of such paths for each possible value of k :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{number of paths of length 2 from from } i \text{ to } j \\ &= \sum_{\{k = 1 \text{ to } n \text{ except } i \text{ and } j\}} A_{ik} * A_{kj} \\ &= \sum_{\{k = 1 \text{ to } n\}} A_{ik} * A_{kj} \quad \dots \text{ since } A_{ii} = A_{jj} = 0 \\ &= (A*A)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

In other words the matrix $A*A = A^2$ has entries that count the number of length 2 paths between vertices:

$$(A^2)_{ij} = \# \text{ paths from } i \text{ to } j \text{ of length } 2$$

Applying induction, we can show

Thm: If A is the incidence matrix of a graph, then $(A^m)_{ij}$ is the number of paths of exactly length m from i to j

Proof: We have already shown this for $m=1$ and 2 . Now assume it is true for m , and prove it for $m+1$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \# \text{ paths of length } m+1 \text{ from } i \text{ to } j \\ &= \sum_{\{k=1 \text{ to } n \text{ except } j\}} \\ & \quad (\# \text{ paths of length } m \text{ from } i \text{ to } k, \text{ if there is also a path } k \text{ to } j) \\ & \quad \dots \text{ note that } k=i \text{ is possible} \\ &= \sum_{\{k=1 \text{ to } n \text{ except } j\}} \\ & \quad (\# \text{ paths of length } m \text{ from } i \text{ to } k) * A_{kj} \quad \dots \text{ by def of } A \\ &= \sum_{\{k=1 \text{ to } n \text{ except } j\}} \\ & \quad (A^m)_{ik} * A_{kj} \quad \dots \text{ by def of } A^m \\ &= \sum_{\{k=1 \text{ to } n\}} \\ & \quad (A^m)_{ik} * A_{kj} \quad \dots \text{ since } A_{kk} = 0 \\ &= (A^m * A)_{ij} \quad \dots \text{ by def of matrix-matrix multiply} \\ &= (A^{m+1})_{ij} \quad \dots \text{ by def of } A^{m+1} \end{aligned}$$

ASK & WAIT: suppose there are 4 vertices, with edges $1 \rightarrow 2 \leftrightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$, i.e. from 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 2, and 3 to 4.

How many paths of length 5 are there from 1 to 4?

Corollary: If A is the incidence matrix of a graph then

$(A^m + A^{m-1} + \dots + A)_{ij}$ is the number of paths of length at most m from i to j .

All the answers to our questions so far have been expressed using products of matrices. Sometimes it is useful to express the answers in terms of multiplying matrices times vectors, because these take less time to compute. We discuss these costs for a moment.

Multiplying two n -by- n matrices $C = A*B$ means evaluating the formula

$$C_{ij} = \sum_{\{k=1 \text{ to } n\}} A_{ik} * B_{kj}$$

for i and j varying between 1 and n . Doing this in the most obvious way costs n multiplications and $n-1$ additions for each C_{ij} , or $2n-1$ arithmetic operations in all. Doing this for all n^2 different C_{ij} therefore costs $2n^2(n-1) \sim 2n^3$ arithmetic operations. If $n > 8$ billion,

as it does for the Google matrix, then $2n^3 > 10^{30}$. If we could somehow use a million 10GHz computers (faster than current PCs), i.e. computers that do 10^{10} operations/second, it would take

10^{30} operations / ($10^6 * 10^{10}$ operations/second
 * 60 seconds/minute
 * 60 minutes/hours
 * 24 hours/day
 * 365 days/year)

> 3 million years

to multiply the Google matrix times itself.

This is too long to be useful. One way to do less work is to take advantage of the fact that most entries are zero, and just skip them. Another way is to to matrix-vector multiplication. This is because $y = A*x$ or

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1 \text{ to } n} A_{ij} * x_j$$

still costs $2n-1$ arithmetic operations for each y_i ,

but there are only n y_i , for a total cost of $2n(n-1) \sim 2n^2$,

a factor of n less. So instead of 3 million years, it would take

3 million years / 8 billion \sim 3 hours

This is a lot better. But Google still needs to avoid multiplying by all the zeros to make this practical.

So let's compute the number of paths from i to j from the last Corollary, just using matrix-vector multiply.

According to the Corollary, the answer is

$$(A^m + \dots + A)_{ij} = \text{i-th entry of the j-th column of } A^m + \dots + A \\ = \text{i-th entry of } (A^m + \dots + A) * e_j$$

where e_j is the j -th standard basis vector

$$= \text{i-th entry of } A^m * e_j + A^{(m-1)} * e_j + \dots + A * e_j$$

$$= \text{i-th entry of } A * (A * (A * \dots (A * e_j) \dots)) + \dots + A * (A * e_j) + A * e_j$$

This expression means that we only need to multiply A times a vector m times to get what we want

$$v = e_j$$

$$s = 0$$

repeat m times:

$$v = A * v$$

$$s = s + v$$

Induction shows that at the end, $s = A^m * e_j + \dots + A^j * e_j$