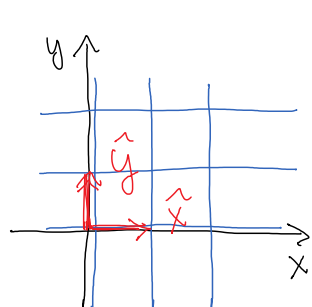


L26-Operators: Rotations

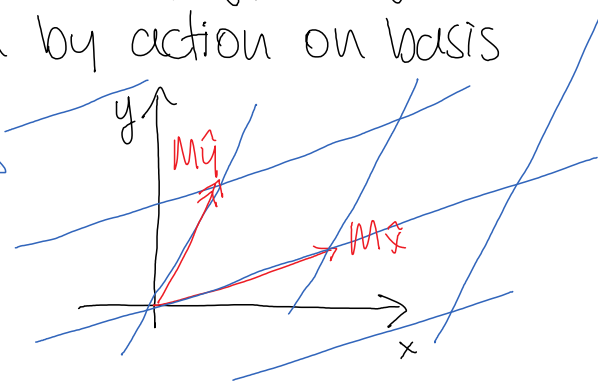
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- * linear operators - functions from $V \rightarrow V$
- structure determined by action on basis



M



- * components

$$\vec{w} = M(\vec{v}) = M(\mathcal{B}v)$$

$$\mathcal{B}w = M(\mathcal{B})v = \tilde{B}Mv$$

closure

$$\mathcal{B}(\vec{w}) = \mathcal{B}(M(\mathcal{B}))\mathcal{B}(\vec{v})$$

$$M_{ij} = \hat{e}_i \cdot M(\hat{e}_j) \sim \langle x | A | y \rangle$$

(matrix elements)

$$w = Mv \quad \text{where } \boxed{M = \mathcal{B} \cdot M(\mathcal{B})}$$

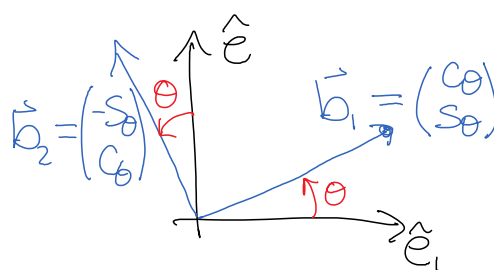
matrix operators inherit 2 bases:
from domain & range. !

- * Rotations (active)

$$\text{let } \vec{b}_1 = R \hat{e}_1, \quad \vec{b}_2 = R \hat{e}_2$$

$$\text{combine: } (\vec{b}_1 \vec{b}_2) = R(\hat{e}_1 \hat{e}_2)$$

$$\vec{B} = R \hat{E}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} b_1^x & b_2^x \\ b_1^y & b_2^y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- rotations are "orthogonal" (preserve the metric)

$$\vec{B}^T \cdot \vec{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}_1 \\ \vec{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \vec{b}_1 & \vec{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbb{I}$$

$$R^T R = \mathbb{I}$$

$$\vec{b}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

in general, $R^{adj} \cdot R = \mathbb{I}$, or $\boxed{R^\dagger G R = G}$

* Hermitian adjoint of an operator (complex transpose)

- how an operator commutes with the metric

$$M(\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} \equiv \vec{a} \cdot M^{\text{adj}}(\vec{b}) \quad \langle Mf | g \rangle = \langle f | M^\dagger g \rangle$$

$$(M\vec{a})^\dagger G \vec{b} = \vec{a}^\dagger G M^{\text{adj}} \vec{b}$$

$$M^\dagger G = G M^{\text{adj}}$$

$$M^{\text{adj}} = G^{-1} M^\dagger G \rightarrow M^\dagger \text{ if } G = I$$

- a matrix multiplies "to the left" as its adjoint

$$\text{if } \vec{b} = M \vec{a} \quad (b_1, b_2) = (a_1, a_2) \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}^* = \begin{pmatrix} M_{11} & M_{21} \\ M_{12} & M_{22} \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}^*$$

note the transpose

$$\text{then } \vec{b}^\dagger = M^\dagger \vec{a}^\dagger$$

- Adjoint is a duality: $(M^{\text{adj}})^{\text{adj}} = M$

- Adjoint of product: $(A \cdot B)^{\text{adj}} = B^{\text{adj}} \cdot A^{\text{adj}}$ like $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

- Unified operation (†) for adjoint of operators, vectors, scalars!

* Active vs. Passive rotations

- Active rotations: physically move vectors

• only one basis, $\vec{b}_i$ are just rotated vectors.

$$\vec{v}' = R \vec{v} \quad \vec{v} = \hat{x} v_x + \hat{y} v_y \rightarrow \vec{v}' = \hat{x}' v'_x + \hat{y}' v'_y$$

• example: evolution of the wavefunction in time

- Passive rotations (identity transform) $\vec{v}$ stays put

• turn your head and look at it from different angle.

• new components correspond to a change of basis

$$\vec{v} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{v}' = \hat{e} \cdot R \vec{v} = \hat{e} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \text{ (still)}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{e} R \Rightarrow \vec{v}' = R \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{v} = 1 \vec{v}$$

identity transform

$$\vec{b}^T \cdot \vec{v} = \underbrace{\vec{b}^T \cdot 1}_{\text{closure}} \underbrace{\hat{e} \hat{e}^T \cdot \vec{v}}_{1}$$

(wait for L13)

• example: Fourier transform: $\langle x|f\rangle = \int dk \langle x|k\rangle \langle k|f\rangle$

– Similarity transformation: change of basis of a matrix

if $M = \hat{E}^T \cdot M(\hat{E})$ are matrix elements in the basis $\hat{E}$,

then $M' = \tilde{B}^T \cdot M(\tilde{B}) = \underbrace{\tilde{B}^T \cdot \hat{E}}_{B^{-1}} \cdot \underbrace{\hat{E}^T \cdot M(\hat{E})}_M \cdot \underbrace{(\tilde{E} \tilde{E}^T \cdot \tilde{B})}_B$ in the basis $\tilde{B}$

thus $\boxed{M' = B^{-1} M B}$ change-of-basis formula for matrices

$B = \hat{E}^T \cdot 1 \tilde{B}$ transforms the domain ($\vec{v}$)

$B^{-1} = \tilde{B}^T \cdot 1 \hat{E}$ transforms the range ($\vec{w}$)