

## Tutorial 5: Linear maps

A function  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a **linear map**, if for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

(i)  $F(u + v) = F(u) + F(v)$ ,

(ii)  $F(\lambda u) = \lambda F(u)$ .

**Exercise 1.** Which of the following functions are linear maps?

$$f_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sin(x),$$

$$f_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto x^2 + 1,$$

$$f_3 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 8x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 4x_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$f_4 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ x_1^2 + x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 4.2:** For any linear map  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  there exist a unique matrix  $[F] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , such that we have for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$F(x) = [F]x.$$

(Here the left-hand side is the evaluation of the function  $F$  at  $x$  and the right-hand side is the multiplication of the matrix  $[F]$  with  $x$ .)

$[F]$  is called **the matrix of  $F$** .

Conversely, we also saw that for any matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  we can define a linear map  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  by setting  $F(x) = Ax$ . This is always a linear map (Example 16 in the lecture) whose matrix is  $[F] = A$ .

**Exercise 2.** Show that there exist a unique linear map  $G : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  with the property

$$G \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad G \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is the value of  $G(x)$  for an arbitrary  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ? Determine the matrix of  $G$ .