# Visualizing Matrix Transformations 

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## Who are we?

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## Our Angle of Attack

Recall that each column may be interpreted as the final resting point of the standard basis vectors.


## Matrix Transformations in the Same Dimension

Reflection<br>Rotation<br>Shear<br>Scale

## Reflection



Figure: The unit square reflected about the $x$-axis.

General Standard Transformation Matrix

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is $A=\frac{1}{a^{2}+b^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{cc}a^{2}-b^{2} & 2 a b \\ 2 a b & b^{2}-a^{2}\end{array}\right]$
- $T: \mathbb{R}^{3} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is

$$
A=\frac{1}{a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}}\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
-a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2} & -2 a b & -2 a c \\
-2 a b & a^{2}-b^{2}+c^{2} & -2 b c \\
-2 a c & -2 b c & a^{2}+b^{2}-c^{2}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## Rotation



Figure: The unit square rotated through $\frac{\pi}{2}$.
General Standard Transformation Matrix

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is $\left[\begin{array}{cc}\cos (\theta) & \sin (\theta) \\ \sin (\theta) & \cos (\theta)\end{array}\right]$
- $T: \mathbb{R}^{3} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is $A_{x}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos (\theta) & -\sin (\theta) \\ 0 & \sin (\theta) & \cos (\theta)\end{array}\right]$


## Shear



Figure: The unit square with a shear transformation applied.

General Standard Transformation Matrix

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is $\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & c \\ 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$
- $T: \mathbb{R}^{3} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is $A=\left[\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$


## Scale



Figure: The unit square scaled by 2.

General Standard Transformation Matrix

- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is $A=\left[\begin{array}{cc}c_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{2}\end{array}\right]$
- $T: \mathbb{R}^{2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{2}$ is $\left[\begin{array}{ccc}\lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3}\end{array}\right]$


## The Determinant

- For $T: \mathbb{R}^{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}, \operatorname{det}(A)=$ factor of area/volume change.
- Since determinants can only be calculated for square matrices, $T: \mathbb{R}^{m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n}$ transformations are not applicable.


## The Determinant in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$



Figure: A parallelogram in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

- The base of the parallelogram is $\mathbf{b}=\left[\begin{array}{l}b \\ 0\end{array}\right]$
- The height of the parallelogram is $\mathbf{h}=\left[\begin{array}{l}0 \\ h\end{array}\right]$


## The Determinant in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$

A scale transformation is $A=\left[\begin{array}{cc}c_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & c_{2}\end{array}\right]$. It has $\operatorname{det}(A)=c_{1} * c_{2}$

- $T(\mathbf{b})=c_{1} b$
- $T(\mathbf{h})=c_{2} h$

So, the transformed area is $T(A)=T(\mathbf{b}) * T(\mathbf{h})=\left(c_{1} c_{2}\right) b h=\operatorname{det}(A) A$

## The Determinant in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$

$V=b h w$. The transformation matrix will be $A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}c_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{3}\end{array}\right]$, with $\operatorname{det}(A)=c_{1} c_{2} c_{3}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \mathbf{b}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
b \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right] \mapsto T(\mathbf{b})=\left[\begin{array}{c}
c_{1} b \\
0 \\
0
\end{array}\right] \\
& \cdot \mathbf{h}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
h \\
0
\end{array}\right] \mapsto T(\mathbf{h})=\left[\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
c_{2} h \\
0
\end{array}\right] \\
& \mathbf{w}=\left[\begin{array}{l}
0 \\
0 \\
w
\end{array}\right] \mapsto T(\mathbf{w})=\left[\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
0 \\
c_{3} w
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

So, the transformed volume is $T(V)=c_{1} c_{2} c_{3}(b h w)=\operatorname{det}(A) V$.

## The Determinant

$$
\text { Example: } A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
2 & 2 \\
1 & 3
\end{array}\right] \quad \operatorname{det}(A)=4
$$

Figure: A parallelogram made of the standard basis vectors as vertices.

## Isomorphic Planes

- To simply bring your basis vectors into $R^{m}$, pad your transformation matrix with zeros to give it the appropriate dimensions:
$A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$
- In addition to the previously covered transformations, this opens up infinitely many new axes about which the image can be rotated.


## Isomorphic Planes

- Rotation about the three main axes in $R^{3}$ is relatively simple. The standard rotational matrices for $\mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ are used, with the third column removed.
- Notice the column corresponding to the axis of rotation remains unchanged.

$$
\begin{gathered}
T_{x}(\theta)=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -\sin \theta \\
0 & \cos \theta
\end{array}\right] \\
T_{y}(\theta)=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \theta & 0 \\
0 & 1 \\
-\sin \theta & 0
\end{array}\right] \\
T_{z}(\theta)=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\
\sin \theta & \cos \theta \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

## Arbitrary Axis Rotation

- Rotation around an arbitrary axis becomes trickier. Two pieces of information are needed:
- Unit vector along your axis, $\mathbf{u}=\left(u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}\right)$
- Angle of rotation, $\theta$
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}\cos \theta+u_{1}^{2}(1-\cos \theta) & u_{1} u_{2}(1-\cos \theta)-u_{3} \sin \theta & u_{1} u_{3}(1-\cos \theta)+u_{2} \operatorname{si} \\ u_{2} u_{1}(1-\cos \theta)+u_{3} \sin \theta & \cos \theta+u_{2}^{2}(1-\cos \theta) & u_{2} u_{3}(1-\cos \theta)-u_{1} \sin \\ u_{3} u_{1}(1-\cos \theta)-u_{2} \sin \theta & u_{3} u_{2}(1-\cos \theta)+u_{1} \sin \theta & \cos \theta+u_{3}^{2}(1-\cos \theta)\end{array}\right.$


## Combining Matrices

- Transformations may be stacked. A composite matrix may be found by multiplying $A \times B$.
- Order matters! This is consistent with the non-commutative property of matrix multiplication.

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 2 \\
0 & 1
\end{array}\right], B=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\cos \frac{\pi}{3} & \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \\
-\sin \frac{\pi}{3} & \cos \frac{\pi}{3}
\end{array}\right]
$$



## Recap

- 4 main types of transformations: rotation, reflection, scale, and shear.
- The determinant of a square standard transformation matrix tells you how much the area/volume of a shape will be stretched.
- You can use isomorphic planes to go between dimensions.
- A standard transformation matrix can contain more then one type of transformation.


## Thank you for listening!

## Any questions?

