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1)

Definition

A *linear transformation* is a transformation $T:Rn \rightarrow Rm$ satisfying

T(u+v)=T(u)+T(v)T(cu)=cT(u)

for all vectors u,v in Rn and all scalars c.

Facts about linear transformations

Let T:Rn→Rm be a linear transformation. Then:

 $T(\theta)=\theta.$

For any vectors v1,v2,...,vk in Rn and scalars c1,c2,...,ck, we have

 $TAc1v1+c2v2+\cdots+ckvkB=c1T(v1)+c2T(v2)+\cdots+ckT(vk).$

Examples

<u>i)</u>

Define T:R \rightarrow R by T(x)=x+1. Is T a linear transformation?

Solution

We have T(0)=0+1=1. Since any linear transformation necessarily takes zero to zero by the above important note, we conclude that T is *not* linear (even though its graph is a line).

Note: in this case, it was not necessary to check explicitly that T does not satisfy both defining properties: since T(0)=0 is a consequence of these properties, at least one of them must not be satisfied. (In fact, this T satisfies neither.)

<u>ii)</u>

Define T:R2 \rightarrow R2 by T(x)=1.5x. Verify that T is linear.

Solution

We have to check the defining properties for *all* vectors u,v and *all* scalars c. In other words, we have to treat u,v, and c as *unknowns*. The only thing we are allowed to use is the definition of T.

T(u+v)=1.5(u+v)=1.5u+1.5v=T(u)+T(v)

Since T satisfies both defining properties, T is linear.

Note: we know from this example in Section 3.1 that T is a matrix transformation: in fact,

 $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 & 0\\ 0 & 1.5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$

Since a matrix transformation is a linear transformation, this is another proof that T is linear.

<u>iii)</u>

Define T:R2 \rightarrow R3 by the formula

$$\mathbf{T}\binom{x}{y} = \binom{3x-y}{\binom{y}{x}}.$$

Verify that T is linear.

Solution

We have to check the defining properties for *all* vectors u,v and *all* scalars c. In other words, we have to treat u,v, and c as *unknowns*; the only thing we are allowed to use is the definition of T. Since T is defined in terms of the

coordinates of u,v, we need to give those names as well; say $u = \binom{x_1}{y_2}$ and $v = \binom{x_2}{y_2}$. For the first property, we have

$$T\left(\binom{x1}{y1}\right) + \binom{x2}{y2} = T\binom{x1+x2}{y1+y2} = \binom{3(x1+x2) - (y1+y2)}{y1+y2}$$
$$= \binom{(3x1-y1) + (3x2-y2)}{y1+y2}$$
$$= \binom{(3x1-y1) + (3x2-y2)}{y1+y2}$$
$$= \binom{3x1-y1}{y1} + \binom{3x2-y2}{y2}{x2} = T\binom{x1}{y1} + T\binom{x2}{y2}$$

For the second property,

$$T\left(c\binom{x1}{y1}\right) = T\binom{cx1}{cy1} = \binom{3(cx1) - (cy1)}{cy1}$$
$$= \binom{c(3x1 - y1)}{cy1} = c\binom{3x1 - y1}{y1} = cT\binom{x1}{y1}$$

Since T satisfies the defining properties, T is a linear transformation.

Note: we will see in this example below that

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x\\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1\\ 0 & 1\\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x\\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence T is in fact a matrix transformation.

<u>iv)</u>

Verify that the following transformations from R2 to R2 are not linear:

$$T1\begin{pmatrix}x\\y\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}|x|\\y\end{pmatrix}$$
 $T2\begin{pmatrix}x\\y\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}xy\\y\end{pmatrix}$ $T3\begin{pmatrix}x\\y\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}2x+1\\x-2y\end{pmatrix}$

Solution

In order to verify that a transformation T is *not* linear, we have to show that T does not satisfy *at least one* of the two defining properties. For the first, the negation of the statement "T(u+v)=T(u)+T(v) for all vectors u,v" is "there exists at least one pair of vectors u,v such that T(u+v)A=T(u)+T(v)." In other words, it suffices to find *one example* of a pair of vectors u,v such that T(u+v)A=T(u)+T(v). Likewise, for the second, the negation of the statement "T(cu)=cT(u) for all vectors u and all scalars c" is "there exists some vector u and some scalar c such that T(cu)A=cT(u)." In other words, it suffices to find *one* vector u and *one* scalar c such that T(cu)A=cT(u).

For the first transformation, we note that

$$T1\left(-\binom{-1}{0}\right) = T1\binom{-1}{0} = \binom{|-1|}{0} = \binom{1}{0}$$

but that

$$-\mathrm{T1}\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix}|1|\\0\end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}-1\\0\end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, this transformation does not satisfy the second property.

For the second transformation, we note that

$$-\mathrm{T2}\left(2\binom{1}{1}\right) = \mathrm{T2}\binom{2}{2} = \binom{2.2}{2} = \binom{4}{2}$$

but that

$$2\mathsf{T}2\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\end{pmatrix} = 2\begin{pmatrix}1.1\\1\end{pmatrix} = 2\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\end{pmatrix} = \binom{2}{2}$$

Therefore, this transformation does not satisfy the second property.

For the third transformation, we observe that

$$T3\begin{pmatrix}0\\0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}2(0)+1\\0-2(0)\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}1\\0\end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix}0\\0\end{pmatrix}$$

Since T3 does not take the zero vector to the zero vector, it cannot be linear.

<u>v)</u>

Define T:C3 \rightarrow C2T:C3 \rightarrow C2 by describing the output of the function for a generic input with the

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}x^{1}\\x^{2}\\x^{3}\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}2x1+x3\\-4x2\end{bmatrix}$$

and check the two defining properties.

$$T(x + y) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x1\\x2\\x3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y1\\y2\\y3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
$$T = \left(\begin{bmatrix} x1 + y1\\x2 + y2\\x3 + y3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2(x1 + y1) + (x3 + y3)\\-4(x2 + y2) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} (2x1 + x3) + (2y1 + y3)\\-4x2 + (-4)y2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} (2x1 + x3) + (2y1 + y3)\\-4x2 + (-4)y2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x1 + x3\\-4x2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2y1 + y3\\-4y2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x1\\x2\\x3 \end{bmatrix} \right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} y1\\y2\\y3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

T(x)+T(y)

And

$$T(\alpha x) = T\left(\alpha \begin{bmatrix} x1\\x2\\x3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$
$$= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x1\\x2\\x3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(\alpha x1) + (\alpha x3)\\-4(\alpha x2) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(2x1 + x3)\\\alpha(-4x2) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2x1 + x3\\-4x2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \alpha \begin{bmatrix} 2x1 + x3\\-4x2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \alpha T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x1\\x2\\x3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$
$$= \alpha T(x)$$

T is a linear transformation.