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1)

Definition

A *linear transformation* is a transformation $T:R^n \rightarrow R^m$ satisfying

$$T(u+v)=T(u)+T(v) \quad T(cu)=cT(u)$$

for all vectors u,v in R^n and all scalars c .

Facts about linear transformations

Let $T:R^n \rightarrow R^m$ be a linear transformation. Then:

$$T(0)=0.$$

For any vectors v_1,v_2,\dots,v_k in R^n and scalars c_1,c_2,\dots,c_k , we have

$$T(c_1v_1+c_2v_2+\dots+c_kv_k)=c_1T(v_1)+c_2T(v_2)+\dots+c_kT(v_k).$$

Examples

i)

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.)

ii)

Define $T:\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ 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,

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

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

iii)

Define $T:\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by the formula

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - y \\ y \\ x \end{pmatrix}.$$

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 $u = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$. For the first property, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 3(x_1 + x_2) - (y_1 + y_2) \\ y_1 + y_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (3x_1 - y_1) + (3x_2 - y_2) \\ y_1 + y_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 - y_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3x_2 - y_2 \\ y_2 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

For the second property,

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(c\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) &= T\left(\begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ cy_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 3(cx_1) - (cy_1) \\ cy_1 \\ cx_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c(3x_1 - y_1) \\ cy_1 \\ cx_1 \end{pmatrix} = c\begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 - y_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = cT\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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.

iv)

Verify that the following transformations from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 are not linear:

$$T_1 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |x| \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad T_2 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xy \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad T_3 \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x + 1 \\ x - 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$T_1 \left(- \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) = T_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |-1| \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

but that

$$-T_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} |1| \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, this transformation does not satisfy the second property.

For the second transformation, we note that

$$-T_2 \left(2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = T_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

but that

$$2T_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, this transformation does not satisfy the second property.

For the third transformation, we observe that

$$T_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2(0) + 1 \\ 0 - 2(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since T_3 does not take the zero vector to the zero vector, it cannot be linear.

v)

Define $T: \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ by describing the output of the function for a generic input with the

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and check the two defining properties.

$$T(x + y) = T \left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ x_3 + y_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2(x_1 + y_1) + (x_3 + y_3) \\ -4(x_2 + y_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (2x_1 + x_3) + (2y_1 + y_3) \\ -4x_2 + (-4)y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2y_1 + y_3 \\ -4y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$T(x)+T(y)$

And

$$T(ax) = T\left(a\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} ax_1 \\ ax_2 \\ ax_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(ax_1) + (ax_3) \\ -4(ax_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a(2x_1 + x_3) \\ a(-4x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= a \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= aT\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= aT(x)$$

T is a linear transformation.

