

Linear Transformations

Let $U(F)$ and $V(F)$ be two vector spaces. Let $T: U \rightarrow V$ be a mapping.

Then T is called a linear transformation if

$$(i) \quad T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \quad \forall x, y \in U$$

$$(ii) \quad T(kx) = kT(x) \quad \forall x \in U, k \in F.$$

OR

$$T(ax+by) = aT(x) + bT(y) \quad \forall x, y \in U, \\ \forall a, b \in F.$$

Q

Let T be the mapping from \mathbb{R}^2 into \mathbb{R}^2 defined by $T(a, b) = (a+b, a-b)$.

Prove that T is a linear transformation.

Solution

We shall show that

$$T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \text{ and } T(cx) = cT(x).$$

$$\text{Let } x = (a, b), y = (c, d).$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(x+y) &= T\{(a, b) + (c, d)\} = T\{(a+c), (b+d)\} \\ &= T(a+c, b+d) = T\{(a+c) + (b+d), (a+c) - (b+d)\} \\ &= T\{(a+b) + (c+d), (a-b) + (c-d)\} \\ &= T\{(a+b, a-b) + (c+d, c-d)\} \\ &= T(a+b, a-b) + T(c+d, c-d) \\ &= T(a, b) + T(c, d) \\ &= T(x) + T(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y)$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} T(cx) &= T\{c(a, b)\} = T(ca, cb) \\ &= (ca+cb, ca-cb) \\ &= c(a+b, a-b) \\ &= cT(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T(cx) = cT(x) \Rightarrow T \text{ is linear.}$$

Q: verify whether T is linear when T is defined as $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ by $T(x) = 2x$.

Solution

we have to verify that

$$T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \text{ and } T(cx) = c[T(x)]$$

$$\text{Given that } T(x) = 2x \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now } T(u+v) = 2(u+v) \text{ [using (1)]}$$

$$= 2u + 2v$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)} \text{ [using (1)] --- (2)}$$

$$\text{Also, } T(cu) = 2(cu) \text{ [using (1)]}$$

$$= c(2u)$$
$$= cT(u)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{T(cu) = cT(u)} \text{ --- (3)}$$

T satisfies both defining properties, clear from (2) and (3).

$\Rightarrow T$ is linear.

Q: Prove that $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by ~~the~~

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

Solution

If T is linear then

$$T(U+V) = T(U) + T(V) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and } T(cU) = cT(U). \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Given that } T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3x - y \\ y \\ x \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Let } U = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, V = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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

$$\Rightarrow T(U+V) = T \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + T \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = T(U) + T(V)$$

$$\text{Also } T(cU) = T \left\{ c \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} = T \begin{pmatrix} cx_1 \\ cy_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3(cx_1) - cy_1 \\ cy_1 \\ cx_1 \end{pmatrix} = c \begin{pmatrix} 3x_1 - y_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = cT \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(cU) = cT(U) \quad \text{--- (2) Proved.}$$

Thus, from (1) and (2) we can conclude that T is linear.

Q T is defined as $T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} |x| \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

Is T linear?

Solution

For T to be linear,

$$T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v) \text{ and}$$

$$T(c\alpha) = cT(\alpha)$$

For 2nd condition, we shall verify that

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

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

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

$$\therefore \text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$

So, T ~~is~~ is not linear.

Q. verify that $T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ is linear.

Solution for T to be linear, $T(u+v) = T(u) + T(v)$
and $T(c\alpha) = cT(\alpha)$.

$$\text{let } \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T\left(2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = T\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \times 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore T\left(2\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) \neq 2T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

i.e. $T(2\alpha) \neq 2T(\alpha) \Rightarrow T$ is not linear

Q Prove that $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is not linear where

$$T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+1 \\ x-2y \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution

$$\text{let } \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = T\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 0 + 1 \\ 0 - 2 \times 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow T\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \neq \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow T$ does not map zero vector to the zero vector

$\Rightarrow T$ is not linear.

Q: Verify whether $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

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

is linear.

Solution For a linear transformation,

$$T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \quad \text{---(1) and}$$

$$T(cx) = cT(x) \quad \text{---(2) .}$$

Let $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$, $y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore T(x+y) &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ x_3 + y_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_1 + y_1) + (x_3 + y_3) \\ -4(x_2 + y_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (2x_1 + x_3) + (2y_1 + y_3) \\ (-4x_2) + (-4y_2) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Also $T(x) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{---(3)}$

and $T(y) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2y_1 + y_3 \\ -4y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T(x) + T(y) &= \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2y_1 + y_3 \\ -4y_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} (2x_1 + x_3) + (2y_1 + y_3) \\ (-4x_2) + (-4y_2) \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{---(4)} \end{aligned}$$

From (3) and (4), ~~again~~

$$\Rightarrow T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) \quad \text{---(1) Proved}$$

$$\text{Also, } T(cX) = T\left(c \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \\ cx_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2(cx_1) + cx_3 \\ -4(cx_2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c(2x_1 + x_3) \\ c(-4x_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= c \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 + x_3 \\ -4x_2 \end{bmatrix} = c T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad \parallel$$

$$\Rightarrow T(cX) = c T(X) \quad \text{--- (2) Proved.}$$

① and (2) are true. $\Rightarrow T$ is linear.