

LINEAR TRANSFORMATION :-

Let, u and v be two vector spaces over the same field F and let $T: u \rightarrow v$ be a function. Then T is called a linear transformation if the following conditions are satisfied :-

- i) $T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2) \quad \forall u_1, u_2 \in u$
- ii) $T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1) \quad \forall \alpha \in F \text{ and } u_1 \in u$

EXAMPLE :-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by $T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$. Is T linear?

Solution :-

- i) Let, $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $y = (y_1, y_2)$ belongs to \mathbb{R}^2 , then $T(x) = T(x_1, x_2) = (-x_2, x_1)$
also $T(y) = T(y_1, y_2) = (-y_2, y_1)$

To show that,

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} x+y &= (x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ T(x+y) &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \\ &= (- (x_2 + y_2), x_1 + y_1) \\ &= (-x_2 - y_2, x_1 + y_1) \\ &= (-x_2, x_1) + (-y_2, y_1) \\ T(x+y) &= T(x) + T(y) \end{aligned}$$

- ii) Let, $x = (x_1, x_2)$ and $\alpha \in F$.

To show that,

$$T(\alpha x) = \alpha T(x)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\alpha x &= \alpha(x_1, x_2) \\ &= (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \\ T(\alpha x) &= T(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2) \\ &= (-\alpha x_2, \alpha x_1) \\ &= \alpha(-x_2, x_1) \\ T(\alpha x) &= \alpha T(x)\end{aligned}$$

Since both conditions are satisfied, so T is linear.

EXAMPLE:-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + 1, x_2)$ then T is not linear.

Solution:-

If T is linear then it should map $(0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ onto $(0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. But $T(0, 0) = (1, 0) \neq (0, 0)$. So, T is not linear.

EXAMPLE:-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2)$

Solution:-

$$\begin{aligned}T(0, 0) &= (0, 0) \\ &= (0, 0)\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE:-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $T(x_1, x_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$

Solution:-

$$\begin{aligned}T(0, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

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EXAMPLE:-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_2^2)$.

Solution:-

$$\begin{aligned} T(0, 0) &= (0, 0^2) \\ &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE:-

Let, $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be given by
 $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 x_2, x_2 x_1)$ if $x_1 = -1$ and $x_2 = 2$.

Solution:-

$$\begin{aligned} T(-1, 2) &= ((-1)(2), (2)(-1)) \\ &= (-2, -2) \end{aligned}$$