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Linear Transformation:

Let U and V be two vector spaces over the same field F and let $T: U \rightarrow V$ be the function then T is called Linear Transformation if the following conditions are satisfied

$$(i) T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

$$(ii) T(\alpha u) = \alpha T(u)$$

Example 1: Check which of the following defined linear transformations from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 ?

$$(i) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3)$$

Sol: Given transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{and } u_2 = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

then we prove that

$$(i) T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(u_1 + u_2) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\
 &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \\
 &= ((x_1 + y_1) - (x_2 + y_2), (x_1 + y_1) - (x_3 + y_3)) \\
 &= (x_1 + y_1 - x_2 - y_2, x_1 + y_1 - x_3 - y_3) \\
 &= (x_1 - x_2 + y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_3 + y_1 - y_3) \\
 &= (x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3) + (y_1 - y_2, y_1 - y_3) \\
 &= T(x_1, x_2, x_3) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\
 &= T(u_1) + T(u_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
then we prove that $T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\alpha u_1) &= T(\alpha (x_1, x_2, x_3)) \\
 &= T(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \alpha x_3) \\
 &= (\alpha x_1 - \alpha x_2, \alpha x_1 - \alpha x_3) \\
 &= (\alpha (x_1 - x_2), \alpha (x_1 - x_3)) \\
 &= \alpha (x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_3) \\
 &= \alpha T(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\
 &= \alpha T(u_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence T is a linear transformation
from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

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$$(ii) \quad T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (|x_1|, x_2 - x_3)$$

Sol:

Given transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (|x_1|, x_2 - x_3)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{and } u_2 = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

then we prove

$$(i) \quad T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1 + u_2) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \\ &= (|x_1 + y_1|, (x_2 + y_2) - (x_3 + y_3)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } T(u_1 + u_2) = (|x_1 + y_1|, x_2 + y_2 - x_3 - y_3) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1) + T(u_2) &= T(x_1, x_2, x_3) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ &= (|x_1|, x_2 - x_3) + (|y_1|, y_2 - y_3) \\ &= (|x_1| + |y_1|, x_2 - x_3 + y_2 - y_3) \\ &= (|x_1| + |y_1|, x_2 + y_2 - x_3 - y_3) \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

from (1) and (2)

$$T(u_1 + u_2) \neq T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Hence T is not a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$(iii) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + x_3)$$

Sol:

Given transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + x_3)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{and } u_2 = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Then we prove

$$(i) T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1 + u_2) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1 + 1, x_2 + y_2 + x_3 + y_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(u_1 + u_2) = (x_1 + y_1 + 1, x_2 + x_3 + y_2 + y_3) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1) + T(u_2) &= T(x_1, x_2, x_3) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ &= (x_1 + 1, x_2 + x_3) + (y_1 + 1, y_2 + y_3) \\ &= (x_1 + 1 + y_1 + 1, x_2 + x_3 + y_2 + y_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(u_1) + T(u_2) = (x_1 + y_1 + 2, x_2 + x_3 + y_2 + y_3) \quad \text{--- ②}$$

From ① and ②

$$T(u_1 + u_2) \neq T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Hence T is not a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

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$$(iv) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, x_3)$$

Sol:

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T is a L.T from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

$$(v) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{x_3}, x_3 \right)$$

Sol:

Do Yourself

T is not a L.T from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 .

Example 2: Show that each of the following defines Linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$(i) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_3, x_1)$$

Sol:

Given transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_3, x_1)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{and } u_2 = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

then we prove that
(i) $T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1 + u_2) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \\ &= ((x_1 + y_1) - (x_2 + y_2), (x_2 + y_2) - (x_3 + y_3), x_1 + y_1) \\ &= (x_1 + y_1 - x_2 - y_2, x_2 + y_2 - x_3 - y_3, x_1 + y_1) \\ &= (x_1 - x_2 + y_1 - y_2, x_2 - x_3 + y_2 - y_3, x_1 + y_1) \\ &= (x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_3, x_1) + (y_1 - y_2, y_2 - y_3, y_1) \\ &= T(x_1, x_2, x_3) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3) \\ &\Rightarrow T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2) \end{aligned}$$

Now. we prove

(ii) $T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha u_1) &= T(\alpha(x_1, x_2, x_3)) \\ &= T(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \alpha x_3) \\ &= (\alpha x_1 - \alpha x_2, \alpha x_2 - \alpha x_3, \alpha x_1) \\ &= \alpha(x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_3, x_1) \\ &= \alpha T(x_1, x_2, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1)$$

Hence T is a linear transformation
from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 .

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$$(ii) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_2, -x_1, -x_3)$$

Sol:

Do Yourself

T is a L.T from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$(iii) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3, x_2 - 4x_3, x_3)$$

Sol:

Given transformation is

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3, x_2 - 4x_3, x_3)$$

$$\text{Let } u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

$$\text{and } u_2 = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

then we prove

$$(i) T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(u_1 + u_2) &= T((x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3)) \\ &= T(x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$= ((x_1 + y_1) - 3(x_2 + y_2) - 2(x_3 + y_3), (x_2 + y_2) - 4(x_3 + y_3), x_3 + y_3)$$

$$= (x_1 + y_1 - 3x_2 - 3y_2 - 2x_3 - 2y_3, x_2 + y_2 - 4x_3 - 4y_3, x_3 + y_3)$$

$$= (x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3 + y_1 - 3y_2 - 2y_3, x_2 - 4x_3 + y_2 - 4y_3, x_3 + y_3)$$

$$= (x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3, x_2 - 4x_3, x_3) + (y_1 - 3y_2 - 2y_3, y_2 - 4y_3, y_3)$$

$$= T(x_1, x_2, x_3) + T(y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(u_1 + u_2) = T(u_1) + T(u_2)$$

(ii) Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $u_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Then we prove

$$T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1) + \alpha T(u_2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} T(\alpha u_1) &= T(\alpha(x_1, x_2, x_3)) \\ &= T(\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \alpha x_3) \\ &= (\alpha x_1 - 3\alpha x_2 - 2\alpha x_3, \alpha x_2 - 4\alpha x_3, \alpha x_3) \\ &= \alpha(x_1 - 3x_2 - 2x_3, x_2 - 4x_3, x_3) \\ &= \alpha T(x_1, x_2, x_3) \\ &\Rightarrow T(\alpha u_1) = \alpha T(u_1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence T is a linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$(iv) T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_3, x_1 - x_3, x_2)$$

Sol:

Do Yourself

Hence T is L.T from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 .