

4 Determine if the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1/2 \\ 0 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a linear transformation. If yes, prove it. If not, use explicit numbers to prove it isn't.

Two things to check:

i) $T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = T(\vec{x}) + T(\vec{y})$

ii) $T(c\vec{x}) = c \cdot T(\vec{x})$

Pf. i): Let $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

Pf. ii):

$$\begin{aligned} T(c\vec{x}) &= T\left(c\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cx_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} cx_1/2 \\ 0 \\ cx_1 + 4cx_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} cx_1/2 \\ c \cdot 0 \\ c(x_1 + 4x_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= c \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x_1/2 \\ 0 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= c \cdot T(\vec{x}). \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} (x_1 + y_1)/2 \\ 0 \\ (x_1 + y_1) + 4(x_2 + y_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1/2 + y_1/2 \\ 0 \\ (x_1 + 4x_2) + (y_1 + 4y_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1/2 \\ 0 \\ (x_1 + 4x_2) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} y_1/2 \\ 0 \\ (y_1 + 4y_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(\vec{x}) + T(\vec{y})$$

5 Let $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ be a linearly independent set in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(a) Prove that the set $\{v_1, v_1 + v_2, v_2 + v_3\}$ is linearly independent.

(b) Prove that the set $\{v_1 - v_2, v_2 - v_3, v_3 - v_1\}$ is linearly dependent.

a) Show $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\}$ lin indep.
Suppose

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 (\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2) + c_3 (\vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3) = \vec{0}$$

$$c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$(c_1 + c_2) \vec{v}_1 + (c_2 + c_3) \vec{v}_2 + c_3 \vec{v}_3 = \vec{0}$$

$$\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3\} \text{ lin. indep.}, \text{ so}$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$$

$$c_2 + c_3 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$c_3 = 0$$

$$\text{So } c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, c_3 = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_2 + \vec{v}_3\} \text{ lin indep.}$$

Let,

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{x_1} \\ 0 \\ x_1 + 4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Is this linear?

$$\sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2} \neq \sqrt{1} + \sqrt{1} = 1+1 = 2$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{So } T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) + T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$