

First, we show  $T$  is linear. For any  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$[T(ax + by)]z = \langle ax + by, z \rangle = a\langle x, z \rangle + b\langle y, z \rangle = [aT(x) + bT(y)]z$$

Next, by way of contradiction assume  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y : Tx = Ty$ .

$$\implies \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n, \langle x, z \rangle = \langle y, z \rangle.$$

Choose  $n$  vectors to be  $z$ . The standard basis vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, e_i \rangle &= x_i, \langle y, e_i \rangle = y_i \\ \implies \forall i = 1, \dots, n, x_i &= y_i \\ \therefore x &= y \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction thus  $T$  is one-to-one. For linear transformations from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , injective, surjective, and bijective are equivalent.