

1. Which of the following functions are Linear transformations?

(a)  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(x, y, z) = (x, 0, 0), \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**Solution:**

- Additivity:

$$T((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = T(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = (x_1 + x_2, 0, 0) = (x_1, 0, 0) + (x_2, 0, 0) = T((x_1, y_1, z_1)) + T((x_2, y_2, z_2)).$$

- Homogeneity:

$$T(\lambda \cdot (x_1, y_1, z_1)) = T(\lambda \cdot x_1, \lambda \cdot y_1, \lambda \cdot z_1) = (\lambda \cdot x_1, 0, 0) = \lambda \cdot (x_1, 0, 0) = \lambda \cdot T((x_1, y_1, z_1)).$$

(b)  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(x, y, z) = (5x, -x, 10y), \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**Solution:**

- Additivity:

$$T((x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)) = T(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = (5x_1 + 5x_2, -x_1 - x_2, 10y_1 + 10y_2) = (5x_1, -x_1, 10y_1) + (5x_2, -x_2, 10y_2) = T(x_1, y_1, z_1) + T(x_2, y_2, z_2).$$

- Homogeneity:

$$T(\lambda \cdot (x_1, y_1, z_1)) = T(\lambda \cdot x_1, \lambda \cdot y_1, \lambda \cdot z_1) = (5 \cdot \lambda x_1, -\lambda x_1, 10 \lambda y_1) = \lambda (5x_1, -x_1, 10y_1) = \lambda T(x_1, y_1, z_1).$$

(c)  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, T(x) = ax + b, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $a, b$  are some real-valued non-zero constants.

**Solution:**

$$T(\theta) = a\theta + b \neq 0 = \theta.$$

Thus, since  $T(\theta) \neq \theta$ , it is not a linear transform.

(d)  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, T(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) + (1, 2, -2), \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

**Solution:**

$$T(\theta) = T((0, 0, 0)) = (0, 0, 0) + (1, 2, -2) = (1, 2, -2) \neq (0, 0, 0) = \theta. \text{ Since } T(\theta) \neq \theta, \text{ it is not a linear transform.}$$

(e)  $T : \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_6(\mathbb{R}), T(p) = q \cdot p, \forall p \in \mathcal{P}_3(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $p \cdot q$  denotes multiplication between polynomials, and  $q = q_0 + q_1x + q_2x^2 + q_3x^3$ , with  $q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3 \in \mathbb{R}$  are fixed constants.

**Solution:**

- Additivity:

Consider,

$$p_1 = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3$$

and

$$p_2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x + \beta_2 \cdot x^2 + \beta_3 \cdot x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(p_1 + p_2) &= T(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3 + \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x + \beta_2 \cdot x^2 + \beta_3 \cdot x^3) \\ &= T((\alpha_0 + \beta_0) + (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) \cdot x + (\alpha_2 + \beta_2) \cdot x^2 + (\alpha_3 + \beta_3) \cdot x^3) \\ &= q((\alpha_0 + \beta_0) + (\alpha_1 + \beta_1) \cdot x + (\alpha_2 + \beta_2) \cdot x^2 + (\alpha_3 + \beta_3) \cdot x^3) \\ &= q(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3) + q(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot x + \beta_2 \cdot x^2 + \beta_3 \cdot x^3) \\ &= q \cdot p_1 + q \cdot p_2 \\ &= T(p_1) + T(p_2) \end{aligned}$$

- Homogeneity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3 \\
 T(\lambda p_1) &= T(\lambda(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3)) \\
 &= T(\lambda\alpha_0 + \lambda\alpha_1 \cdot x + \lambda\alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \lambda\alpha_3 \cdot x^3) \\
 &= q(\lambda\alpha_0 + \lambda\alpha_1 \cdot x + \lambda\alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \lambda\alpha_3 \cdot x^3) \\
 &= \lambda q(\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot x + \alpha_2 \cdot x^2 + \alpha_3 \cdot x^3) \\
 &= \lambda T(p_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

- (f) Let  $V$  be a vectors space,  $T : V \rightarrow V, T(u) = w, \forall u \in V$ , where  $w \in V$  is a fixed non-zero vector.

**Solution:**

$T(\theta) = w \neq \theta$ , hence it is not a linear transform.

- (g) Consider the vector space  $V = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V, (T(f))(t) = \sin t \cdot f(t), \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall f \in V$

**Solution:**

- Additivity:

$$T((f_1 + f_2)(t)) = \sin t \cdot (f_1 + f_2)(t) = \sin t \cdot f_1(t) + \sin t \cdot f_2(t) = T(f_1(t)) + T(f_2(t)).$$

- Homogeneity:

$$T(\lambda f(t)) = \sin t \lambda f(t) = \sin t (\lambda f)(t) = T((\lambda f)(t))$$

- (h) Let  $T : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $T(x) = \bar{x}, \forall x \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Solution:**

- Additivity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(z_1 + z_2) &= T((a_1 + b_1i) + (a_2 + b_2i)) \\
 &= T(a_1 + a_2 + (b_1 + b_2)i) \\
 &= a_1 + a_2 - (b_1 + b_2)i \\
 &= (a_1 - b_1i) + (a_2 - b_2i) \\
 &= T(z_1) + T(z_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

- Homogeneity:

$$T(\lambda z) = T(\lambda(a + bi)) = T(\lambda a + \lambda bi) = \lambda a - \lambda bi = \lambda(a - bi) = \lambda T(z).$$

2. Let  $T : U \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation between vector spaces  $U$  and  $V$ . Show that, if  $W$  is a subspace of  $U$ , then the image  $T(W)$  will be a subspace of  $V$ .

**Solution:**

The three conditions that confirm that  $W$  is a subspace of  $U$  are:

- $\theta \in W$
- $\forall x, y \in W, x + y \in W$
- $\forall \alpha \in F, \forall x \in W, \alpha \cdot x \in W$

Now we show that  $T(W)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

- $\forall x, y \in W, T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$ , because  $T$  is a linear transform. Thus,  $T(W)$  is closed under vector addition as  $T(x)$  and  $T(y)$  belong to  $T(W)$ , since  $x, y \in W$  and we know that  $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$ , and since  $W$  is a subspace,  $x + y \in W$ , and thus  $T(x + y) \in T(W)$  but we know that  $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$ , where  $T(x), T(y) \in T(W)$ .

- $\forall x \in W, T(\alpha \cdot x) = \alpha \cdot T(x)$ , since  $T$  is a linear transform. However, since  $W$  is a subspace,  $x, \alpha \cdot x \in W$  and thus  $T(x), T(\alpha \cdot x) \in T(W)$ , and  $T(\alpha \cdot x) = \alpha \cdot T(x)$ , thus  $T(W)$  is closed under scalar multiplication.
- Since,  $W$  is a subspace it contains  $\theta$  and for a linear transform  $T(\theta) = \theta$ , and thus  $\theta \in T(W)$ .

Since all three conditions hold,  $T(W)$  is a subspace.

3. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be defined as  $T(A) = BA - AB, \forall A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , where  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a fixed invertible matrix. Is  $T$  a linear transformation? Is it an isomorphism?

**Solution:**

Image of additive identity:

$T(\theta) = B\theta - \theta B = \theta - \theta = \theta$ . Thus the image of the identity is the identity.

Additivity:

$T(A_1 + A_2) = B(A_1 + A_2) - (A_1 + A_2)B = BA_1 - A_1B + BA_2 - A_2B = T(A_1) + T(A_2)$ .

Homogeneity:

$T(\lambda A) = B(\lambda A) - (\lambda A)B = \lambda(BA) - \lambda(AB) = \lambda(BA - AB) = \lambda T(A)$ .

Thus it is a linear transform.

It is an isomorphism if and only if  $\theta$  has a unique preimage.

$$BA - AB = \theta.$$

$$BA = AB$$

Thus, for any  $A$  that commutes (w.r.t matrix multiplication) with  $B$ ,  $T(A) = \theta$ . Simple examples of such matrices are  $A = B^k, k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus,  $T$  is not an isomorphism.

4. Suppose  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $U$  is a non-trivial subspace of  $V$ . Corresponding to any vector  $v$  in the vector space  $V$ , we define the set  $S_v(U) = \{v + u | u \in U\}$ .

- (a) Show that any two such sets are either identical or disjoint.

**Solution:**

We define a relation  $R$  between two elements  $x, y \in V$ , and put  $(x, y) \in R$  if and only if  $x \in S_y$ . We will prove that this is an equivalence relation and this from a basic theorem of discrete mathematics, implies a partition of  $V$ . Thus any two sets are either identical or disjoint.

- Reflexive:

We show that  $x \in S_x$ . This is clear because  $x + \theta = x$  and  $\theta \in U$ , and thus  $(x, x) \in R, \forall x \in V$ .

- Symmetric:

We show that if  $x \in S_y$ , then  $y \in S_x$ .  $x \in S_y$  means  $x = y + u$ , for some  $u \in U$ . It follows that  $y = x + u^{-1}$  and we know that  $u \in U \Rightarrow u^{-1} \in U$ . Thus  $y \in S_x$ .

- Transitive:

Suppose  $x \in S_y$  and  $y \in S_z$ . Thus,  $x = u_1 + y$  and  $y = u_2 + z$ , for  $u_1, u_2 \in U$ . It means  $x = u_1 + (u_2 + z) = (u_1 + u_2) + z$  and since  $u_1 \in U$  and  $u_2 \in U$ ,  $u_1 + u_2 \in U$ . Thus,  $x \in S_z$ .

- (b) Show that no such set is closed under vector addition, unless it is created by using an element of  $U$ .

**solution:**

Suppose  $x, y \in S_v$ ,  $x \neq y$  and  $v \notin U$ . We wish to argue that  $x + y \notin S_v$ . For some  $u_1, u_2 \in U$ ,  $x = v + u_1, y = v + u_2$ . Thus  $x + y = (v + u_1) + (v + u_2) = v(v + u_1 + u_2) = v + (v + u_3)$ . Here  $u_3 = u_1 + u_2$  is some element in  $U$ .  $v + u_3 \in U$  if and only if  $v \in U$ . Thus,  $x + y \in S_v$  when  $x \in S_v$  and  $y \in S_v$ , if and only if  $v \in U$ .

- (c) Let  $S_1, S_2$  be two such sets (possibly identical). Define  $S_1 + S_2 = \{s_1 + s_2 | s_1 \in S_1, s_2 \in S_2\}$ . Show that any such sum of two sets is also a set generated in this way.

**Solution:**

$S_1 + S_2 = \{x + u + y + u | u \in U\} = \{(x + y) + 2u | u \in U\} = \{x + y + u | u \in U\}$ . Thus the sum of the sets associated with elements  $x$  and  $y$  is the set associated with their sum  $x + y$ .