



# Chapter One: Transformation and Collineation

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# *Presentation Outline*

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# Motivation

*Imagination is more important than knowledge.*

ALBERT EINSTEIN

*Do not just pay attention to the words;*

*Instead pay attention to meaning behind the words.*

*But, do not just pay attention to meanings behind the words;*

*Instead pay attention to your deep experience of those meanings.*

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## 1. Transformations and Collineations

### 1.1 Preliminaries

**Definition:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets. Then, a *mapping*  $f$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a rule which assigns to every element  $x$  in  $X$  exactly one (unique) value  $f(x)$  in  $Y$ , here,  $f(x)$  is called the *image* of  $x$  under  $f$ . The set  $X$  is said to be the *domain of  $f$*  and  $Y$  is the *co-domain of  $f$* . The set of all images of  $f$  is called *range of  $f$* . In this definition of mappings, the word unique (exactly one) refers to the idea of *well definedness*. A rule which assigns to every element in the domain (in  $X$ ) some value in the co domain (in  $Y$ ) is said to be a mapping if it is well defined.

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To show well-defined ness, it suffices to show that  $f(x) = y, f(x) = z \Rightarrow y = z$ .

**Notation:** The mapping  $f$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted symbolically by  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ .

## Examples

1. Let  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $g(x, y) = (2x, 3y)$ . Show that  $g$  is a mapping.

**Solution:** Clearly  $g$  is a rule which assigns to each value in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a value in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Now, let's show that  $g$  is *well-defined*. Suppose  $g(x, y) = (a, b) \wedge g(x, y) = (c, d)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x, y) = (a, b) \wedge g(x, y) = (c, d) &\Rightarrow (2x, 3y) = (a, b) \wedge (2x, 3y) = (c, d) \\ &\Rightarrow 2x = a, 3y = b \wedge 2x = c, 3y = d \\ &\Rightarrow a = c \wedge b = d \Rightarrow (a, b) = (c, d) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that the image of any point  $(x, y)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is unique and hence  $g$  is well defined and it is a mapping.

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2\*. Let  $Z$  be set of integers. Consider the set  $S = \{x \in Z : |x-1| \leq 2\}$ . Define  $h: Z \rightarrow S$  by  $h(x) = x^2$ . Is  $h$  a mapping or not?

**Solution:** Here,  $S = \{x \in Z : |x-1| \leq 2\} = \{x \in Z : -2 \leq x-1 \leq 2\}$   
 $= \{x \in Z : -1 \leq x \leq 3\} = \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$

As we see,  $x = -1$  is in  $S$ . But there is no integer in the domain such that  $h(x) = -1$ . This means  $x = -1$  has no pre-image. Hence,  $h$  is not a mapping.

## **Definitions:**

**a) One-to-one (Injective) mapping:** A mapping  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be a *one-to-one (injective)* mapping if and only if  $f$  sends distinct elements of  $X$  in to distinct elements of  $Y$ . This means  $x \neq y \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$ . In other words,  $f$  is one to one if and only if  $f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ .

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**b) Onto (Surjective) mapping:** A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be *onto* mapping if and only if for every point  $y$  in  $Y$ , there exists an element  $x$  in  $X$  such that

$y = f(x)$ . Or if the image of  $f$  is the whole of  $Y$ . That is every element of  $Y$  has at least one pre-image in  $X$ .

**c) Bijective mapping:** A mapping is said to be bijective if and only if it is both one to one and onto mapping.

## EXAMPLE

 Verify the whether the following mappings are injective, surjective or bijective

a)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(x, y) = (2x, y - 1)$       b)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(x, y) = (\sqrt[3]{x-1}, y^3 + 3)$

c)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(x, y) = (x + y, x - y)$       d)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  given by  $f(x) = e^x$

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## Solution:

a) Assume  $f(x, y) = f(z, w)$  for any two points  $(x, y)$  and  $(z, w)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then,

$(2x, y-1) = (2z, w-1)$ . But from equality of order pairs, this equality is true if and

only if  $\begin{cases} 2x = 2z \\ y-1 = w-1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = z, y = w \Rightarrow (x, y) = (z, w)$ . So,  $f$  is one-to-one.

ii) Let  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be in the co-domain of  $f$ . Then, if  $\exists (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the domain of  $f$ , such that  $f(x, y) = (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is on to.

But,  $f(x, y) = (2x, y-1) = (a, b) \Rightarrow 2x = a, y-1 = b \Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{2}, y = b+1$ . Thus, we can find

$(x, y) = (\frac{a}{2}, b+1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(x, y) = f(\frac{a}{2}, b+1) = (a, b), \forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

So  $f$  is on to. Therefore, the given map is bijective.



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Now, we are at the position to define transformation as follows.

**Definition:** *Transformation* is a one-to-one mapping from a set  $X$  onto itself.

In other words, the map  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be a transformation if and only if it is one to one and onto. This means that for every point  $P$  in the domain there is a unique point  $Q$  such that  $f(P) = Q$  and conversely, for every point  $R$  in the range there is a unique point  $S$  in the domain such that  $f(S) = R$ .

Transformation are denoted by Greek letters like

$\alpha$	alpha
$\beta$	beta
$\gamma$	gamma
$\delta$	delta

But, for the sake of simplicity we use letters for function like  $f, g, h$  in some cases.

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**Example:** Verify the whether the following mappings are transformation or not.

a)  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $g(x, y) = (x + y + 1, x - y - 1)$

b)  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(x, y) = (x, x - y)$

**Solution:**

a) i) Assume  $g(x, y) = g(z, w)$  for any two points  $(x, y)$  and  $(z, w)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then,

$$(x + y + 1, x - y - 1) = (z + w + 1, z - w - 1).$$

But from equality of order pairs, this equality is true if and only if

$$\begin{cases} x + y + 1 = z + w + 1 \\ x - y - 1 = z - w - 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2x = 2z \Rightarrow x = z, y = w. \text{ This gives } (x, y) = (z, w) \text{ So, } g \text{ is one-to-}$$

one.

ii) Let  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be in the co-domain of  $g$ . Then, if  $\exists (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the domain of  $g$ , such that  $g(x, y) = (a, b)$ , then  $g$  is on to.

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**Equality of Transformations:** Two transformations  $f$  and  $g$  on the same set from  $X$  to  $X$  are said to be equal if and only if they have the same value for each  $x$  in  $X$ . That is,  $f = g \Leftrightarrow f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in X$ .

**Examples:**

1. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be transformations on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(x, y) = (2ax^5 - 3, 4y)$  and  $g(x, y) = (6x^5 + 2b, 4y)$ . If  $f = g$ , find the constants  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Solution:** By definition of equality,

$$\begin{aligned} f = g &\Leftrightarrow f(x, y) = g(x, y), \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (2ax^5 - 3, 4y) = (6x^5 + 2b, 4y) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2ax^5 - 3 = 6x^5 + 2b \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2a = 6, -3 = 2b \Leftrightarrow a = 3, b = -3/2 \end{aligned}$$

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## Properties of Transformation

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be mappings. Then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $f(x) \in Y$ . Thus, there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $f(x) = y$ . Besides, as  $g$  is a mapping from  $Y$  to  $Z$  for each  $y \in Y$ , there exists  $z \in Z$  such that  $g(y) = z$ . Thus,  $g(y) = g(f(x)) = z$  which makes sense to write  $g(f(x))$  as a mapping from  $X$  to  $Z$ . This mapping is evaluated by applying  $f$  first on the elements of  $X$  followed by  $g$ . This is defined as  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$  for each  $x \in X$ . So, the mapping  $g \circ f$  ("f followed by g") is called the composition mapping. In such cases, one has to remember that the range of the first mapping is a subset of the domain of the second mapping.

In particular, composition of transformation is defined as  $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are transformations on the same set  $X$ .

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**Proposition 1.1:** Composition of mappings is associative

If  $h: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g: Y \rightarrow Z$  and  $f: Z \rightarrow W$  are mappings, then the compositions

$(f \circ g) \circ h$  and  $f \circ (g \circ h)$  represent the same mapping from  $X$  in to  $W$ . That is

$(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$ . Particularly,  $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$  holds if  $f, g$  and  $h$  are transformations on the same set  $X$ .

**Proof:** Since the domain of  $h$  is  $X$ , by definition of composition of mappings we can see that the domain of  $(f \circ g) \circ h$  is also  $X$ . But, the domain of  $f \circ (g \circ h)$  is the same as the domain of  $g \circ h$  and the domain of  $g \circ h$  is  $X$ . Hence, the domain of  $(f \circ g) \circ h$  is the same as that of  $f \circ (g \circ h)$ , that is,  $X$ .

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So,  $(f \circ g) \circ h$  and  $f \circ (g \circ h)$  are mappings with the same domain.

Furthermore, for any  $x \in X$ ,

$$((f \circ g) \circ h)(x) = (f \circ g)(h(x)) = f(g(h(x))), \forall x \in X$$

$$\text{Also, } (f \circ (g \circ h))(x) = f((g \circ h)(x)) = f(g(h(x))), \forall x \in X$$

Hence, by definition of equality of mappings  $(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$ .

**Note:** Composition of two transformations need not be commutative. That is even though both  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  exists and have the same domain and co-domain,  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  may not be equal.

**Example:** Let  $f(x, y) = (ax + 8, 3y - 5)$  and  $g(x, y) = (7x, 4y + b)$  be the transformations.

If  $(g \circ f)(x, y) = (14x + 8, 12y + 23 - b)$ , then, find the constants  $a$  and  $b$ .

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**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here, } (f \circ g)(x, y) &= (14x + 8, 12y + 23 - b) \\ \Rightarrow f(g(x, y)) &= (14x + 8, 12y + 23 - b) \\ \Rightarrow f(7x, 4y + b) &= (14x + 8, 12y + 23 - b) \\ \Rightarrow (7ax + 8, 12y + 3b - 5) &= (14x + 8, 12y + 23 - b) \\ \Rightarrow 7ax + 8 = 14x + 8, 12y + 3b - 5 &= 12y + 23 - b \\ \Rightarrow 7a = 14, 3b - 5 = 23 - b \\ \Rightarrow a = 2, b = 7\end{aligned}$$

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**Proposition 1.2:** The composition of transformations on the same set are again transformations.

**Proof:** Let  $f : X \rightarrow X, g : X \rightarrow X$  be any two transformations on set  $X$ . We need to show that  $f \circ g$  is also a transformation. That means we need to verify that  $f \circ g$  is one to one and onto. By definition of composition  $f \circ g$  is a mapping from  $X$  into  $X$ . To show  $f \circ g$  is one to one, let  $x$  and  $y$  be arbitrary elements of  $X$  such that  $f \circ g(x) = f \circ g(y)$ .

Then,  $f \circ g(x) = f \circ g(y) \Rightarrow f(g(x)) = f(g(y)) \Rightarrow g(x) = g(y) \Rightarrow x = y$  (because both  $f$  and  $g$  are one to one). Thus,  $f \circ g$  is one to one.

To show  $f \circ g$  is onto, let  $t$  be any element in  $X$  (considering  $X$  as co-domain of  $f$ ), since  $f$  is onto there exists an element  $y$  in  $X$  (in the domain) such that  $f(y) = t$ .



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Again,  $g$  is onto corresponding to the element  $y$  in  $X$  there is an element  $x$  in  $X$  such that  $g(x) = y$ . As a result,  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(y) = t$ .

Thus,  $f \circ g$  is onto. Hence, we have got that  $f \circ g$  is one to one and onto on the set  $X$ . Therefore,  $f \circ g$  is a transformation whenever  $f$  and  $g$  are transformations on  $X$ .

**Definition:** A transformation from a set  $X$  into  $X$  denoted by  $i$  is said to be *identity transformation* if and only if  $i(x) = x, \forall x \in X$ .

Any two transformations  $f$  and  $g$  from  $X$  to  $X$  are said to be *inverse of each other* if both  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  are identity transformations.

That is  $(g \circ f)(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = i(x) = x, \forall x \in X$ , then  $f$  is called the inverse of  $g$  and  $g$  is called the inverse of  $f$ . We denote the inverse of a transformation  $f$  by  $f^{-1}$  (Read as “the inverse of  $f$ ” or  $f$  – inverse).

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**Finding Inverse of a transformation:** Now let's see how can we find the inverse of transformations. Since every transformation  $f$  is bijective, its inverse denoted by  $f^{-1}$  always exists. But there is no hard and fast rule on how to find  $f^{-1}$  from the formula of  $f$ . Any way, one can use the following hints on how to find  $f^{-1}$  whenever the formula of  $f$  is given. Let  $f : S \rightarrow S$  be a transformation such that  $Y = f(X)$ . Then, to find  $f^{-1}$  :

**Step-1:** Interchange  $X$  and  $Y$  in the formula of  $f$

**Step-2:** Solve for  $Y$  (for coordinates of  $Y$ ) in terms of  $X$  (coordinates of  $X$ ).

**Step-3:** Equate  $f^{-1}(X) = Y$  from  $Y = f(X)$ . That will be the formula of  $f^{-1}$ .

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**Example:** Find the inverse of the transformation  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $g(x, y) = (2x - 1, y + 5)$

**Step-1:** Interchange coordinates of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$g(Y) = X \Rightarrow g(z, w) = (x, y) \Rightarrow (2z - 1, w + 5) = (x, y)$$

**Step-2:** Solve for coordinates of  $Y$  in terms of coordinates of  $X$ . That is

$$(2z - 1, w + 5) = (x, y) \Rightarrow 2z - 1 = x, w + 5 = y \Rightarrow z = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, w = y - 5$$

**Step-3:** Equate the coordinates of  $Y$  obtained in step 2 with  $f^{-1}(x, y)$ .

$$\text{Hence, } g^{-1}(X) = Y \Rightarrow g^{-1}(x, y) = (z, w) \Rightarrow g^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, y - 5\right)$$

$$\text{Thus, } g(x, y) = (2x - 1, y + 5) \Leftrightarrow g^{-1}(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, y - 5\right)$$

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**Proposition 1.3:** The inverse of a transformation is unique. Besides,

$$(f^{-1})^{-1} = f.$$

**Proof:** Let  $f$  be a transformation whose inverses are  $g$  and  $h$ . That is  $f^{-1} = g$

and  $f^{-1} = h$ . We need to show  $g = h$ . Here,  $f^{-1} = g \Rightarrow f \circ g = g \circ f = i$  and

$$f^{-1} = h \Rightarrow f \circ h = h \circ f = i. \text{ But, } g = i \circ g = (h \circ f) \circ g = h \circ (f \circ g) = h \circ i = h$$

(Because composition is associative as well as  $g$  and  $h$  are inverses of  $f$ ).

From this we can conclude that the inverse of a transformation is unique.

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**Proposition 1.4:** The inverse of a transformation is again a transformation.

*Proof:* Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be any transformation on set  $X$ . Then,  $f^{-1}$  also exists as  $f$  is bijective. Now, we need to show  $f^{-1}$  is also a transformation.

(i) **One-to-ones:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be arbitrary elements in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is bijective, there exists unique  $x, y \in X$ ,  $\exists f(x) = a, f(y) = b$ .

But,  $f(x) = a, f(y) = b \Rightarrow x = f^{-1}(a), y = f^{-1}(b)$ .

Now, assume that  $f^{-1}(a) = f^{-1}(b)$ .

But,  $f^{-1}(a) = f^{-1}(b) \Rightarrow x = y \Rightarrow f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow a = b$

Thus,  $f^{-1}(a) = f^{-1}(b) \Rightarrow a = b$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}$  is one to one.

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(ii) **Onto ness:** Let  $x$  be arbitrary element in  $X$ . Since  $f$  is onto,  $f(x) \in X$ , so, for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\exists f(x) \in X$ ,  $\exists f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}$  is onto. Therefore, from (i) and (ii), whenever  $f$  is a transformation on set  $X$  and so is  $f^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 1.5: (Reverse Law of Inverse)**

For any two transformations  $f$  and  $g$ ,  $(f \circ g)^{-1} = g^{-1} \circ f^{-1}$ .

**Definition:** Let  $f: S \rightarrow T$  be a mapping. Then, a point  $x_0 \in S$  (in the domain of  $f$ ) is said to be a fixed point of  $f$  if and only if  $f(x_0) = x_0$ . Generally, the set of fixed points of a mapping  $f$  is the set given by  $S = \{x: f(x) = x\}$ .

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**Involution:** A non-identity transformation  $\alpha$  is said to be an *involution* if and only if  $\alpha^2 = \alpha \circ \alpha = i$ . That means  $\alpha^2(x) = (\alpha \circ \alpha)(x) = \alpha(\alpha(x)) = i(x) = x$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $\alpha$ .

**Examples:** Verify whether the following transformations are involution or not.

a)  $\beta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\beta(x) = 1 - x$

b)  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $h(x, y) = (-x + 7, -y - 2)$

c)  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $\alpha(x) = x + 3$

d)  $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $g(x, y) = (x - 3, y + 5)$

**Solution:**

a)  $\beta^2(x) = \beta \circ \beta(x) = \beta(\beta(x)) = \beta(1 - x) = x = i(x) \Rightarrow \beta^2 = i$ .

So,  $\beta$  is an involution.

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$$b) h^2(x, y) = h(h(x, y)) = h(-x + 7, -y - 2) = (x, y) = i(x, y) \Rightarrow h^2 = i.$$

So,  $h$  is an involution.

$$c) \alpha^2(x) = \alpha(\alpha(x)) = \alpha(x + 3) = x + 6 \neq x = i(x) \Rightarrow \alpha^2 \neq i \Rightarrow \alpha \text{ is not an involution.}$$

$$d) g^2(x, y) = g(g(x, y)) = g(x - 3, y + 5) = (x - 6, y + 10) \neq (x, y) = i(x, y) \Rightarrow g^2 \neq i.$$

Hence,  $g$  is not an involution.



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**Definition:** A transformation  $f$  is said to be a *collineation* if and only if the image of any line  $l$  under  $f$  is again a line. In other words, for any point  $P \in l$  the image  $f(P) \in f(l)$ . Further more;  $f$  is said to be a *dilatation* if and only if the image of any line  $l$  under  $f$  is a line parallel to  $l$ . That is  $f(l) \parallel l$  whenever  $f$  is a collineation then  $f$  is said to be a dilatation.

## Examples:

1. Let  $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $\alpha(x, y) = (x+1, y-2)$ . Show that  $\alpha$  is a dilatation.

**Solution:** First let's show that  $\alpha$  is a transformation. But, to show that  $\alpha$  is a transformation, we need to show that it is one to one and onto.

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**One- to- one:** Assume  $\alpha(x, y) = \alpha(z, w)$  for any two points  $(x, y)$  and  $(z, w)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then,  $(x+1, y-2) = (z+1, w-2)$ . But from equality of order pairs, this equality is true if and only if  $x+1 = z+1$  and  $y-2 = w-2$ . This gives  $x = z$  and  $y = w$  which implies  $(x, y) = (z, w)$ . So,  $\alpha$  is one-to-one.

**On to ness:** Let  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be in the co-domain of  $\alpha$ . Then, if  $\exists(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the domain of  $\alpha$ , such that  $\alpha(x, y) = (a, b)$ , then  $\alpha$  is on to. But,

$\alpha(x, y) = (x+1, y-2) = (a, b) \Rightarrow x+1 = a, y-2 = b \Rightarrow x = a-1, y = b+2$ . Thus, we can find  $(x, y) = (a-1, b+2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\alpha(x, y) = (a, b)$ . So  $\alpha$  is onto. Therefore, the given map  $\alpha$  is a transformation. To show that  $\alpha$  is a collineation we need to show the image of an arbitrary line  $l : ax + by + c = 0$  is again a line.

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Let  $(x, y)$  be any point on  $l$ . Then, the image  $(x', y') = \alpha(x, y) = (x + 1, y - 2)$ .

Solving this for  $x$  and  $y$  we get  $x = x' - 1$ ,  $y = y' + 2$ . So, the image line will be

$l': a(x' - 1) + b(y' + 2) + c = 0 \Rightarrow ax' + by' + 2b + c - a = 0$  and this is equation of a line.

Hence we can say that  $\alpha$  is a collineation. Besides,  $l'$  has the same slope to that of  $l$  which means  $l'$  is parallel to  $l$ . In other words,  $l \parallel \alpha(l)$ . Therefore,  $\alpha$  is a dilatation.

**Exercise:** Let  $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by  $\alpha(x, y) = (-y, x + 1)$ . Then, find

- a) The image of the line  $l: x + 3y = 6$  under  $\alpha$ .
- b) The pre-image of the line  $l': 2x + y + 3 = 0$  under  $\alpha$ .

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## Remarks:

1. The main difference between collineation and dilatation is that any collineation maps a pair of parallel lines to a pair of parallel line but a dilatation maps every line to a line parallel to the given line. This means a transformation  $\alpha$  is a collineation if and only if for any two lines  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $m \parallel n \Rightarrow \alpha(m) \parallel \alpha(n)$ . A transformation  $\alpha$  is a dilatation if and only if for any line  $m$ ,  $m \parallel \alpha(m)$ .

2. If  $\alpha(x, y) = (x', y')$  where  $x' = ax + by + h$ ,  $y' = cx + dy + k$ , then the necessary and sufficient conditions on the coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\alpha$  to be a transformation is that  $ad - bc \neq 0$ . (This is known as transformation test).

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## Examples:

1. Define  $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $\alpha(x, y) = (-y, x)$ . Show that  $\alpha$  is a collineation but not a dilatation.

**Solution:** Clearly,  $\alpha$  is a transformation. Besides, for any two arbitrary parallel lines  $m: ax + by + c = 0$  and  $n: ax + by + k = 0$  (Parallel lines differ by a constant),  $m' = \alpha(m): ay - bx + c = 0$ ,  $n' = \alpha(n): ay - bx + k = 0$ . Still,  $m'$  and  $n'$  have the same slope which means they are parallel. *i.e*  $m \parallel n \Rightarrow \alpha(m) \parallel \alpha(n)$ . Thus,  $\alpha$  is a collineation. But, if we consider only the single line  $m: ax + by + c = 0$  separately,  $m' = \alpha(m): ay - bx + c = 0$ . In this case, slope of line  $m$  is  $-\frac{a}{b}$  while that of  $m'$  is  $\frac{b}{a}$  which gives the product of their slope is  $-1$ . This means *i.e*  $m \perp \alpha(m) = m'$ . In other words,  $m$  and  $\alpha(m) = m'$  are not parallel lines. Particularly, take the line  $m: 6x - 2y + 5 = 0$ . Then, its image under  $\alpha$  is  $\alpha(m) = m': 2x + 6y + 5 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\alpha$  is a collineation but not a dilatation.

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## Examples of Transformation Groups

**Definition:** Let  $G$  be the set of all transformations on a non empty set  $S$ . Then the system  $(G, \circ)$  is said to be a transformation group if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- i) For all  $f, g$  in  $G$ ,  $g \circ f$  is in  $G$ .
- ii) For all  $f$  in  $G$ ,  $\exists g \in G \ni f \circ g = g \circ f = i$  and denoted by  $f^{-1} = g$ .
- iii) For all  $f$  in  $G$ ,  $\exists i \in G \ni f \circ i = i \circ f = f$ .

### Examples

1. Let  $f_{ab} : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $f_{ab}(x) = ax + b, a \neq 0$ .

Let  $G = \{f_{ab} / a, b \in R, a \neq 0\}$ . Show that  $(G, \circ)$  forms a transformation group.

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**Theorem 1.1 ( Test for a transformation groups):**

Let  $G$  be a nonempty set of transformations on a set  $S$ . Then,  $G$  with composition is a transformation group if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$a) f \in G \Rightarrow f^{-1} \in G, \forall f \in G$$

$$b) f, g \in G \Rightarrow f \circ g \in G, \forall f, g \in G$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $(G, \circ)$  is a transformation group. We need to show conditions (a) and (b) hold true. Since  $(G, \circ)$  is a transformation group, from the definition  $\forall f, g \in G, f^{-1} \in G$  and  $f \circ g \in G$  which implies that conditions (a) and (b) are true. Conversely, suppose conditions (a) and (b) hold true. We need to show  $(G, \circ)$  is a transformation group.

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*i) Existence of Inverse:* Since  $G \neq \Phi$ ,  $\exists f \in G$  but  $\forall f \in G, f^{-1} \in G$  from condition (a). So,  $G$  contains inverse transformation.

*ii) Closure property:* From condition (b),  $f, g \in G \Rightarrow f \circ g \in G, \forall f, g \in G$ .

*iii) Existence of Identity:*  $\forall f \in G, f^{-1} \in G$  from condition (a) and from condition (b),  $f^{-1} \circ f \in G$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} \in G$ .

But,  $f^{-1} \circ f = i \in G$  and  $f \circ f^{-1} = i \in G$ .

Thus,  $G$  contains identity transformation. Therefore, by definition,  $(G, \circ)$  forms a transformation group.



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**Example:** Let  $f_a : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $f_a(x, y) = (2a - x, y)$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $G = \{f_a : \forall a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Using criteria of transformation group, determine whether  $(G, \circ)$  is transformation group or not.

**Solution:** For any  $f_a \in G$ ,  $f_a(x, y) = (2a - x, y)$ . First of all, we need to show that every element of  $G$  is transformation.

Now suppose,  $f_a(x, y) = f_a(z, w)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f_a(x, y) = f_a(z, w) &\Rightarrow (2a - x, y) = (2a - z, w) \\ &\Rightarrow 2a - x = 2a - z, y = w \\ &\Rightarrow x = z, y = w \Rightarrow (x, y) = (z, w) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that each  $f_a$  is one to one.

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Besides, to each  $(z, w) \in R^2$  (in the co-domain),  $\exists(x, y) = (2a - z, w) \in R^2$  such that  $f_a(x, y) = f_a(2a - z, w) = (z, w)$ .

So, each  $f_a$  is also onto.

Therefore, from these explanations every element of  $G$  is a transformation.

For any  $f_a \in G$ ,

$$f_a(x, y) = (2a - x, y) \Rightarrow f_a^{-1}(x, y) = (2a - x, y) \Rightarrow f_a^{-1} = f_a \Rightarrow f_a^{-1} \in G.$$

But for any two elements  $f_a, f_b \in G$ ,

$$f_a \circ f_b(x, y) = f_a(2b - x, y) = (x + 2a - 2b, y) \neq f_r(x, y), \forall r \in R \Rightarrow f_a \circ f_b \notin G.$$

This means the second condition of the above theorem (test for a transformation group) fails.

As a result,  $(G, \circ)$  does not form transformation group.

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## Theorem 1.2 (Cancellation Laws on Transformation Groups):

Let  $G$  be a transformation group. Then, for  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma$  in  $G$

a)  $\alpha \circ \beta = \alpha \circ \sigma \Rightarrow \beta = \sigma$  (This is called Left Cancellation Law)

b)  $\alpha \circ \beta = \sigma \circ \beta \Rightarrow \alpha = \sigma$  (This is called Right Cancellation Law)

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a transformation group. Then, for  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma$  in  $G$

a)  $\alpha \circ \beta = \alpha \circ \sigma \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \circ (\alpha \circ \beta) = \alpha^{-1} \circ (\alpha \circ \sigma) \Rightarrow \beta = \sigma$

b)  $\alpha \circ \beta = \sigma \circ \beta \Rightarrow (\alpha \circ \beta) \circ \beta^{-1} = (\sigma \circ \beta) \circ \beta^{-1} \Rightarrow \alpha = \sigma$

**Theorem 1.3:** In any transformation group  $G$ , for any  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $G$ , the equation  $\alpha \circ \sigma = \beta$  has a unique solution for  $\sigma$  in  $G$  which is given by  $\sigma = \alpha^{-1} \circ \beta$ .

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**Proof:** For  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $G$ ,  $\alpha \circ \sigma = \beta \Rightarrow \alpha^{-1} \circ (\alpha \circ \sigma) = \alpha^{-1} \circ \beta \Rightarrow \sigma = \alpha^{-1} \circ \beta \in G$

Hence, the equation has a solution in  $G$ . For the uniqueness of this solution, assume there are two different solutions say  $\sigma, \theta$ , then

$$\alpha \circ \sigma = \beta, \alpha \circ \theta = \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \circ \sigma = \alpha \circ \theta \Rightarrow \sigma = \theta \text{ (by Left cancellation)}$$

**Example:** Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a transformation group such that  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma$  in  $G$ . If

$$\alpha(x, y) = (3 - x, 5 - y), \beta(x, y) = (3 - 2x, 5 - 3y). \text{ Find } \sigma \text{ such that } \alpha \circ \sigma = \beta$$

**Solution:** By the above theorem,  $\alpha \circ \sigma = \beta$  has a unique solution for  $\sigma$  in  $G$

which is given by  $\sigma = \alpha^{-1} \circ \beta$ .

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But after some ups and downs we get  $\alpha^{-1}(x, y) = (3 - x, 5 - y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Therefore, } \sigma(x, y) &= \alpha^{-1} \circ \beta(x, y) = \alpha^{-1}(\beta(x, y)) \\ &= \alpha^{-1}(3 - 2x, 5 - 3y) = (2x, 3y)\end{aligned}$$

# Review Problems on Chapter One

- 1.1. Which of the mappings defined on the Cartesian plane by the equations below are transformations?

$$\alpha((x, y)) = (x^3, y^3), \quad \beta((x, y)) = (\cos x, \sin y), \quad \gamma((x, y)) = (x^3 - x, y),$$

$$\delta((x, y)) = (2x, 3y), \quad \varepsilon((x, y)) = (-x, x + 3), \quad \eta((x, y)) = (3y, x + 2),$$

$$\rho((x, y)) = (\sqrt[3]{x}, e^y), \quad \sigma((x, y)) = (-x, -y), \quad \tau((x, y)) = (x + 2, y - 3).$$

- 1.2. Which of the transformations in the exercise above are collineations? For each collineation, find the image of the line with equation  $aX + bY + c = 0$ .
- 1.3. Without looking back in the text, write in your own words definitions for *transformation* and *collineation*. Then compare to see whether your definitions are equivalent to those in the text.
- 1.4. Find the image of the line with equation  $Y = 5X + 7$  under collineation  $\alpha$  if  $\alpha((x, y))$  is:
- (a)  $(-x, y)$ ,      (b)  $(x, -y)$ ,      (c)  $(-x, -y)$ ,      (d)  $(2y - x, x - 2)$ .

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1.5. Fill the following table with yes or No

$\alpha((x, y))$	$( x ,  y )$	$(e^x, e^y)$	$(x^3 - x^2, y)$	$(x^3, y^3)$	$(y/2, 2x)$	$(x/2, y/2)$	$(x - 2, 3y)$	$(-y, -x)$
$\alpha$ is 1-1								
$\alpha$ is onto								
$\alpha$ is a transformation								
$\alpha$ is a collineation								

1.6. Find the preimage of the line with equation  $Y = 3X + 2$  under the collineation  $\alpha$  where  $\alpha((x, y)) = (3y, x - y)$ .

1.7. Show the lines with equations  $aX + bY + c = 0$  and  $dX + eY + f = 0$  are parallel iff  $ae - bd = 0$  and are perpendicular iff  $ad + be = 0$ .

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1.8. Find the order of the following transformations.

1.  $(x, y) \mapsto (y, x)$  ;

2.  $(x, y) \mapsto (-x + 2a, -y + 2b)$  ;

3.  $(x, y) \mapsto \left(\frac{1}{2}(x + \sqrt{3}y), \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3}x - y)\right)$ .

1.9. Consider the group  $\mathfrak{V}_4 = \{\iota, \sigma_O, \sigma_h, \sigma_v\}$ , where

$$\iota((x, y)) = (x, y), \quad \sigma_O((x, y)) = (-x, -y),$$

$$\sigma_h((x, y)) = (x, -y), \quad \sigma_v((x, y)) = (-x, y).$$



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Show that:

- i. It forms abelian group
- ii. Every element except identity is involution

1.10. Prove that if  $\alpha, \beta,$  and  $\gamma$  are elements in a group, then

(a)  $\beta\alpha = \gamma\alpha$  implies  $\beta = \gamma$  ;

(b)  $\beta\alpha = \beta\gamma$  implies  $\alpha = \gamma$  ;

(c)  $\beta\alpha = \alpha$  implies  $\beta = \iota$  ;

(d)  $\beta\alpha = \beta$  implies  $\alpha = \iota$  ;

(e)  $\beta\alpha = \iota$  implies  $\beta = \alpha^{-1}$  and  $\alpha = \beta^{-1}$ .

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- 1.11. Find all  $a$  and  $b$  such that the transformation  $(x, y) \mapsto \left( ay, \frac{x}{b} \right)$  is an involution.

$$(x, y) \mapsto \left( ay, \frac{x}{b} \right)$$

- 1.12. Suppose  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma$  are transformation such that  $\alpha \circ \sigma(X) = \beta(X)$  where

$$\alpha(x, y) = (-y, x) \text{ and } \beta(x, y) = (1 - x, -y - 10). \text{ Find equation of } \sigma.$$

- 1.13. Let  $\alpha, \beta, \sigma$  be elements of a transformation group  $G$  such that

$$\alpha \circ \sigma(x, y) = \beta(x, y), \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ where } \alpha(x, y) = (-3y, 2x + 1) \text{ and}$$

$$\beta(x, y) = (9y, 4x + 1). \text{ Find the equation of } \sigma.$$

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