

Define a function $G : \mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ by

$$[Gf](x) \equiv \int_0^x tf(t)dt.$$

- (a) Prove that G is linear.
(b) Show that G is injective.
(c) Show that G is *not* surjective. (In other words, find an element of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ that is not equal to Gf for any f .)

(a) To show that G is linear, consider $G(au(x) + v(x))$, where $a \in \mathbf{R}$ and $u(x), v(x) \in \mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}G(au(x) + v(x)) &= \int_0^x t(au(t) + v(t))dt \\G(au(x) + v(x)) &= \int_0^x tau(t)dt + \int_0^x tv(t)dt \\G(au(x) + v(x)) &= a \int_0^x tu(t)dt + \int_0^x tv(t)dt \\G(au(x) + v(x)) &= a[Gv](x) + [Gv](x)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, G is linear.

(b) G is injective if $[Gu](x) = [Gv](x)$ implies $u(x) = v(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}[Gu](x) &= [Gv](x) \\ \int_0^x tu(t)dt &= \int_0^x tv(t)dt\end{aligned}$$

If the integrals are the same, the derivatives will be the same. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}xu(x) &= xv(x) \\ u(x) &= v(x)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, G is injective.

(c) G is surjective if the range of $G : \mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ is $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$. Therefore, if an element of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$ can be found that is not equal to Gf for any f , then the range of G is not all of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$.

Consider $[Gu](x) = 5$. This is certainly a continuous function.

$$\begin{aligned}xu(x) &= 5 \\ u(x) &= \frac{5}{x}\end{aligned}$$

Since $u(x)$ is not continuous, it cannot be used as an argument for G ; G is supposed to map elements of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$. Therefore, for the constant functions, which are elements of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$, no f exists that is an element of $\mathcal{C}(-\infty, \infty)$, as required by the definition of G . Therefore, G is not surjective; it cannot map onto the constant functions.

Another way to look at this is to consider $[Gf](0)$. $\int_0^0 tf(t)dt = 0$ for all t , so any function Gf in the range satisfies $[Gf](0) = 0$. Many functions, however, violate this condition.