

The mapping $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_2$ defined by $T(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2) = a_1 + 2a_2t$ → Here the given transformation is the derivative of a polynomial.

- (a) Find the B -matrix for T , when B is the basis $\{1, t, t^2\}$.
 (b) Verify that $[T(p)]_B = [T]_B[p]_B$ for each p in P_2 .

Solution

(a) We have to find the B -matrix of $T : V \rightarrow V$ satisfies

$$[T(x)]_B = [T]_B[x]_B, \quad \text{for all } x \text{ in } V$$

Since $T(a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2) = a_1 + 2a_2t$ therefore

$$T(1) = 0, T(t) = 1, T(t^2) = 2t$$

$$[T(1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [T(t)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, [T(t^2)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$[T]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now note the columns of basis will be the coefficients of polynomial after taking the derivative.

$$\therefore T(1) = 0 = 0 + 0t + 0t^2 \Rightarrow T(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(t) = 1 = 0 + 1t + 0t^2 \Rightarrow T(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T(t^2) = 2t = 0 + 2t + 0t^2 \Rightarrow T(t^2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

