

# Examples E in Lines

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As in the case of the Examples C, this set of examples is for students as college students or high school students taking courses in calculus.

0. Suppose that

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$$y = f(x) = ax \text{ where } a \text{ is constant, and } T \bullet f = f.$$

Then, find  $a$ .

1. Suppose that

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (3x - 2y, x + y).$$

$$y = f(x) = ax \text{ where } a \text{ is constant, and } T \bullet f = f.$$

Then, find  $a$ .

2. Suppose that

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (2x + y + 3, 3x + 2y - 2).$$

$$y = f(x) = ax + b \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constant, and } T \bullet f = f.$$

Then, find  $a$  and  $b$ .

## Suggestions or Solutions To the Problem in the Example 0

Suppose that

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (3x - y, x - y).$$

$y = f(x) = ax$  where  $a$  is constant, and  $T \circ f = f$ .

Then, find  $a$ .

Suppose  $g = T \circ f$ , and  $t = g(s)$ . Then, we get

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (3x - y, x - y).$$

So we get  $s = 3x - y$ , and  $t = x - y$ . Solving the system above for  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$s - t = 3x - y - (x - y) = 2x \Rightarrow s - t = 2x \Rightarrow x = \frac{s-t}{2}.$$

$$s = 3x - y \Rightarrow y = 3 \cdot \frac{s-t}{2} - s = \frac{3s-3t-2s}{2} = \frac{s-3t}{2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{s-3t}{2}.$$

Next, applying  $x$  and  $y$  above to the function  $f$  to get the new function  $g$ , we get

$$y = f(x) = ax \Rightarrow \frac{s-3t}{2} = f\left(\frac{s-t}{2}\right) = a \cdot \frac{s-t}{2} \Rightarrow s - 3t = a(s - t) = as - at$$

$$\Rightarrow s - 3t = as - at \Rightarrow (a - 3)t = (a - 1)s \Rightarrow t = \frac{a-1}{a-3} s. \text{ So we get } t = g(s) = \frac{a-1}{a-3} s.$$

Now, putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{a-1}{a-3} x$ . We have  $f(x) = ax$ , too.

So we get  $\frac{a-1}{a-3} = a$  where  $a \neq 3$ . Next, solving for  $a$ , we get

$$\frac{a-1}{a-3} = a \Rightarrow a - 1 = a(a - 3) = a^2 - 3a \Rightarrow a^2 - 4a + 1 = a^2 - 4a + 4 - 4 + 1 = (a - 2)^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 2)^2 = 3 \Rightarrow a - 2 = \pm\sqrt{3}. \text{ Therefore, we get } a = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

*If not quite sure of the idea behind the processes above, follow the steps below.*

Transforming a function, we get a new function.

So the function transformed can be called the original function.

What we want to do in this problems is to determine the value of  $a$  so that the function  $f$  having the curve of an equation  $y = ax$  does not get changed even if  $f$  gets transformed by the transformation  $T$ .

So in this case, the new function is the same as the function original.

If not sure of transformations, refer to **GRAPH OPERATIONS**.

Suppose now, that  $g = T \bullet f$ .

Then,  $f$  is the original function, and  $g$  is the new function.

And since  $T \bullet f = f$ , and  $y = f(x) = ax$ , we want to find  $a$  that makes  $g = f$ .

First, assuming  $t = g(s)$ , we get

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So we get  $s = 3x - y$ , and  $t = x - y$ .

Next, we take the equations above as a system of equations for  $x$  and  $y$ .

Then, solving the system, we can put each of  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ .

So getting  $x$  first, we get

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Now, we can apply  $x$  and  $y$  above to the original function  $f$ , we get the new function  $g$ .  
How?

Applying those, we put them respectively into  $x$  and  $y$  in the original function  $f$ .

The original function  $f$  is  $y = f(x) = ax$ . So we get

$$y = f(x) = ax \Rightarrow \frac{s-3t}{2} = f\left(\frac{s-t}{2}\right) = a \cdot \frac{s-t}{2} \Rightarrow s - 3t = a(s - t) = as - at$$

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Thus, we get  $t = g(s) = \frac{a-1}{a-3} s$ .

Now, putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we simply change the letters  $s$  to  $x$ , and  $t$  to  $y$ .

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And we have  $f(x) = ax$ , too. So we get  $\frac{a-1}{a-3} = a$  where  $a \neq 3$ . Next, solving for  $a$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a-1}{a-3} = a &\Rightarrow a-1 = a(a-3) = a^2 - 3a \Rightarrow a^2 - 4a + 1 = a^2 - 4a + 4 - 4 + 1 = (a-2)^2 - 3 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (a-2)^2 = 3 \Rightarrow a-2 = \pm\sqrt{3}. \text{ Therefore, we get } a = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}.\end{aligned}$$

**In short:**

Suppose  $g = T \bullet f$ , and  $t = g(s)$ . Then, we get

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**Suggestions or Solutions  
To the Problem in the Example 1**

Suppose that

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (3x - 2y, x + y).$$

$y = f(x) = ax$  where  $a$  is constant, and  $T \bullet f = f$ .

Then, find  $a$ .

Suppose  $g = T \bullet f$ , and  $t = g(s)$ . Then, we get

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (3x - 2y, x + y).$$

So we get  $s = 3x - 2y$ , and  $t = x + y$ .

Solving the system above for  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$s + 2t = 3x - 2y + 2(x + y) = 5x \Rightarrow s + 2t = 5x \Rightarrow x = \frac{s+2t}{5}.$$

$$t = x + y \Rightarrow y = t - \frac{s+2t}{5} = \frac{5t-s-2t}{5} = \frac{3t-s}{5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{3t-s}{5}.$$

Applying the expressions above to  $f$  to get  $g$ , we get

$$y = f(x) = ax \Rightarrow \frac{3t-s}{5} = f\left(\frac{s+2t}{5}\right) = a \cdot \frac{s+2t}{5} \Rightarrow 3t - s = a(s + 2t) = as + 2at$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t - s = as + 2at \Rightarrow (3 - 2a)t = (a + 1)s \Rightarrow t = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} s.$$

So we get  $t = g(s) = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} s$ .

And putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} x$ .

And we have  $f(x) = ax$ , too. So we get  $\frac{a+1}{3-2a} = a$  where  $a \neq \frac{3}{2}$ .

Next, solving for  $a$ , we get

$$\frac{a+1}{3-2a} = a \Rightarrow a + 1 = a(3 - 2a) = 3a - 2a^2 \Rightarrow 2a^2 - 2a + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - 2a + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - a + \frac{1}{2} = a^2 - a + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \left(a - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}, \text{ which however, cannot be 0.}$$

Therefore, there is no value for  $a$  that can satisfy  $T \bullet f = f$ .

*If not quite sure of the idea behind the processes above, follow the steps below.*

This time too, we need to determine the value of  $a$  so that the function  $f$  having the curve of an equation  $y = ax$  remains the same even if transformed by the transformation  $T$ .

Thus, assuming that  $g = T \bullet f$ , and that  $t = g(s)$ , we want to find  $a$  that makes  $g = f$ .

First, since  $t = g(s)$ , we get

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (3x - 2y, x + y).$$

So we get  $s = 3x - 2y$ , and  $t = x + y$ .

Next, taking the equations above for a system of equations for  $x$  and  $y$ , then solving the system, we can put each of  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ . So getting  $x$  first, we get

$$s + 2t = 3x - 2y + 2(x + y) = 5x \Rightarrow s + 2t = 5x \Rightarrow x = \frac{s+2t}{5}.$$

Next, we have  $t = x + y$ , too, so we get

$$t = x + y \Rightarrow y = t - \frac{s+2t}{5} = \frac{5t-s-2t}{5} = \frac{3t-s}{5} \Rightarrow y = \frac{3t-s}{5}.$$

Then, apply the expressions above to the original function  $f$  to get the new function  $g$ .

The original function  $f$  is  $y = f(x) = ax$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So we get } y = f(x) = ax &\Rightarrow \frac{3t-s}{5} = f\left(\frac{s+2t}{5}\right) = a \cdot \frac{s+2t}{5} \Rightarrow 3t - s = a(s + 2t) = as + 2at \\ &\Rightarrow 3t - s = as + 2at \Rightarrow (3 - 2a)t = (a + 1)s \Rightarrow t = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} s. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get  $t = g(s) = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} s$ .

Now, putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we simply change the letters  $s$  to  $x$ , and  $t$  to  $y$ .

Then, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{a+1}{3-2a} x$ . And we have  $f(x) = ax$ , too.

So we get  $\frac{a+1}{3-2a} = a$  where  $a \neq \frac{3}{2}$ . Next, solving for  $a$ , we get

$$\frac{a+1}{3-2a} = a \Rightarrow a + 1 = a(3 - 2a) = 3a - 2a^2 \Rightarrow 2a^2 - 2a + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - 2a + \frac{1}{2} = 0.$$

Thus, we get  $a^2 - a + \frac{1}{2} = a^2 - a + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = (a - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{1}{4}$ , which however, cannot be 0.

Therefore, there is no value for  $a$  that can satisfy this:  $T \bullet f = f$ .

### Suggestions or Solutions To the Problem in the Example 2

Suppose that

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (2x + y + 3, 3x + 2y - 2).$$

$y = f(x) = ax + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are constant, and  $T \circ f = f$ .

Then, find  $a$  and  $b$ .

Suppose  $g = T \circ f$ , and  $t = g(s)$ . Then, we get

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (2x + y + 3, 3x + 2y - 2).$$

So we get  $s = 2x + y + 3$ , and  $t = 3x + 2y - 2$ .

Next, solving the system above for  $x$  and  $y$ , we get

$$2s - t = 4x + 2y + 6 - 3x - 2y + 2 = x + 8 \Rightarrow x = 2s - t - 8.$$

$$\begin{aligned} s = 2x + y + 3 &\Rightarrow y = s - 2x - 3 = s - 2(2s - t - 8) - 3 = s - 4s + 2t + 16 - 3 \\ &= 2t - 3s + 13 \Rightarrow y = 2t - 3s + 13. \end{aligned}$$

Next, applying  $x$  and  $y$  above to the original function  $f$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} y = f(x) = ax + b &\Rightarrow 2t - 3s + 13 = f(2s - t - 8) = a(2s - t - 8) + b \\ &\Rightarrow 2t - 3s + 13 = a(2s - t - 8) + b \Rightarrow (2 + a)t = (2a + 3)s - 8a + b - 13 \\ &\Rightarrow t = \frac{2a+3}{a+2}s + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}. \text{ So } t = g(s) = \frac{2a+3}{a+2}s + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}. \end{aligned}$$

And putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{2a+3}{a+2}x + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}$ .

And we have  $f(x) = ax + b$ , too. So we get  $\frac{2a+3}{a+2} = a$ , and  $\frac{b-8a-13}{a+2} = b$  where  $a \neq -2$ .

Next, solving for  $a$ , first, we get

$$\frac{2a+3}{a+2} = a \Rightarrow 2a + 3 = a(a + 2) = a^2 + 2a \Rightarrow a^2 = 3 \Rightarrow a = \pm\sqrt{3}.$$

Next, solving for  $b$ , we get

$$\frac{b-8a-13}{a+2} = b \Rightarrow b - 8a - 13 = b(2 + a) \Rightarrow b(1 - 2 - a) = 8a + 13 \Rightarrow b = \frac{8a+13}{-a-1}.$$



Thus, we get

$$a = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow b = \frac{8a+13}{-a-1} = \frac{8\sqrt{3}+13}{-\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{(8\sqrt{3}+13)(\sqrt{3}-1)}{-(\sqrt{3}+1)(\sqrt{3}-1)} = \frac{24+5\sqrt{3}-13}{-2} = -\frac{5\sqrt{3}+11}{2}.$$

$$a = -\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow b = \frac{8a+13}{-a-1} = \frac{-8\sqrt{3}+13}{\sqrt{3}-1} = \frac{(-8\sqrt{3}+13)(\sqrt{3}+1)}{(\sqrt{3}-1)(\sqrt{3}+1)} = \frac{-24+5\sqrt{3}+13}{2} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}-11}{2}.$$

*If not quite sure of the idea behind the processes above, follow the steps below.*

This example is about the same as the previous two. We just have one more unknown to find. So we want to determine  $a$  and  $b$  so that the function  $f$  having the curve of an equation  $y = ax + b$  remains the same even if transformed by the transformation  $T$ .

Thus, assuming  $g = T \circ f$  and  $t = g(s)$ , we want to find  $a$  and  $b$  that make  $g = f$ .

First, since  $t = g(s)$ , we have

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (2x + y + 3, 3x + 2y - 2).$$

So we get  $s = 2x + y + 3$ , and  $t = 3x + 2y - 2$ .

Next, solving the system above for  $x$  and  $y$ , we can put each in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ .

So getting  $x$  first, we get

$$2s - t = 4x + 2y + 6 - 3x - 2y + 2 = x + 8 \Rightarrow x = 2s - t - 8.$$

And we have  $s = 2x + y + 3$ , too, so we get

$$\begin{aligned} s = 2x + y + 3 &\Rightarrow y = s - 2x - 3 = s - 2(2s - t - 8) - 3 = s - 4s + 2t + 16 - 3 \\ &= 2t - 3s + 13 \Rightarrow y = 2t - 3s + 13. \end{aligned}$$

Next, applying  $x$  and  $y$  above to the original function  $f$ , we get the new function  $g$ .

The original function  $f$  is  $y = f(x) = ax + b$ . So we get

$$\begin{aligned} y = f(x) = ax + b &\Rightarrow 2t - 3s + 13 = f(2s - t - 8) = a(2s - t - 8) + b \\ \Rightarrow 2t - 3s + 13 &= a(2s - t - 8) + b \Rightarrow (2 + a)t = (2a + 3)s - 8a + b - 13 \\ \Rightarrow t &= \frac{2a+3}{a+2} s + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get  $t = g(s) = \frac{2a+3}{a+2} s + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}$ .

And putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we simply change the letters  $s$  to  $x$ , and  $t$  to  $y$ .

Then, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{2a+3}{a+2}x + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}$ . And we have  $f(x) = ax + b$ , too.

So we get  $\frac{2a+3}{a+2} = a$ , and  $\frac{b-8a-13}{a+2} = b$  where  $a \neq -2$ .

Next, solving for  $a$ , first, we get

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$$\frac{b-8a-13}{a+2} = b \Rightarrow b-8a-13 = b(2+a) \Rightarrow b(1-2-a) = 8a+13 \Rightarrow b = \frac{8a+13}{-a-1}.$$

Thus, we get

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In sum, we can put them this way, too:  $a = \pm\sqrt{3}$ , and  $b = \frac{\mp 5\sqrt{3} \pm 11}{2}$ .

Thus, even if we transform by  $T$  a line  $y = \sqrt{3}x - \frac{5\sqrt{3}+11}{2}$ , we still get the same line, and the same is true for another line  $y = -\sqrt{3}x + \frac{5\sqrt{3}-11}{2}$ , too.

**In short:**

Suppose  $g = T \bullet f$ , and  $t = g(s)$ , Then, we get

$$T: (x, y) \longrightarrow (s, t) = (2x + y + 3, 3x + 2y - 2).$$

So we get  $s = 2x + y + 3$ , and  $t = 3x + 2y - 2$ .

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Now, putting  $g$  into the  $x$ - $y$  system, we get  $y = g(x) = \frac{2a+3}{a+2}x + \frac{b-8a-13}{a+2}$ .

And we have  $f(x) = ax + b$ , too. So we get  $\frac{2a+3}{a+2} = a$ , and  $\frac{b-8a-13}{a+2} = b$  where  $a \neq -2$ .

Next, solving for  $a$ , first, we get

$$\frac{2a+3}{a+2} = a \Rightarrow 2a + 3 = a(a + 2) = a^2 + 2a \Rightarrow a^2 = 3 \Rightarrow a = \pm\sqrt{3}.$$

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