

MMAT5010 2021 Assignment 4

Q1. Recall that

$$\|T\| = \sup\{\|Tx\| : x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \|x\| = 1\}$$

Note if $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, then $Tx = (x_1 + 2x_2, 3x_2)$. Thus

$$\|Tx\| = \max(|x_1 + 2x_2|, |3x_2|) \leq \max(|x_1| + 2|x_2|, 3|x_2|) \leq 3\|x\|$$

This shows $\|T\| \leq 3$. We guess that $\|T\| = 3$, and to show it, we want to find $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\|x\| = 1$ and $\|Tx\| = 3$. We may take $x = (0, 1)$ or $(1, 1)$.

Q2. To show T is discontinuous it needs to show that T is unbounded on the ball $B_{c_{00}}$. Let $e_k = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ (k -th entry is 1, others are 0). Note that $e_k \in B_{c_{00}}$, and $Te_k = ke_k$, $\|Te_k\| = k$. Hence $\|T\|$ cannot be bounded on $B_{c_{00}}$.