

Solution of Exercise 2.7. We consider the last case, of the mapping $f(x) = \langle x, x \rangle x$. For fixed $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and all $h \in \mathbf{R}^n$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) - f(x) &= \langle x+h, x+h \rangle (x+h) - \langle x, x \rangle x = (\langle x, x \rangle h + \langle x, h \rangle x + \langle h, x \rangle x) \\ &\quad + (\langle x, h \rangle h + \langle h, x \rangle h + \langle h, h \rangle x + \langle h, h \rangle h) =: Df(x)h + \epsilon_x(h). \end{aligned}$$

Here, with $l_x \in \text{Lin}(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$ given by $l_x(h) = \langle x, h \rangle$, we have

$$Df(x) = \|x\|^2 I + 2l_x x \in \text{Lin}(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R}^n).$$

Furthermore, on the basis of the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality we see

$$\|\epsilon_x(h)\| \leq \|h\|^2(3\|x\| + \|h\|), \quad \text{hence} \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|\epsilon_x(h)\|}{\|h\|} = 0.$$

On the basis of Formula 2.10 we now see that the mapping f is differentiable on \mathbf{R}^n with derivative $Df(x)$ at x as above.