

4.1 – Real Vector Spaces

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as opposed to complex

Definition: (Vector space)

Let V be an arbitrary nonempty set of objects for which two operations are defined: addition and multiplication by numbers called **scalars**. By **addition** we mean a rule for associating with each pair of objects \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in V an object $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$, called the **sum** of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} ; by **scalar multiplication** we mean a rule for associating with each scalar k and each object \mathbf{u} in V an object $k\mathbf{u}$, called the **scalar multiple** of \mathbf{u} by k . If the following axioms are satisfied by all objects \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} in V and all scalars k and m , then we call V a **vector space** and we call the objects in V **vectors**.

1. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are objects in V , then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is in V .
2. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
3. $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
4. There exists an object in V , called the **zero vector**, that is denoted by $\mathbf{0}$ and has the property that $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ for all \mathbf{u} in V .
5. For each \mathbf{u} in V , there is an object $-\mathbf{u}$ in V , called a **negative** of \mathbf{u} such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = (-\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$.
6. If k is any scalar and \mathbf{u} is an object in V , then $k\mathbf{u}$ is in V .
7. $k(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = k\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{v}$
8. $(k + m)\mathbf{u} = k\mathbf{u} + m\mathbf{u}$
9. $k(m\mathbf{u}) = (km)(\mathbf{u})$
10. $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

~ Closure under addition

~ closed under scalar mult.

Notes: ① vector addition and scalar mult.

can be any rules that satisfy these axioms

② A vector is any object in a vector space.

#6 Determine whether the set equipped with the given operations is a vector space. For those that are not vector spaces, Identify the vector space axioms that fail.

The set of all n -tuples of real numbers that have the form (x, x, \dots, x) with the standard operations on R^n .

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = (u, u, \dots, u), \vec{v} = (v, v, \dots, v) \in R^n$$

$$*\textcircled{1} \vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u+v, u+v, \dots, u+v) \checkmark$$

$\textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}, \textcircled{7} - \textcircled{10}$ are satisfied by prop. of real #s and Thm 3.1.1.

$$*\textcircled{6} k\vec{u} = (ku, ku, \dots, ku) \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{4} \vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \checkmark \quad \textcircled{5} -\vec{u} = (-u, -u, \dots, -u)$$

this is a vector space.

Examples of Vector Spaces

1. The simplest vector space is $\{0\}$.
2. R^n with the usual operations of addition and scalar multiplication of n -tuples
3. R^∞ , the set of infinite sequences of numbers with the usual operations of addition and scalar multiplication performed componentwise
4. The set of $m \times n$ matrices with matrix addition and scalar multiplication, denoted M_{mn}
5. The set of real-valued functions $f(x)$ that are defined for all $x \in R$, denoted $F(-\infty, \infty)$ with addition and scalar multiplication
 $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and $(kf)(x) = kf(x)$
6. The set of polynomials of degree $\leq n$, denoted P_n

Example: Show why #5 is a vector space.

$k \in \mathbb{R}$

Let \vec{f} and $\vec{g} \in F(-\infty, \infty)$ and k a scalar

$$\textcircled{1} (\vec{f} + \vec{g})(x) = f(x) + g(x) = (\vec{f} + \vec{g})(x) \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{6} (k\vec{f})(x) = k f(x) = k \vec{f}(x)$$

At any point x , $\vec{f}(x)$ & $\vec{g}(x)$ are real #s;

thus 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 are satisfied

by properties of real #s.

4. $\vec{0}$ is the function $f(x) = 0$.

5. $-\vec{f}(x) = -f(x) \in F(-\infty, \infty)$ for
all $\vec{f} \in F(-\infty, \infty)$.

set: \mathbb{R}^2

std addition

Example 4.1.7: Not a vector space

Let $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$. Define $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$ and $k\mathbf{u} = (ku_1, 0)$.

$$\textcircled{10} \text{ Let } k = 1. \text{ Then } 1\vec{u} = (u_1, 0) \neq \vec{u}$$

Not a vector space.

Example 4.1.8: Unusual vector space

Let V be the set of positive real numbers, so $\mathbf{u} = u$ and $\mathbf{v} = v$ are positive real numbers. Define $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = uv$ and $k\mathbf{u} = u^k$.

vector addition
is mult. scalar mult
is exponentiation

For instance, $\vec{2} + \vec{5} = 10$, $2(\vec{5}) = 5^2 = 25$

①, ⑥ ✓ both ops. result in pos #s

②, ③ ✓ mult. of real #s is comm.
and assoc.

④ the zero element: $\vec{0} = 1$ because

$$\vec{0} + \vec{u} = 1u = u = \vec{u}$$

⑤ the negative of a vector \vec{u} is its reciprocal: $-1\vec{u} = u^{-1} = \frac{1}{u}$, and

$$\vec{u} + \frac{1}{u} = u\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) = 1 = \vec{0}$$

⑦ $k(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = (uv)^k = u^k v^k = k\vec{u} + k\vec{v}$ ✓

⑧ $(k+m)\vec{u} = u^{k+m} = u^k u^m = k\vec{u} + m\vec{u}$ ✓

⑨ $k(m\vec{u}) = (u^m)^k = u^{mk} = u^{km} = (km)\vec{u}$

⑩ $1\vec{u} = u^1 = u = \vec{u}$ ✓

Example: Let V be the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers, and consider the following addition and scalar multiplication operations on $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2)$:

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = (u_1 + v_1 + 2, u_2 + v_2), \quad k\mathbf{u} = (ku_1, ku_2).$$

a. Show that Axioms 4 and 5 hold.

b. Find all axioms that fail to hold.

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \text{ Let } \vec{0} = (a, b) : \vec{0} + \vec{u} &= (a, b) + (u_1, u_2) \\ &= (a + u_1 + 2, b + u_2) = (u_1, u_2) \Rightarrow a = -2, b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{0} = (-2, 0)$$

$$5. \text{ Let } -\vec{u} = (a, b). \quad \vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$$

$$(u_1 + a + 2, u_2 + b) = (-2, 0)$$

$$a = -u_1 - 4, \quad b = -u_2 \Rightarrow -\vec{u} = (-u_1 - 4, -u_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nearrow \text{ fails : } k(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) &= k(u_1 + v_1 + 2, u_2 + v_2) \\ &= (ku_1 + kv_1 + 2k, kv_2 + kv_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$k\vec{u} = (ku_1, ku_2), \quad k\vec{v} = (kv_1, kv_2), \quad \text{so}$$

$$k\vec{u} + k\vec{v} = (ku_1 + kv_1 + 2, kv_2 + kv_2)$$

\otimes similarly fails.

Theorem 4.1.1 Let V be a vector space, \mathbf{u} be a vector in V , and k a scalar; then:

a) $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ ✓

b) $k\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ ✓

c) $(-1)\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$

d) If $k\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, then $k = 0$ or $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

Suppose $k\vec{u} = \vec{0}$.

If $k = 0$, $0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ Done

↗ If $k \neq 0$, $k\vec{u} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \frac{1}{k}\vec{0} = \vec{0}$

Example: Prove that the zero vector in any vector space is unique.

Pf: Let V be a vector space and let $\vec{0}$ be a vector such that $\vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$ for all $\vec{u} \in V$. Suppose there is $\vec{0}' \Rightarrow$
 $\vec{0}' + \vec{u} = \vec{u} + \vec{0}' = \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in V.$

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \vec{0}, \quad \vec{0}' + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$\text{But } \vec{0}' + \vec{0} = \vec{0}' \Rightarrow \vec{0}' = \vec{0} \quad \checkmark$$

OR

Let $\vec{0} \in V$ be such that $\vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u}$ and $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u} \quad \forall \vec{u} \in V$ and $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}.$

And let $\vec{0}' \in V \ni \vec{0}' + \vec{u} = \vec{u} + \vec{0}' = \vec{u}$

Since $\vec{0}' + \vec{u} = \vec{u}$ and $\vec{0} + \vec{u} = \vec{u}$,

$$\vec{0}' + \vec{u} = \vec{0} + \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{0}' + \vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0} + \vec{u} + (-\vec{u})$$

$$\vec{0}' + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{0}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vec{0}' & = & \vec{0} \quad \checkmark \end{array}$$

