

Introduction To Vector Space

Internal Composition:

Let V be any set. Then the mapping $F: V \times V \rightarrow V$ is said to be internal composition and it also called vector addition.

Example: $F: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $F(a, b) = a + b$

External Composition:

Let V and F be any two non-empty set. Then the mapping $F: V \times F \rightarrow V$ is said to be external composition in V over F also called scalar multiplication.

Vector Space:

Def:-

Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a field. The elements of F will be called scalars.

Let V be a non-empty set whose elements will be called vectors.

Then V is a vector space over the field F , if

i) There is defined an internal composition in V called addition of vectors and denoted by '+'. Also for this composition V is an abelian group.
i.e.

i) $\alpha + \beta \in V \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V$

ii) $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in V$

iii) $\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) = (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in V$

iv) \exists an element $0 \in V$ such that $\alpha + 0 = \alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in V$, this element $0 \in V$ will be called zero vector.

v) To every vector $\alpha \in V$, there exist a vector $-\alpha \in V$ such that $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$

ii) There is an external composition in V over F called scalar multiplication and denoted multiplicatively i.e. $a\alpha \in V \quad \forall a \in F$ and $\forall \alpha \in V$.

In other words V is called closed with respect to scalar multiplication.

iii) The two compositions i.e. scalar multiplication and addition of vectors satisfy the following postulates.

i) $a(\alpha + \beta) = a\alpha + a\beta \quad \forall a \in F \text{ and } \forall \alpha \in V$

ii) $(a+b)\alpha = a\alpha + b\alpha \quad \forall a, b \in F \text{ and } \alpha \in V$

iii) $(ab)\alpha = a(b\alpha) \quad \forall a, b \in F \text{ and } \alpha \in V$

iv) $1 \cdot \alpha = \alpha \quad \forall \alpha \in V \text{ and } 1 \text{ is unit}$

element of the Field F .

Note: Some important vector space.

i) $V = \mathbb{R}^n = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\} : a_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$F = \mathbb{R} \text{ i.e. } \mathbb{R}^n (\mathbb{R})$

ii) $V = \{ [a_{ij}]_{m \times n} : a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ i.e. $V(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space.

iii) $V = P(x) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n\} : a_i \in \mathbb{R}$

$F = \mathbb{R}$ i.e. $V(\mathbb{R})$ is vector space.

iv) $V = \{ f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \}$ f is real valued function.

$F = \mathbb{R}$ i.e. $V(\mathbb{R})$ is v.s.

v) $V = \{ \langle a_n \rangle : a_n \in \mathbb{R} \}$ a_n be a sequence.

$F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ Then $V(\mathbb{R})$ is vector space.

vi) Every Field is a vector space over its subfield.

Examples

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q}), \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}](\mathbb{Q}), \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R})$

$\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$

$\begin{cases} \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R}) \\ \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{Q}) \\ \mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q}) \end{cases} \text{ v.s.}$

Problem-3

Show that the set of all ordered n -tuples of the elements of any field F , is a vector space over the field F .

Sol:

Let F be a field, then an ordered set of all n -tuples elements of F , i.e. $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ is called an n -tuple over F , and the set of all these n -tuples over a field F will be denoted by $V_n(F)$ or V_n .

Let us define the vector addition, scalar multiplication, and equality of n -tuples as follows.

Addition Composition:

Let α, β be any two arbitrary elements of $V_n(F)$;

i.e.

$$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), \beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

is

$$\alpha + \beta = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$

obviously, $\alpha + \beta \in V_n(F)$

Hence, the set $V_n(F)$ is

closed w.r.t addition of n -tuples.

Scalar multiplication Composition:

Let,

$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n$ and $a \in F$,

then we define scalar multiplication in $V_n(F)$ as

$$a\alpha = (aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n), \quad \forall a \in F$$

as aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n all are elements of F .

Hence, the set $V_n(F)$ is closed w.r.t scalar multiplication.

Equality of two n-tuples - two n-tuples

$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n); \beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$

are said to be equal iff

$a_i = b_i$, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Now let us verify that the set $V_n(F)$ is a v.s for the above define composition.

V_1 : $V_n(F)$ is an abelian group for addition.

i) associative addition:

Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in V_n(F)$, where

$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), \beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$

and $\gamma = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) &= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + \{ (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \} \\ &= (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1 + c_1, b_2 + c_2, \dots, b_n + c_n) \\ &= \{ a_1 + (b_1 + c_1), a_2 + (b_2 + c_2), \dots, a_n + (b_n + c_n) \} \\ &= \{ (a_1 + b_1) + c_1, (a_2 + b_2) + c_2, \dots, (a_n + b_n) + c_n \} \\ &= (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n) + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \\ &= \{ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \} + (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore V_n(F)$ is associative for addition.

Now, let us verify that the set $V_n(F)$ is a vector space for the above defined composition.

ii) Commutativity for addition:

Let $\alpha, \beta \in V_n(F)$, where

$$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

$$\beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha + \beta = (a_1, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$$\alpha + \beta = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$$

$$= (b_1 + a_1, b_2 + a_2, \dots, b_n + a_n)$$

(\because scalar addition is commutative)

$$= (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) + (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

$$= \beta + \alpha$$

$\therefore V_n(F)$ is commutative for addition

iii) Existence of additive identity

We have

$$0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in V_n(F)$$

and also $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n(F)$

Now

$$0 + a = (0, 0, \dots, 0) + (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) =$$

$$= (0 + a_1, 0 + a_2, \dots, 0 + a_n) = a$$

i.e. $0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is the additive identity in $V_n(F)$

iv) Existence of ^{additive} inverse :

Let $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n(F)$

then $-\alpha = (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n) \in V_n(F)$

Also

$$\alpha + (-\alpha) = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n)$$

$$= (a_1 - a_1, a_2 - a_2, \dots, a_n - a_n)$$

$$= (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

i.e. $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$

i.e. $-\alpha = (-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_n)$ is the additive inverse of $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$

Thus, $V_n(F)$ is an abelian group of addition.

V₂: Scalar multiplication is distributive over vector addition.

Let

$$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ and } \beta = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in V_n$$

$$\text{and } a, b \in F$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (\alpha + \beta) &= a \cdot \{ (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \} \\ &= a \cdot (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n) \\ &= (aa_1 + ab_1, aa_2 + ab_2, \dots, aa_n + ab_n) \\ &= a(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + a(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \\ &= a\alpha + a\beta \end{aligned}$$

i.e

Scalar multiplication is distributive over vector addition in $V_n(F)$

V3: Multiplication by vector is distributive over scalar addition

Let

$$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n \text{ and } a, b \in F.$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b) \cdot \alpha &= (a+b) \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &= \{ (a+b) \cdot a_1, (a+b) \cdot a_2, (a+b) \cdot a_3, \dots, \\ &\quad (a+b) \cdot a_n \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (aa_1 + ba_1, aa_2 + ba_2, \dots, aa_n + ba_n) \\ &= (aa_1, aa_2, \dots, aa_n) + (ba_1, ba_2, \dots, ba_n) \\ &= a \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + b \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &= a \cdot \alpha + b \cdot \alpha \end{aligned}$$

i.e multiplication by vector is distributive over scalar addition in $V_n(F)$.

V4: Scalar multiplication is associative

Let

$\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n$ and $a, b \in F$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}(ab) \cdot \alpha &= (ab) \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &= (aba_1, aba_2, \dots, ab a_n) \\ &= a \cdot (ba_1, ba_2, \dots, ba_n) \\ &= a \cdot \{b(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)\} \\ &= a \cdot (b\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

i.e. scalar multiplication is associative in $V_n(F)$

V5:

Let 1 be the unit element of F and $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in V_n$

then

$$\begin{aligned}1 \cdot \alpha &= 1 \cdot (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (1 \cdot a_1, 1 \cdot a_2, \dots, 1 \cdot a_n) \\ &= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

Since all the postulates of vector space are satisfied and so that the set $V_n(F)$ of all ordered n -tuples is a V.S over F .

proved

Problem 4

IF $V = \{(a, b); a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and \mathbb{R} is a Field, show that V is not a v.s over \mathbb{R} under the addition and scalar multiplication defined by,

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (0, b+d)$$

$$\alpha(a, b) = \alpha a, \alpha b$$

Sol: V is not a v.s under the composition defined by

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (0, b+d)$$

$$\alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a, \alpha b)$$

because,

$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(a, b) = [(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)a, (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)b]$$
$$[\because \alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a, \alpha b)]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1(a, b) + \alpha_2(a, b) \\ (\alpha_1 a, \alpha_1 b) + (\alpha_2 a, \alpha_2 b) \\ 0, \alpha_1 b + \alpha_2 b \end{array} \right.$$