

MAT B24 TUT0018, Tutorial 1 (Week 2)

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VERY USEFUL: [http://pub.math.leidenuniv.nl/~strengtc/la1na\\_2017/fraleigh.pdf](http://pub.math.leidenuniv.nl/~strengtc/la1na_2017/fraleigh.pdf)

## Vector Space

A vector space is a set  $V$  (over a field  $F$ ), together with two operations "vector addition" and "scalar multiplication" that satisfies the following 8 axioms

vector addition:  $V \times V \rightarrow V$

scalar multiplication:  $F \times V \rightarrow V$

Additive Axioms (for all  $u, v, w$  in  $V$ )

A1:  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$  (associativity)

A2:  $u + v = v + u$  (commutativity)

A3: exists  $0$  in  $V$ , such that  $v + 0 = v$  (identity), for all  $v$  in  $V$

A4: exists  $-v$  such that  $v + (-v) = 0$  (inverse)

Scalar Multiplicative Axioms (for all  $r, s$  in  $F$ ,  $u, v$  in  $V$ )

S1:  $r(u + v) = ru + rv$

S2:  $(r + s)v = rv + sv$

S3:  $r(sv) = (rs)v$

S4:  $1v = v$

A3: exists  $0$  in  $V$ , such that  $v + 0 = v$  (identity)

Identity Uniqueness Lemma: The identity described as above,  $0$  is unique.

Assume for a contradiction that the identity element is not unique,

This is to say that there are two elements  $i, j$  in  $V$  such that  $i \neq j$

forall  $v$  in  $V$ ,  $v + i = v$ ,  $v + j = v$

$v + i = v$ , take  $v = j \Rightarrow j + i = j$

$v + j = v$ , take  $v = i \Rightarrow i + j = i$

$(i + j) = (j + i) \Rightarrow i = j$  thus elements  $i, j$  cannot exist and the identity is unique

# Exercises

2. set  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the usual scalar multiplication but addition is defined as follows:  $[x, y] + [r, s] = [y + s, x + r]$

let  $u, v, w = [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, 0]$

$$([0, 1] + [1, 2]) + [2, 0] = [3, 1] + [2, 0] = [1, 5]$$

$$[0, 1] + ([1, 2] + [2, 0]) = [0, 1] + [2, 3] = [4, 2]$$

Since this space does not satisfy associativity of addition, it is not a vector space.

3. The set  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with addition defined as  $[x, y] + [a, b] = [x + a + 1, y + b]$

Show A2 holds, let  $v_1 = [x, y]$ ,  $v_2 = [a, b]$  be arbitrary vectors in  $V$

WTS  $v_1 + v_2 = v_2 + v_1$

$v_1 + v_2 = [x + a + 1, y + b]$  by definition of  $+$  over  $V$

$v_2 + v_1 = [a + x + 1, b + y]$  by definition of  $+$  over  $V$   
 $= [x + a + 1, y + b]$  by definition of  $+$  over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $= v_1 + v_2$ , and thus A2 holds.

Show A3 holds, let  $0 = [-1, 0]$ , let  $v = [x, y]$  be arbitrary vector in  $V$

WTS  $v + 0 = v$

$v + 0 = [x + (-1) + 1, y + 0]$  by definition of  $+$  over  $V$   
 $= [x, y] = v$

6. The set  $F$  of all functions mapping  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , where addition is defined as follows:  $f(x) + g(x) = \max(f(x), g(x))$

Contradict S1:  $r(u + v) = ru + rv$

let  $u = 1$ ,  $v = 2$ , let  $r = -1$