

MAT 185 Lecture Notes

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1 Vector Space

Definiton 1.0.1 (Vector Space in \mathbb{R}). A vectors space, V , over \mathbb{R} is a collection of **object** $\mathbf{v} \in V$ s.t. the follow axioms are followed

1. Addition Axioms

- (a) **Closure Under Addition:**
 $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V \implies \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in V$
- (b) **Associativity of Addition:**
 $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V \implies (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$
- (c) **Existence of Additive Identity:**
 $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{x} \in V \implies \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$
- (d) **Existence of Additive Inverse:**
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V, \exists -\mathbf{x} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

2. Scalar Multiplication Axioms

- (a) **Closure Under Scalar Multiplication:**
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$ and $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \mathbf{x} \in V$
- (b) **Associativity of Scalar Multiplication:**
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$ and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha(\beta\mathbf{x})$
- (c) **Distributive Property of Scalar Multiplication:**
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V$ and $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x} + \beta\mathbf{x}$
- (d) **Existence of Multiplicative Identity:**
 $\forall \mathbf{x} \in V, 1\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$

Note It could be shown that the axiom imply the commutativity of in addition, namely $\forall \mathbf{x} \implies \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$

Example \mathbb{R}^n is a vector space over \mathbb{R} , where $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$, then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$ and $\alpha \mathbf{x} = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n)$

Theorem 1.0.2 (Cancellation, Part 1). Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}$$

From additive inverse we know that $-\mathbf{z}$ exists

$$(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{z}) + (-\mathbf{z}) = (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}) + (-\mathbf{z})$$

By order of addition we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) &= \mathbf{y} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) \\ \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} &= \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

By additive identity we have:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

□

Theorem 1.0.3 (Cancellation, Part 2). Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$, then:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

To prove that, it would require the following proposition:

Lemma 1.0.4. Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{z} \in V$, then $-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

Proof.

We know:

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} &= (-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{0} \\ &= (-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + (-\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z}))\end{aligned}$$

By the order of addition,

$$= -\mathbf{z} + (\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z})))$$

Again, by the order of addition,

$$\begin{aligned}&= -\mathbf{z} + ((\mathbf{z} + (-\mathbf{z})) + -(-\mathbf{z})) \\ &= -\mathbf{z} + -(-\mathbf{z}) \\ &= \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$

□

Now, to prove the part 2 of the Cancellation Theorem:

Proof.

$$\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y}$$

From additive inverse we know that $-\mathbf{z}$ exists

$$-\mathbf{z} + (\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{z} + (\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{y})$$

$$(-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{x} = (-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{y}$$

From above, we have $-\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{z} = 0$

$$0 + \mathbf{x} = 0 + \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

□

Lemma 1.0.5 (Inverse of an inverse). Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{x} \in V$, then:

$$-(-\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$$

Proof. Assume $0, 0^*$ are the additive identity of V and $-\mathbf{x}, -\mathbf{x}^*$ are the additive inverse of \mathbf{x} . We have:

$$u + 0 = u + 0^*$$

By Cancellation Theorem, we have $0 = 0^*$. Thus, the additive identity is unique. Now, we have:

$$\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x}^* = 0$$

Thus, by the uniqueness of the additive inverse, we have:

$$\mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{x}^*$$

By the Cancellation Theorem, we have:

$$-\mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{x}^*$$

Now, we have that the additive inverse is unique. Thus, $-(-\mathbf{x})$ must be unique and necessarily \mathbf{x} . □

Results from above

1. The additive identity is unique
2. The additive inverse is unique

Definiton 1.0.6 (Subtraction). Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, then:

$$\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{x} + -\mathbf{y}$$

Theorem 1.0.7 (Commutativity of Addition). Let V be a vector space and $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$, then:

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x}$$

Proof.

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} =$$

□