Exercise Sheet 0 Linear Algebra (AAI)

Exercise 0.1 (H)

Verify that $G = \{0, 1\}$ together with

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} * & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \end{array}$$

is a commutative group, see Example 3(iii) in Section I.1.

Solution:

By definition, we have $*: G \times G \to G$. Moreover, (G, *) satisfies:

i) Associativity: We have

$$\forall a, b, c \in G : (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$$

since (there are 2^3 cases)

$$(0*0)*0 = 0 = 0*(0*0),$$

$$(0*0)*1 = 1 = 0*(0*1),$$

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- ii) The neutral element is given by 0 since 0 * 0 = 0 and 0 * 1 = 1.
- iii) The inverse elements are given by -1 = 1 and -0 = 0 since

$$1 * 1 = 0, \\ 0 * 0 = 0.$$

iv) Commutativity: We have

$$\forall a, b \in G : a * b = b * a$$

since
$$0 * 1 = 1 = 1 * 0$$
.

Exercise 0.2 (H)

Prove Proposition 10 from Section I.1.

Solution:

See Proposition I.1.10 in the lecture notes.

Exercise 0.3 (H)

Prove Lemma 12 from Section I.1.

Solution:

See Lemma I.1.12 in the lecture notes.

Exercise 0.4 (H)

Let G_1 and G_2 be subgroups of a group G. Show that $G_1 \cup G_2$ is not a subgroup in general. Hint: Cf. Example 18 from Section I.1.

Solution:

See Example I.1.18 in the lecture notes.

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Exercise 1.1 (H)

Prove Lemma I.2.4.

Solution:

See Lemma I.2.4 in the lecture notes.

Exercise 1.2 (H)

a) Verify that $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ is a \mathbb{R} -vector space.

Solution:

By using the field properties of \mathbb{R} in every coordinate we obtain:

- 1.) (\mathbb{R}^n, \oplus) is a commutative group, i.e., we have $\oplus : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ and the following properties:
 - i) Associativity: We have

$$\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon (x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z)$$

since

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = ((x_1 + y_1) + z_1, \dots, (x_n + y_n) + z_n),$$

$$= (x_1 + (y_1 + z_1), \dots, x_n + (y_n + z_n))$$

$$= x \oplus (y \oplus z).$$

ii) The neutral element is given by $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ since

$$\mathbf{0} \oplus x = (0 + x_1, \dots, 0 + x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_n) = x$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

iii) The inverse element of $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given by $-x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n)$ since

$$-x \oplus x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n) \oplus (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$
$$= (-x_1 + x_1, \dots, -x_n + x_n)$$
$$= (0, \dots, 0) = \mathbf{0}.$$

iv) Commutativity: We have

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon x \oplus y = y \oplus x$$

since

$$x \oplus y = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$
$$= (y_1 + x_1, \dots, y_n + x_n)$$
$$= y \oplus x.$$

2.) For all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we have

$$(\lambda + \mu) \odot x = ((\lambda + \mu) \cdot x_1, \dots, (\lambda + \mu) \cdot x_n)$$

$$= (\lambda x_1 + \mu x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n + \mu x_n)$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot x_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot x_n) \oplus (\mu \cdot x_1, \dots, \mu \cdot x_n)$$

$$= \lambda \odot x \oplus \mu \odot x,$$

$$\lambda \odot (x \oplus y) = (\lambda \cdot (x_1 + y_1), \dots, \lambda \cdot (x_n + y_n))$$

$$= (\lambda x_1 + \lambda y_1, \dots, \lambda x_n + \lambda y_n)$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot x_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot x_n) \oplus (\lambda \cdot y_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot y_n)$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot x_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot x_n) \oplus (\lambda \cdot y_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot y_n)$$

$$= \lambda \odot x \oplus \lambda \odot y,$$

$$\lambda \odot (\mu \odot x) = \lambda \odot (\mu \cdot x_1, \dots, \mu \cdot x_n)$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot \mu \cdot x_1, \dots, \lambda \cdot \mu \cdot x_n)$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot \mu) \cdot x_1, \dots, (\lambda \cdot \mu) \cdot x_n$$

$$= (\lambda \cdot \mu) \odot x,$$

$$1 \odot x = (1 \cdot x_1, \dots, 1 \cdot x_n)$$

$$= (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= x.$$

b) Is \mathbb{C}^n a \mathbb{R} -vector space (based on (1) from Example II.1.2)?

Solution:

The scalar multiplication

$$\odot : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n$$

is given by the corresponding operation on $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^n$ (\mathbb{C}^n seen as a \mathbb{C} -vector space), where the scalars are restricted to the subset $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. Since \mathbb{C}^n is a \mathbb{C} -vector space, all vector space conditions are also met for this restriction.

Exercise 1.3 (H)

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$.

a) Verify that V is a \mathbb{R} -vector space.

Solution:

By using the field properties of \mathbb{R} in every coordinate (i.e., for every evaluation site $x \in [0,1]$) we obtain the analogous properties as in Exercise 1.2 a). [...]

b) Show that C([0,1]) is a subspace of V.

Solution:

We verify the subspace conditions from Definition II.1.5:

- i) $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$ given by $\mathbf{0}(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [0,1]$ (= zero function) is continuous and hence $C([0,1]) \neq \emptyset$.
- ii) Since the sum of two continuous functions is again a continuous function (see Analysis I), the set C([0,1]) is closed w.r.t. the vector addition.
- iii) Since a continuous function multiplied by a constant is again a continuous function (see Analysis I), the set C([0,1]) is closed w.r.t. the scalar multiplication.

Exercise 1.4 (H)

Consider Example II.1.7.(i) with $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$, and

$$U = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \colon \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot x_i = b \right\}.$$

a) Show that U is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^n if and only if b = 0.

Solution:

" \Rightarrow ": Let U be a subspace and $x \in U$, i.e., we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot x_i = b$$

and hence

(1)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot 2x_i = 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot x_i = 2b.$$

Since U is a subspace, we also have $2x \in U$ (see Definition II.1.5.(iii)) and thus

(2)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot 2x_i = b.$$

Combining (1) and (2) we obtain 2b = b, which implies b = 0.

" \Leftarrow ": Let b = 0. We verify the subspace conditions from Definition II.1.5:

i) We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot 0 = 0$$

and hence $\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0) \in U$ such that $U \neq \emptyset$.

ii) Let $x, y \in U$. Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot (x_i + y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot y_i = 0 + 0 = 0$$

and hence $x + y \in U$.

iii) Let $x \in U$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot (\lambda \cdot x_i) = \lambda \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \cdot x_i = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0$$

and hence $\lambda \cdot x \in U$.

b) Let n = 2. Determine and illustrate U for all combinations of $a \in \{(1, 1), (-1, 0)\}$ and $b \in \{0, 1, -2\}$.

Solution:

. . .

c) Show Remark II.1.10 (regarding the union of subspaces).

Solution:

Consider $U_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_1 = 0\}$ and $U_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x_2 = 0\}$. Then U_1 and U_2 are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 according to part a). However, $U_1 \cup U_2$ is not a subspace since

$$(0,1) \in U_1 \subseteq U_1 \cup U_2,$$

$$(1,0) \in U_2 \subset U_1 \cup U_2$$

and

$$(0,1) + (1,0) = (1,1) \notin U_1 \cup U_2$$
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Exercise Sheet 2 Linear Algebra (AAI)

Exercise 2.1 (H)

Determine whether U is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 :

- a) $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z = 3x y\},\$
- b) $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x \cdot y \cdot z = 0\},\$
- c) $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x \cdot (\exp(y) + z) = 0\},\$
- d) $U = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y, z \ge 0\},\$
- e) $U = \{(\lambda, 2\lambda, 4\lambda) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}.$

Solution:

The sets from a) and e) are subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 .

... (Verify the subspace conditions from Definition II.1.5.)

The sets from b), c), and d) are not subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 . As an example we show that b) is not a subspace: Note that $(1,1,0), (0,0,1) \in U$, but

$$(1,1,0) + (0,0,1) = (1,1,1) \notin U.$$

Hence condition (ii) from Definition II.1.5 is not satisfied.

Exercise 2.2 (H)

Consider $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ given by

$$v_1 = (1, 2, 1, 2), \ v_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), \ v_3 = (0, 1, 1, 0), \ v_4 = (0, 1, 0, 1), \ v_5 = (1, 0, 0, 1).$$

a) Express each vector v_i as a linear combination of the remaining vectors v_j with $j \neq i$ (if possible).

Solution:

We have $v_1 = v_2 + v_4$ and $v_2 = v_3 + v_5$. Using these two equalities we obtain, e.g.,

$$v_1 = v_2 + v_4,$$

$$v_2 = v_3 + v_5,$$

$$v_3 = v_2 - v_5,$$

$$v_4 = v_1 - v_2,$$

$$v_5 = v_2 - v_3.$$

- b) Prove or disprove:
 - i) $\operatorname{span}(\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}) = \operatorname{span}(\{v_3, v_5\}),$
 - ii) span($\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}$) = span($\{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$),
 - iii) span $(\{v_2, v_5\})$ = span $(\{v_3, v_5\})$,
 - iv) $\operatorname{span}(\{v_1, v_5\}) = \operatorname{span}(\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}),$

v) span(
$$\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$$
) = span($\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}$).

Solution:

Statements i) and iii) are correct. Statements ii), iv), and v) are false. ad i): We clearly have

$$\operatorname{span}(\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}) = L(v_2, v_3, v_5) \supseteq L(v_3, v_5) = \operatorname{span}(\{v_3, v_5\}),$$

see Corollary II.1.17. Moreover, every linear combination of v_2, v_3, v_5 can be expressed as a linear combination of v_3, v_5 since $v_2 = v_3 + v_5$ and thus

$$\lambda_2 v_2 + \lambda_3 v_3 + \lambda_5 v_5 = \lambda_2 (v_3 + v_5) + \lambda_3 v_3 + \lambda_5 v_5 = (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) v_3 + (\lambda_2 + \lambda_5) v_5$$

for $\lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_5 \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence we get

$$\operatorname{span}(\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}) = L(v_2, v_3, v_5) \subseteq L(v_3, v_5) = \operatorname{span}(\{v_3, v_5\}).$$

ad ii): Using part (i) we obtain

$$\mathrm{span}(\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}) = \mathrm{span}(\{v_3, v_5\}) \subseteq \mathrm{span}(\{v_1, v_3, v_5\}).$$

Moreover, we have

$$span(\{v_3, v_5\}) = L(v_3, v_5) = \{\lambda v_3 + \mu v_5 : \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}\$$
$$= \{(\mu, \lambda, \lambda, \mu) : \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

This shows $v_1 = (1, 2, 1, 2) \notin \text{span}(\{v_3, v_5\})$ (Note that the first and the last entry of v_1 are not equal.) and hence

$$\mathrm{span}(\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}) = \mathrm{span}(\{v_3, v_5\}) \not\supseteq \mathrm{span}(\{v_1, v_3, v_5\}).$$

ad iii): ...

ad iv): ...

ad v): ...

c) Determine all linearly independent families $(v_i)_{i \in I}$ with $I \subseteq \{1, ..., 5\}$ and $|I| \leq 3$. Solution:

|I| = 0: $(v_i)_{i \in \emptyset}$ is linearly independent per definition.

|I| = 1: (v_i) is linearly independent if and only if $v_i \neq 0$. Hence (v_i) is linearly independent for every $i \in \{1, \ldots, 5\}$.

|I| = 2: By Lemma II.2.3 we have

$$(v_i, v_j)$$
 linearly independent $\Leftrightarrow v_i \notin L(v_j) \land v_j \notin L(v_i)$.

Hence (v_i, v_j) is linearly independent for all $i, j \in \{1, ..., 5\}$ with $i \neq j$.

|I|=3: Use Lemma II.2.3 for each of the 10 combinations: The families (v_1,v_2,v_4) and (v_2,v_3,v_5) are linearly dependent according to part a). E.g., (v_3,v_4,v_5) is linearly independent since for $\lambda_3,\lambda_4,\lambda_5\in\mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\lambda_3 v_3 + \lambda_4 v_4 + \lambda_5 v_5 = 0 \iff \begin{cases} \lambda_5 = 0 \\ \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 &= 0 \\ \lambda_3 &= 0 \\ \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = 0.$$

Exercise 2.3 (H)

Let $U \subseteq V$ be a subspace of V and let $x, y \in V$. Show that

$$y \in \operatorname{span}(U \cup \{x\}) \land y \notin U \Rightarrow x \in \operatorname{span}(U \cup \{y\}).$$

Solution:

Let $y \in \text{span}(U \cup \{x\})$. Then there exist $\lambda \in K$ and $u \in U$ such that

$$y = \lambda x + u$$
,

see Proposition II.1.16 and note that U is a subspace. If additionally $y \notin U$, we have $\lambda \neq 0$. Hence we get

$$x = \lambda^{-1} \cdot (y - u) = \lambda^{-1}y - \lambda^{-1}u \in \operatorname{span}(U \cup \{y\}).$$

Exercise 2.4 (H)

a) Let $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{[0,\infty)}$ be given by

$$v_1(x) = 1$$
, $v_2(x) = \sqrt{x}$, $v_3(x) = \sin(x)$

for $x \in [0, \infty)$. Show that (v_1, v_2, v_3) is linearly independent.

Solution:

... (Cf. Example II.2.4.(ii) and consider, e.g., the evaluation sites $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = \pi$, and $x_3 = \pi/2$.)

b) Let V be a \mathbb{R} -vector space and let (v_1, v_2) be linearly independent for $v_1, v_2 \in V$. Show that $(v_1 - v_2, v_1 + v_2)$ is linearly independent.

Solution:

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\lambda_1(v_1 - v_2) + \lambda_2(v_1 + v_2) = 0.$$

Then we obtain

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) v_1 + (-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) v_2 = 0.$$

Since (v_1, v_2) is linearly independent by assumption, we have

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0,$$

$$-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0,$$

which is equivalent to

(I)
$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0,$$

$$(I) + (II) 2\lambda_2 = 0.$$

Hence we get $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$.

Exercise Sheet 3 Linear Algebra (AAI)

Exercise 3.1 (H)

a) Show that (v_1, v_2, v_3) given by

$$v_1 = (1, 0, 1), \quad v_2 = (1, 1, 0), \quad v_3 = (0, 1, 1)$$

is a basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution:

Since dim $\mathbb{R}^3 = 3$, it suffices to show that (v_1, v_2, v_3) is linearly independent. ... (Cf. Exercise 2.2 c).)

b) Let V be an \mathbb{R} -vector space with dim V=3, and let (v_1,v_2,v_3) be a basis of V. Show that

$$(v_1-v_3,v_1+v_2-v_3,v_1+v_2+v_3)$$

is a basis of V, too.

Solution:

... (Cf. Exercises 3.1 a) and 2.4 b).)

Exercise 3.2 (H)

Determine a basis and the dimension of the following subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 :

a)
$$U_1 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = y = z = 0\},\$$

Solution:

We have $U_1 = \{(0, 0, 0)\} = \text{span}(\emptyset)$ and dim $U_1 = 0$.

b) $U_2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y - z = 0\}.$

Solution:

For $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ we have

$$(x, y, z) \in U_2 \iff \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z - y \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 0 \\ z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -y \\ y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = z \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + y \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This shows

$$U_2 = \{\lambda \cdot (1,0,1) + \mu \cdot (-1,1,0) \colon \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

= span\{(1,0,1), (-1,1,0)\}.

Moreover, the family ((1,0,1),(-1,1,0)) is linearly independent [since ...] and hence a basis of U_2 .

Exercise 3.3 (H)

Let V be a K-vector space, let (v_1, \ldots, v_n) be a basis of V, and let (w_1, \ldots, w_m) be a generating set of V. Prove or disprove:

a) (v_1, w_2, \ldots, w_m) is a generating set of V.

Solution:

False: Choose $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, n = m = 2, and

$$v_1 = (1,0), \quad v_2 = (0,1), \quad w_1 = v_2, \quad w_2 = v_1.$$

Then, $(v_1, w_2) = (v_1, v_1)$ is not a generating set of \mathbb{R}^2 .

b) $(v_1 + w_1, ..., v_n + w_n)$ is a basis of V.

Solution:

False: ...

c) There exists $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$ such that $(v_1, ..., v_{i-1}, w_1, v_{i+1}, ..., v_n)$ is a basis of V.

Solution:

False: Choose m = n + 1 and $w_1 = 0$ as well as

$$(w_2, \ldots, w_{n+1}) = (v_1, \ldots, v_n).$$

A family containing the zero vector is linearly dependent and hence not a basis. (Note that the statement is correct for $w_1 \neq 0$ due to Lemma II.2.10.)

Exercise 3.4 (H)

Let U_1, U_2 be subspaces of V, and let

$$U_1 + U_2 = \{u_1 + u_2 \colon u_1 \in U_1, u_2 \in U_2\}.$$

a) Show that $U_1 + U_2$ is a subspace of V.

Solution:

... (Verify the subspace conditions from Definition II.1.5.)

b) Let $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and dim $U_1 = \dim U_2 = n-1$. Determine all possible cases of dim $U_1 \cap U_2$ and provide an explicit example for each case with n = 3. Cf. Exercise 1.4.

Solution:

By Proposition II.2.17 we have

$$\dim(U_1 \cap U_2) = \dim(U_1) + \dim(U_2) - \dim(U_1 + U_2)$$
$$= (n-1) + (n-1) - \dim(U_1 + U_2)$$

Moreover, we have

$$0 \le \dim(U_1 \cap U_2) \le \min(\dim(U_1), \dim(U_2)) = n - 1$$

and

$$n-1 = \max(\dim(U_1), \dim(U_2)) \le \dim(U_1 + U_2) \le \dim V = n,$$

see Corollary II.2.15. This yields the following possible cases:

... (examples for n=3)