

Definition 0.1: Fields

A *field* $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$ is a nonempty set \mathbb{F} , along with two binary operations, addition $+: \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$ and multiplication $\cdot: \mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$, satisfying the following,

- (i) For all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$, $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ and $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$.
- (ii) For all $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$, $x + y = y + x$ and $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$.
- (iii) There exists elements $0, 1 \in \mathbb{F}$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{F}$, $x + 0 = x$ and $x \cdot 1 = x$.
- (iv) For all $x \in \mathbb{F}$, there exists an element $-x \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $x + (-x) = 0$, and if $x \neq 0$, there exists an element x^{-1} such that $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$.
- (v) For all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$, $x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$.

Definition 0.2: Vector Spaces

A *Vector Space* $(V, +, \cdot)$ over a field $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$ is a set V along with two binary operations, vector addition $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$ and s-multiplication $\cdot: \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$, satisfying the following,

- (i) For all vectors $v, w, u \in V$, $v + (w + u) = (v + w) + u$.
- (ii) For all vectors $v, w \in V$, $v + w = w + v$.
- (iii) There exists a vector $\mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $v + \mathbf{0} = v$ for all $v \in V$.
- (iv) For every vector $v \in V$ there exists an element $-v$ such that $v + (-v) = \mathbf{0}$.
- (v) For all scalars $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and vector $v \in V$, $a \cdot_V (b \cdot_V v) = (a \cdot_F b) \cdot_V v$.
- (vi) For every scalar $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and vectors $v, w \in V$, $a \cdot (v + w) = a \cdot v + a \cdot w$.
- (vii) For all scalars $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and vector $v \in V$, $(a + b) \cdot v = a \cdot v + b \cdot v$.