

### 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 scalar 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  $v \in V$ ,  $(a + b) \cdot v = a \cdot v + b \cdot v$ .

### Definition 0.3: Norm Spaces

A *Norm Space*  $(V, +, \cdot, \|\cdot\|)$  over a field  $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$  is a vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$  over the field  $(\mathbb{F}, +, \cdot)$  along with a *norm*  $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following,

- (i) For every vector  $v \in V$ ,  $\|v\| \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $\|v\| = 0$  if and only if  $v = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (iii) For every scalar  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$  and vector  $v \in V$ ,  $\|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|v\|$ .