

M1103 Chapter 4

Vector Spaces

Definition

A vector space over the field \mathbb{K} is a set E with two operations:

$$1. \quad \begin{aligned} + : E \times E &\longrightarrow E \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto x + y \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbb{K} \times E &\longrightarrow E \\ (\alpha, x) &\longmapsto \alpha x \end{aligned}$$

Satisfying the following axioms:

$$A1: (x + y) + z = x + (y + z), \quad \forall x, y, z \in E$$

$$A2: \text{There is an element } 0_E \in E \text{ such that } x + 0_E = 0_E + x = x, \quad \forall x \in E$$

$$A3: \forall x \in E, \text{ there is an element } -x \in E \text{ such that } x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0_E$$

$$A4: x + y = y + x, \quad \forall x, y \in E$$

$$A5: \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y, \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x, y \in E$$

$$A6: (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in E$$

$$A7: \alpha(\beta x) = (\alpha\beta)x, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in E$$

$$A8: 1x = x, \quad \forall x \in E$$

The elements of a vector space E are called vectors. The element 0_E is called the zero-vector.

Examples

1. Consider a singleton $\{0\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \{0\} \times \{0\} &\longrightarrow \{0\} \\ (0, 0) &\longmapsto 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$0 + 0 := 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{K} \times \{0\} &\longrightarrow \{0\} \\ (\alpha, 0) &\longmapsto 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha 0 = 0$$

The 8 axioms are clearly satisfied

$\therefore \{0\}$ is a vector space over \mathbb{K}

called a zero-vector space.

$$2. \mathbb{K}^n = \mathbb{K} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{K}_{n\text{-times}}$$

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

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

\mathbb{K}^n becomes a vector space for these operations.

Zero-vector in $\mathbb{K}^n : (0, \dots, 0)$

Exercise:

Check that the 8 axioms are satisfied for the above example:

Consider a vector space \mathbb{K}^n .

Let us take $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$, $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{K}^n$. Let α, β scalars in \mathbb{K} .

A1: Associativity of addition -

$$(x + y) + z = ((x_1 + y_1) + z_1, \dots) = (x_1 + (y_1 + z_1), \dots) = x_1 + (y_1 + z_1)$$

\therefore Associativity holds.

A2: Existence of an element 0 -

$$x + 0 = (x_1 + 0, \dots, x_n + 0) = x$$

Where, $0 = (0, \dots, 0)$

A3: Existence of an additive inverse -

Take $-x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n) \in \mathbb{K}^n$

$$x + (-x) = (x_1 - x_1, \dots, x_n - x_n) = (0, \dots, 0) = 0$$

Which holds, since $0 = (0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{K}^n$

A4: Commutativity of additions -

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

A5: Scalar distributivity over addition -

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

A6: Scalar addition over scalar multiplication -

$$(\alpha + \beta)x = ((\alpha + \beta)x_1, \dots, (\alpha + \beta)x_n) = (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_1, \dots, \alpha x_n + \beta x_n) = \alpha x + \beta x$$

A7: Compatibility of Scalar multiplication -

$$\alpha(\beta x) = \alpha(\beta x_1, \dots, \beta x_n) = (\alpha \beta x_1, \dots, \alpha \beta x_n) = (\alpha \beta)x$$

A8: Identity element in scalar multiplication -

$$1 \cdot x = (1 \cdot x_1, \dots, 1 \cdot x_n) = x \quad \square.$$

Example 2

Consider $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$. It is the set of all maps

$$\begin{aligned} \{f : \mathbb{N} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{K}\} \\ n &\mapsto f(n) \end{aligned}$$

So, $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is the set of all sequences of elements in \mathbb{K} .

$$(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} + (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (a_n + b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\lambda(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\lambda a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Conclusion:

The set of sequences becomes a vector space for these operations.

Zero-vector = $(0, \dots, 0)$

opposite: $(-a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

Exercise

Check that the 8 axioms hold for the previous example

Let $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}\}$. We denote a sequence by $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

We denote $u = (u_n), v = (v_n), w = (w_n) \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$. Let $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$

A1: Associativity of addition -

$$(u + v) + w = ((u_n + v_n) + w_n) = (u_n + (v_n + w_n)) = u + (v + w), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{K}$$

A2: Existence of an element 0 -

$$u + 0 = (u_n + 0) = (u_n) = u$$

$$\text{Where, } 0 = (0, 0, 0 \dots, 0)$$

A3: Existence of an additive inverse -

Let $-u = (-u_n)$:

$$u + (-u) = (u_n - u_n) = 0$$

A4: Commutativity of additions -

$$u + v = (u_n + v_n) = (v_n + u_n) = v + u$$

Because addition in \mathbb{K} is commutative.

A5: Scalar distributivity over addition -

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha(u_n + v_n) = \alpha u_n + \alpha v_n = \alpha u + \alpha v$$

A6: Scalar addition over scalar multiplication -

$$(\alpha + \beta)u = ((\alpha + \beta)u_n) = (\alpha u_n + \beta u_n) = \alpha u + \beta u$$

A7: Compatibility of scalar multiplication -

$$\alpha(\beta u) = \alpha(\beta u_n) = (\alpha \beta)u_n = (\alpha \beta)u$$

A8: Identity element for scalar multiplication -

$$1 \cdot u = 1 \cdot u_n = u_n = u \quad \square.$$

Example 4

Consider $(M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K}), +, \text{scalar multiplication})$

This is a vector space over \mathbb{K} .

Example 5

Consider X a non-empty set. $F(X, \mathbb{K}) = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \text{ function}\} = \mathbb{K}^X$

1. Given $f, g \in F(X, \mathbb{K})$, and given $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$,

$$f + g : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

$$x \longmapsto (f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$\alpha f : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

$$x \longmapsto (\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$$

Thus, $f + g \in F(X, \mathbb{K})$, and $\alpha f \in F(X, \mathbb{K})$

$$0 : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

$$x \longmapsto 0(x) = 0$$

$$-f : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

$$x \longmapsto (-f)(x) = -f(x)$$

Then $F(X, \mathbb{K})$ is a vector space over \mathbb{K} .

Exercise

Show that the 8 axioms hold
at home

Example 6

Consider $\mathbb{K}[X]$ the set of polynomials with coefficients in \mathbb{K} .

Given $P, Q \in \mathbb{K}[X]$,

$$P + Q := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (a_n + b_n) X^n \in \mathbb{K}[X]$$

Given $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$

$$\lambda P := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\lambda a_n) X^n \in \mathbb{K}[X]$$

Thus, $\mathbb{K}[X]$ is a vector space over \mathbb{K}

Example 7

Suppose E_1, E_2 vector spaces over \mathbb{K} ,

$$E_1 \times E_2 = \{(x_1, x_2); x_1 \in E_1, x_2 \in E_2\}$$

Given $(x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \in E_1 \times E_2$, given $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$

$$(x_1, x_2) + (y_1, y_2) := (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2)$$

$$\alpha(x_1, x_2) := (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2)$$

Thus, $E_1 \times E_2$ is also a vector space over \mathbb{K} .

$$0_{E_1 \times E_2} = (0_{E_1}, 0_{E_2})$$

Theorem

E vector space over \mathbb{K} , $x, y \in E$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$.

Then,

1. $\alpha(x - y) = \alpha x - \alpha y$
2. $(\alpha - \beta)x = \alpha x - \beta x$
3. $0x = 0_E$
4. $\alpha 0_E = 0_E$
5. $(-1)x = -x$
6. $\alpha x = 0_E \implies (\alpha = 0 \text{ or } x = 0_E)$

Proof

$$1. \alpha(x - y) = \alpha x - \alpha y$$

By A5:

$$= \alpha[x - y + y]$$

By A3:

$$= \alpha(x + 0_E)$$

By A2:

$$= \alpha x$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha(x - y) + \alpha y = \alpha x \\ \implies & \alpha(x - y) + \alpha y + (-\alpha y) = \alpha x + (-\alpha y) \\ & \text{By A3} : \implies \alpha x - \alpha y \end{aligned}$$

2. Similar to 1 **do as exercise at home**

3. $0x = (0 - 0)x = 0x - 0x = 0_E$
4. $\alpha 0_E = \alpha(0_E - 0_E) = \alpha 0_E - \alpha 0_E = 0_E$
5. $x + (-1)x = 1x + (-1)x = [1 + (-1)]x = 0x = 0_E$

6. Suppose $\alpha x = 0$ and $\alpha \neq 0$

$$\text{then } \alpha^{-1}\alpha x = \alpha^{-1}0_E \implies (\alpha^{-1}\alpha)x = 0_E \implies 1x = 0_E \implies x = 0_E$$

§ 4.2

Definition

E vector space over \mathbb{K} .

A linear sub-space of E is a subset F of E closed under addition and scalar multiplication such that F is itself a vector space over \mathbb{K} for the operations induced on F .

Theorem

E vector space over \mathbb{K} , $F \subset E$

$$F \text{ linear subspace of } E \iff \begin{cases} 1. & 0_E \in F. \\ 2. & \forall x, y \in F, (x + y) \in F. \\ 3. & \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in F, \alpha x \in F \end{cases}$$

Proof

2 and 3 are trivial.

PROOF OF 1:

1. Let 0_F be the zero-vector of F .
we have

$$\forall x \in E, x + 0_E = x$$

In particular,

$$0_F + 0_E = 0_F$$

On the other hand,

$$\forall y \in F, y + 0_F = y$$

In particular,

$$0_F + 0_F = 0_F$$

From the previous two statements, combining them together yields us:

$$\implies 0_F + 0_E = 0_F + 0_F$$

$$\implies 0_E = 0_F$$

But 0_F belongs to F

$$\therefore 0_E \in F$$

2. Let us now prove the converse.

F is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

$$\forall x, y \in F, \underbrace{(-y)}_{-1y} \in F$$

so $x - y \in F$. Thus, since $F \neq \emptyset$, F is an additive subgroup of E , so $(F, +)$ is an abelian group

Then, it is easy to check that A5 to A8 are satisfied. \square

Example 1

Let E be a vector space over \mathbb{K}

Consider the singleton $\{0_E\} \subset E$

1. $0_E \in \{0_E\}$
2. $0_E + 0_E = 0_E \in \{0_E\}$
3. $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \lambda 0_E = 0_E \in \{0_E\}$

So, $\{0_E\}$ is a linear subspace of E .

Also, $E \subset E$ and E is a linear subspace of E .

Example 2

Consider the vector space \mathbb{K}^n .

Let $a \in \mathbb{K}^n - \{0\}$

$$\mathbb{K}a := \{\lambda a, \lambda \in \mathbb{K}\}.$$

1. $0 = 0a$, so $0 \in \mathbb{K}a$
2. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{K}a$. Thus, $x = \lambda a, y = \lambda' a, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ then, $x + y = \lambda a + \lambda' a = a(\lambda + \lambda') \in \mathbb{K}a$
3. Let $x \in \mathbb{K}a, \alpha \in \mathbb{K}$, then $x = \lambda a$, for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$. Then $\alpha x = \alpha(\lambda a) = (\alpha\lambda)a = (\lambda\alpha)a \in \mathbb{K}a$

Thus $\mathbb{K}a$ is a linear subspace of \mathbb{K}^n .

Example 3

Consider the vector space \mathbb{K}^n , take $a \in \mathbb{K}^n$ and $b \in \mathbb{K}^n$ such that $b \notin \mathbb{K}a$

$$F := \{\lambda a + \mu b, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{K}\}$$

$$x \in F \iff x = \lambda a + \mu b$$

1. $0 = 0a + 0b \in F$
2. Let $x, y \in F$, $x = \lambda a + \mu b$, $y = \lambda' a + \mu' b$.
 $x + y = \lambda a + \mu b + \lambda' a + \mu' b = a(\lambda + \lambda') + b(\mu + \mu') \in F$
3. $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in F$, $x = \lambda a + \mu b$, so $\alpha x = \alpha \lambda a + \alpha \mu b = (\alpha \lambda) a + (\alpha \mu) b \in F$.

Thus F is a linear subspace of \mathbb{K}^n .

Example 4

let \mathbb{R}^2 linear subspace

$$F := \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, x_1, x_2 \geq 0\}$$

F is NOT a linear subspace of \mathbb{R}^2

Example 5

Consider the vector space $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$, let $F = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ such that } a_n \text{ converges}\}$

Then, F is a linear subspace of $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

Consider the vector space $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$, let $G = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ such that } a_n \text{ is bounded}\}$

Then, G is a linear subspace of $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$

Example 6

Consider the vector space $M_n(\mathbb{K})$. Let

$$F = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{K}) : A \text{ is upper/lower triangular/diagonal}\}$$

Thus, F is a linear subspace of $M_n(\mathbb{K})$

Example 7

In $M_n(\mathbb{K})$, each of $MS_n(\mathbb{K})$ and $MA_n(\mathbb{K})$ is a linear subspace of $M_n(\mathbb{K})$.

Example 8

In $M_n(\mathbb{K})$, $GL_n(\mathbb{K})$ is not a linear subspace of $M_n(\mathbb{K})$ because a 0 matrix does not belong to $GL_n(\mathbb{K})$

Example 9

Suppose I an interval of \mathbb{R} . In $F(I, \mathbb{K}) (= \mathbb{K}^I)$, consider $C(I, \mathbb{K}) = \{f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{K} : f \text{ is continuous}\}$

Then $C(I, \mathbb{K})$ is a linear subspace of $F(I, \mathbb{K})$.

Example 10

In $\mathbb{K}[X]$, let $\mathbb{K}_n[X] = \{P \in \mathbb{K}[X] : \deg P \leq n\}$

- $\deg 0 = -\infty \leq n$
- closed under addition
- closed under scalar multiplication

So $\mathbb{K}_n[X]$ is a linear subspace of $\mathbb{K}[X]$.

Theorem

Suppose E is a vector space over \mathbb{K} , suppose F_1, \dots, F_n are linear subspaces of E . Then,

$$F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n$$

is a linear subspace of E .

Proof

- $0_E \in F_i, \forall i \implies 0_E \in F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_n.$

Let $x, y \in F_1 \cap \cdots \cap F_n$

- $\forall i, x, y \in F_i \implies x + y \in F_i$

Therefore, $x + y \in F_1 \cap \cdots \cap F_n$

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}, x \in F_1 \cap \cdots \cap F_n$

- $\forall i, \alpha \in \mathbb{K}, x \in F_i \implies \alpha x \in F_i$

Therefore, $\alpha x \in F_1 \cap \cdots \cap F_n$. \square

Remark

Still true for an arbitrary family $(F_i)_{i \in I}$ linear subspace of E . (Then $\bigcap F_i$ is also a linear subspace).

Remark

In general, the union of two linear sub-spaces is not a linear sub-space.

Definition

E vector space over \mathbb{K} . $S \subset E$

The linear subspace spanned by S is the smallest linear subspace of E that contains S . It is denoted by

$$\text{span}(S).$$

Definition

let E vector space over \mathbb{K} . F, G linear subspace of E

The sum of F and G is the linear subspace $F + G = \text{span}(F \cup G)$.

Example 11

In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $F = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0)$ and $G = \mathbb{R}(0, 1, 0)$

Then, $F + G = \{\lambda(1, 0, 0) + \mu(0, 1, 0), \forall \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(\lambda, \mu, 0), \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}.$

Theorem

E vector space over \mathbb{K} . F, G linear subspaces of E .

Then, $F + G = \{x + y; x \in F \text{ and } y \in G\}.$

Proof

Let us denote $H = \{x + y; x \in F \text{ and } y \in G\}.$

- $F \subset H$ ($\forall x \in F, x = x + 0_E$, so $x \in H$).
- $G \subset H$ ($\forall y \in G, y = 0_E + y$, so $y \in G$).

Thus, $(F \cup G) \in H$. \square

1. $0_E = 0_E + 0_E$, so $0_E \in H$

2. Let $z, z' \in H$

Then, $z = x + y$ for some $x \in F$ and $y \in G$

Also, $z' = x' + y'$ for some $x' \in F$ and $y' \in G$

Then,

$$z + z' = (x + y) + (x' + y')$$

So, $z, z' \in H$

3. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}, z \in H$

Then, $z = x + y$ for some $x \in F, y \in G$

Thus,

$$\alpha z = \alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y$$

Ergo, H is a linear subspace of E .

Let H' be a linear subspace of E that contains $F \cup G$.

Let $z \in H$. Then $z = x + y; x \in F, y \in G$.

So $x \in H'$, also $y \in H'$.

Therefore, $x + y \in H'$ (since H' is a linear subspace)

Then $z \in H'$.

We conclude that $H \subset H'$. \square .

Definition

E vector space over \mathbb{K} , F, G linear subspaces of E .

We say that F and G are in direct sum if $F \cap G = \{0_E\}$. In this case, we write

$$F \oplus G$$

Example 12

In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $F = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0)$ and $G = \mathbb{R}(0, 1, 0)$

Then $F \cap G = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$ thus F and G are in direct sum.

Then $F + G = \{(\lambda, \mu, 0); \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Example 13

In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $F = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0) \oplus \mathbb{R}(0, 1, 0)$, and $G = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0) \oplus \mathbb{R}(0, 0, 1)$

Then $F \cap G = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0) \neq \{(0, 0, 0)\}$

Thus, F and G are NOT in direct sum.

In fact, $F + G = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Indeed, $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$(x, y, z) = \underset{\in F}{(49x, y, 0)} + \underset{\in G}{(-48x, 0, z)}$$

Definition

E vector space over \mathbb{K} . F, G linear subspace of E .

We say that F and G are complementary in E if

$$E = F \oplus G$$

Example 14

In \mathbb{R}^3 , let $F = \mathbb{R}(1, 0, 0) \oplus \mathbb{R}(0, 1, 0)$, and $G = \mathbb{R}(0, 0, 1)$. Then $F \cap G = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$

Also, we have $F + G = \mathbb{R}^3$.

Indeed. $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^3$, we can write

$$(x, y, z) = \underbrace{(x, y, 0)}_{\in F} + \underbrace{(0, 0, z)}_{\in G}$$

Thus, we conclude that $\mathbb{R}^3 = F \oplus G$

In other words, F and G are complimentary in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Theorem

E vector space over \mathbb{K} . F and G linear subspaces over E .

Then the following statements are equivalent

1. F and G are complimentary in E
2. $\forall z \in E, \exists!(x, y) \in F \times G; z = x + y$

Proof

- $1 \implies 2$:

We have existence since $E = F + G$.

Let $z \in E$, suppose $\exists x, y \in F \times G; z = x + y$. $\exists z = x' + y'$

Indeed,

$$x + y = x' + y'$$

$$\text{So, } \underbrace{x - x'}_{\in F} = \underbrace{y' - y}_{\in G}$$

Thus, $x - x' \in F \cap G = \{0_E\}$.

Then, $x = x'$, and so $y = y'$.

- $2 \implies 1$:

Existence gives us $E = F + G$

Indeed, let $z \in F \cap G$. We can write $z = \underbrace{z}_{\in F} + \underbrace{0_E}_{\in G}$

$\underbrace{z}_{\in F} + \underbrace{z}_{\in G} \implies z = 0_E$ by the uniqueness of the decomposition.

Thus, $F \cap G = \{0_E\}$. \square

Remark

$$F_1 + \dots + F_n = \text{span}(F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_n) = \{x_1 + \dots + x_n; x_i \in F_i, \forall i\}.$$

$$F_1 + \dots + F_n \text{ is direct} \iff F_i \cap (F_1 + \dots + F_{i-1}) = \{0_E\}, \forall i$$

Then we write $F_1 \oplus \dots \oplus F_n$

§ 4.3

Definition

An almost-zero family of scalars is a family $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I}$ of elements of \mathbb{K} such that

$$\{i \in I : \lambda_i \neq 0\} \text{ is finite}$$

the set of almost-zero families of scalars is denoted by \mathbb{K}^I

Definition

Let E be a vector space over \mathbb{K}

$(a_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of vectors in E , $x \in E$

We say that x is a linear combination of $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ if

$$\exists (\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{K}^I : x = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i$$

Example

Show that $x = (9, 2, 7)$ is a linear combination of $a = (1, 2, -1)$ and $b = (6, 4, 2)$

We need to show that $x = \lambda a + \mu b$ for some $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(9, 2, 7) = \lambda(1, 2, -1) + \mu(6, 4, 2) = (\lambda + 6\mu, 2\lambda + 4\mu, -\lambda + 2\mu)$$

$$\implies \begin{cases} \lambda + 6\mu = 9 \\ 2\lambda + 4\mu = 2 \\ -\lambda + 2\mu = 7 \end{cases}$$

Solving this linear system yields $\lambda = -3$ and $\mu = -2$

So $x = -3a + 2b$

Theorem

Let E be a vector space over \mathbb{K} .

$(a_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of vectors in E

the set of all linear combinations of $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is $\text{span}\{a_i, i \in I\}$

Proof

Let F be the set of all linear combinations of $(a_i)_{i \in I}$

- $\forall k \in I, a_k \in F$?

we need to show that $a_k = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i$ for some $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{K}^I$

it suffices to take

$$\lambda_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = k \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

Then, $\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i + \lambda_k a_k = a_k$

So, $a_k \in F, \forall k \in I$

Definition

Let E be a vector space over \mathbb{K}

$(a_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of vectors of E

We say that $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is a generating family for E if

$$\text{span}\{a_i, i \in I\} = E$$

$$\iff \forall x \in E, x = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i \text{ for some } (\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{K}^I$$

Example

In \mathbb{R}^3 let $A = (1, 1, 2)$, $B = (1, 0, 1)$, $C = (2, 1, 3)$ is (a, b, c) a generating family of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Let $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

We need to show that $x = \lambda_1 a + \lambda_2 b + \lambda_3 c$ for some $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

Then, $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3, \dots)$

$$\implies \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 = x_1 \\ \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = x_2 \\ 2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 3\lambda_3 = x_3 \end{cases}$$

Example 3

Find $\text{span}\{a, b, c\}$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta + 2\gamma = x_1 \\ \alpha + \gamma = x_2 \\ 2\alpha + \beta + 3\gamma = x_3 \end{cases}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \implies \det(A) = 0$$

Since its non consistent.

Augmented matrix is:

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & x_1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & x_2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & x_3 \end{array} \right)$$

By gaussian elimination,

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & x_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & x_1 - x_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & x_3 - x_1 - x_2 \end{array} \right)$$

The system is consistent $\iff x_3 - x_1 - x_2 = 0$

Thus, the $\text{span}\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ that satisfies this is $\text{span}\{x_3 - x_1 - x_2 = 0\}$

Example 4

Determine whether the polynomials

$$Q_1 = X + X^2, \quad Q_2 = X - X^2, \quad Q_3 = 1 + X, \quad Q_4 = 1 - X$$

Generate $\mathbb{R}_2[X]$.

We need to see if $\forall P = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 \in \mathbb{R}_2[X]$, we have

$$P = \alpha Q_1 + \beta Q_2 + \gamma Q_3 + \delta Q_4$$

$$\text{i.e. } a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \delta)X + (\alpha - \beta)X^2$$

i.e.

$$\begin{cases} \gamma + \delta = a_0 \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma - \delta = a_1 \\ \alpha - \beta = a_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & a_0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & a_1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & a_2 \end{array} \right)$$

By gaussian elimination, we get

$$\left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -\frac{a_0+a_1+a_2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -\frac{a_0+a_1-a_2}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & a_0 \end{array} \right)$$

nb of variables: 4

rank=3 (leading variables)

This system is consistent $\forall a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

i.e. $\{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4\}$ is a generating family for $\mathbb{R}_2[X]$

§ 4.4

Definition

Let E vector space over \mathbb{K}

$(a_i)_{i \in I}$ family in E

We say that $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is a free family or linearly independant family in E . $\forall (\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{K}^{(I)}$

Otherwise, we say that $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is linearly dependant

Remark

Suppose that for some $K \in I$, we have $a_k = 0_E$

Then $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is linearly dependant

$$(12) a_k + \sum 0_{a_i} = 0_E$$

Example 1

Let $a \in E - \{0_E\}$

then (a) is free

Indeed, $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$

$\begin{aligned} \lambda a = 0_E &\implies \lambda = 0 \text{ or } a = 0_E \\ &\implies \lambda = 0 \text{ (since } a \neq 0_E) \end{aligned}$

$\begin{aligned} &\exists (\lambda_i)_{i \in I-k} \in \mathbb{K}^{(I)}; \\ &a_k = \sum \lambda_i a_i \\ &\text{Then,} \\ &\sum \lambda_i a_i + (-1) a_k = 0_E \end{aligned}$

So, $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is linearly dependent. ##### Theorem E vector space over \mathbb{K} . $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ generates E if and only if $(a_i)_{i \in I-k}$ generates E .

$\begin{aligned} &\text{span}\{a_i; i \in I\} = \text{span}\{a_i; i \in I-k\} \\ &\end{aligned}$

In particular, if $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ generates E , then $(a_i)_{i \in I-k}$ generates E . 2. Suppose $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is linearly independent.

$\begin{aligned} &x = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i = \sum_{i \in I-k} \lambda_i a_i + \lambda_k a_k \\ &\end{aligned}$

Then, since $a_n = \sum_{i \neq k} \mu_i a_i$ for some $(\mu_i), i \in I - \{k\} \in \mathbb{K}$, We get :

$x = \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_i a_i + \lambda_k a_k = \sum_{i \neq k} (\lambda_i + \lambda_k \mu_i) a_i$

So, $x \in \text{span}\{a_i, i \in I - \{k\}\}$. 2. Let $(\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in \mathbb{K}^{(I)}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ such that :

$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i + \lambda b = 0 \\ &\end{aligned}$

If we have $\lambda \neq 0$, then $b = \sum_{i \in I} \left(\frac{-\lambda_i}{\lambda} \right) a_i$. Which contradicts the fact that $b \notin \text{span}\{a_i; i \in I\}$. Con.

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\begin{align}
\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i a_i = 0
\end{align}
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Since, $(a_i)_{i \in I}$ is free, we get $\lambda_i = 0$, for all $i \in I$. \square . # [textsection 4.6](#)

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\begin{align}
\dim E = \dim F + \dim G
\end{align}
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Proof: If $F = \{0_E\}$ or $F = E$, then the result is true since $E = \{0_E\} \oplus E$. Suppose n

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\text{then, } x = x\{F\} + x\{G\}, \ \ \text{with}
\begin{cases}
x\{F\} \in F \setminus \\
\phantom{x\{F\}} \\
x\{G\} \in G
\end{cases}
\end{cases}
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\text{then, } x = x\{F \cap G\} + x\{F_1\}, \ \ \text{with}
\begin{cases}
x\{F \cap G\} \in F \cap G \setminus \\
\phantom{x\{F \cap G\}} \\
x\{F_1\} \in F_1
\end{cases}
\end{cases}
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Thus,

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\begin{align}
x &= x\{F \cap G\} + x\{F_1\} + x\{G\} \setminus \\
&= \underbrace{x\{F_1\}}_{\in F_1} + \underbrace{x\{F \cap G\} + x\{G\}}_{\in G} \setminus \\
\end{align}
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We deduce that $F + G = F_1 + G$ and the claim is established. Consequently,

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\begin{align}
\dim(F+G) &= \dim(F_1 \oplus G) \setminus \\
&= \dim F_1 + \dim G \setminus \\
&= \dim F - \dim(F \cap G) + \dim G \quad \square.
\end{align}
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Corollary E finite-dimensional vector space over \mathbb{K} . F, G linear subspace of E

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\begin{align}
L(E, F) \subset L(E, F)
\end{align}
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\end{align}

\$\$\$ (0 : E \longrightarrow E \text{ is a linear map, so } 0 \in L(E, F))

Also, by the above theorem:

$$u, v \in L(E, F) \implies \begin{cases} u + v \in L(E, F) \\ \lambda u \in L(E, F) \end{cases}$$

Thus, $L(E, F)$ is a linear subspace of $F(E, F)$

Remark

When $E = F$, we write

$L(E)$ instead of $L(E, E)$.

Theorem

E, F, G vector spaces over \mathbb{K} .

$u : E \longrightarrow F$. $v : F \longrightarrow G$ linear maps.

Then, $v \circ u : E \longrightarrow G$

$x \mapsto (v \circ u)(x) = v(u(x))$ is a linear map.

Proof

Let $x_1, x_2 \in E$, and let $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (v \circ u)(x_1 + \lambda x_2) &= v(u(x_1 + \lambda x_2)) \\ &= v(u(x_1) + \lambda u(x_2)) \quad (\text{since } u \text{ is linear}) \\ &= v(u(x_1) + \lambda v(u(x_2))) \quad (\text{since } v \text{ is linear}) \\ &= (v \circ u)(x_1) + \lambda (v \circ u)(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

Since $(v \circ u)(x_1 + \lambda x_2) = (v \circ u)(x_1) + \lambda (v \circ u)(x_2)$, then $v \circ u$ is a linear map

$$\boxed{v \circ u \in \mathcal{L}(E, G)}$$

Theorem

E, F, G, H vector spaces over \mathbb{K} .

Then,

1. $\forall u \in L(E, F), \forall v \in L(F, G), \forall w \in L(G, H)$
 $w \circ (v \circ u) = (w \circ v) \circ u$
2. $\forall u \in L(E, F)$
 $u \circ Id_E = u = Id_F \circ u.$
3. $\forall u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{L}(E, F), \forall v \in \mathcal{L}(F, G)$
 $v \circ (u_1 + u_2) = v \circ u_1 + v \circ u_2$
4. $\forall u \in \mathcal{L}(E, F), \forall v_1, v_2 \in \mathcal{L}(F, G)$
 $(v_1 + v_2) \circ u = v_1 \circ u + v_2 \circ u$
5. $\forall u \in \mathcal{L}(E, F), \forall v \in \mathcal{L}(F, G), \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$
 $v \circ (\lambda u) = (\lambda v) \circ u = \lambda(v \circ u)$

Proof

1. Associativity of \circ in general
 2. Done.
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Remark

Suppose $u : E \longrightarrow F$ is an isomorphism.

$u^{-1} : F \longrightarrow E$ isomorphism.

$$u^{-1} \circ u = Id_E.$$

$$u \circ u^{-1} = Id_F.$$

Theorem

$(\mathcal{L}(E), +, \circ)$ is a ring, with the zero element:

$$0 : E \longrightarrow E$$

$$x \mapsto 0_E$$

and the unit element:

$$Id_E : E \longrightarrow E$$

$$x \mapsto x$$

Proof

Now, $E = F = G$, so \circ becomes an internal operation, and we apply the previous theorem. \square

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Consequences

- In general, the ring $\mathcal{L}(E)$ is not commutative. (just like the ring of matrices).
- We have,

$$(u + v)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k u^{n-k} \circ v^k$$

provided $u \circ v = v \circ u$

- u invertible \Leftrightarrow
 $\exists v \in \mathcal{L}(E); u \circ v := v \circ u = Id_E \Leftrightarrow u$ is an automorphism of E and $v = u^{-1} : E \rightarrow E$
 - The automorphisms of E form a group (the group of invertible elements of the ring $\mathcal{L}(E)$.) called the general linear group of E , denoted by $GL(E)$.
 - $(u \circ v)^{-1} = v^{-1} \circ u^{-1}, \forall u, v \in GL(E)$
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§ 5.2

Definition

E vector space of dimension n over \mathbb{K}

a_1, \dots, a_p vectors of E . $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ basis of E

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, p\}, a_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} e_i$$

Then the matrix $A = (\alpha_{ij}) \in M_{n,p}(\mathbb{K})$ is called the representative matrix of the family $a_1 \dots a_p$ in the basis $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$, denoted by $A = M[(a_i, \dots, a_p); (e_i)]$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{1p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{n1} & \dots & \alpha_{np} \end{pmatrix}$$

Remark

If $p = 1$,

given a vector $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i$, we write $X = M[x_i; (e_i)]$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in M_n(\mathbb{K})$$

Definition

Suppose E vector space of dimension n over \mathbb{K} .

F vector space of dimension m over \mathbb{K} .

$u \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$

$(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ basis of E .

$(e'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ basis of F .

$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\},$

$$u(e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} e'_i$$

Then the matrix $A = (\alpha_{ij}) \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K})$ is called the representative matrix of the linear map u in the two basis $(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ of E and $(e'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ of F , and is denoted by: $A = M[u; (e_j), (e'_i)]$.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \dots & \alpha_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Consequence

Matrix interpretation of a linear map:

Let,

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j e_j \in E, X = M[x; (e_j)] = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m y_i e'_i \in F, Y = M[u(x); (e'_i)] = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m y_i e'_i &= u(x) = u\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j e_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j u(e_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} e'_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} x_j\right) e'_i \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} x_j$$

We get:

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_m \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \dots & \alpha_m \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m1} & \dots & \alpha_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

So,

$$Y = AX$$

$$u : \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto u(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

$$u(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{nj} x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{mj} x_j$$

special case

$$u : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto u(x) = ax$$

Example

Let

$$\begin{aligned} u : \mathbb{R}^2 &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ (x_1, x_2) &\mapsto u(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, 2x_1 - x_2, -5x_1) \end{aligned}$$

u is a linear map since each component function is a homogeneous polynomial of degree 1 in all variables.

The matrix of u :

$$u(e_1) = u(1, 0) = (1, 2, -5)$$

$$u(e'_1) = u(0, 1) = (1, -1, 0)$$

$$A = M[u, (e_j), (e'_i)] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3,2}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = M[x; (e_j), (e'_i)]$$

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = M[u(x); (e_1, e_2, e_3)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Y = AX$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \\ -5 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 \\ -5x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem

E vector space of dimension n in \mathbb{K} .

F vector space of dimension m in \mathbb{K}

take the basis $(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ basis of E

take the basis $(e'_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ basis of F

Then, the map

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : \mathcal{L}(E, F) &\longrightarrow M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K}) \\ u &\mapsto \phi(u) = M[u; (e_j), (e'_i)]\end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism from $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ to $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K})$.

Proof:

Let $u, v \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$,

Let $A = \phi(u) = M[u; (e_j), (e'_i)] = (a_{ij})$

Let $B = \phi(v) = M[v; (e_j), (e'_i)] = (b_{ij})$

$$\phi(u + v) = M[u + v; (e_j), (e'_i)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}(u + v)(e_j) &= u(e_j) + v(e_j) = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{ij} e'_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_{ij} e'_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_{ij} + \beta_{ij}) e'_i\end{aligned}$$

So, $\phi(u + v) = (\alpha_{ij} + \beta_{ij}) = A + B = \phi(u) + \phi(v)$.

Exercise:

Show that $\phi(\lambda(u)) = \lambda\phi(u)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$.

- Injectivity:

Let $u \in \ker \phi$, so that $\phi(u) = 0$.

This means: $M[u; (e_j), (e'_i)] = 0$

Then, $u(e_j) = 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

And so, $u(x) = 0, \forall x \in E$

That is, $u = 0$

Thus, the $\ker \phi = 0$, and so ϕ is injective.

- surjectivity:

Let $A = M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K})$. Then $A = (\alpha_{ij})$

For each $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $c_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{ij} e'_i$.

let

$$u : E \longrightarrow F$$

$$x \mapsto u(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j c_j$$

==note ==

$$e_k = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{jk} e_j$$

Then $u \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and $u(e_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{jk} c_j = c_k$

It follows that $\phi(u) = M[u; (e_j), (e'_i)] = A \square$.

Theorem

E vector space of dimension p over \mathbb{K}

F vector space of dimension n over \mathbb{K}

G vector space of dimension m over \mathbb{K}

$$u \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$$

$$v \in \mathcal{L}(F, G)$$

Let $(e_k)_{1 \leq k \leq p}$ basis of E

Let $(e'_j)_{1 \leq j \leq n}$ basis of F

Let $(e''_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ basis of G

$$B = (\beta_{ij}) = M[v; (e'_j), (e''_i)] \in M_{m,n}(\mathbb{K})$$

$$A = (\alpha_{jk}) = M[u; (e_k), (e'_j)] \in M_{n,p}(\mathbb{K})$$

$$C = (\gamma_{ik}) = M[v \circ u; (e_k), (e''_i)] \in M_{m,p}(\mathbb{K})$$

Then, $C = BA$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_{ik} e'_i &= (v \circ u)(e_k) = v(u(e_k)) = v\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{jk} e'_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{jk} v(e'_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{jk} \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_{ij} e''_i \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{ij} \alpha_{jk}\right) e''_i \\
\implies \gamma_{ik} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_{ij} \alpha_{jk} \quad \square.
\end{aligned}$$

Notation:

E vector space of dimension n over \mathbb{K} .

$u \in \mathcal{L}(E)$

$(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ basis of E

Then, $M[u; (e_i), (e_i)] = M[u; (e_i)] \in M_n(\mathbb{K})$

Example

$\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$

$u = \lambda Id_E$

$$\begin{aligned}
u : E &\longrightarrow E \\
x &\mapsto u(x) = (\lambda Id_E)(x) = (\lambda x)
\end{aligned}$$

let (e_i) basis of E
