
Linear Algebra

Examples:

Check whether the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers (x, y) form a vector space over \mathbb{R} with vector addition and scalar multiplication given by

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

$$(ii) k(x_1, y_1) = (2kx_1, 2ky_1)$$

Proof: **I. Abelian group under addition**

1. Closure property: Let $u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$, where $u = (x_1, y_1)$, & $v = (x_2, y_2)$, we need to prove that $u + v \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Now

$$u + v = (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2)$$

$$u + v = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Therefore

$$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ implies } u + v \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

2. Associativity property:

Let $u, v, w \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$, where $u = (x_1, y_1)$, $v = (x_2, y_2)$ & $w = (x_3, y_3)$,
we need to prove that $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}u + (v + w) &= (x_1, y_1) + \{(x_2, y_2) + (x_3, y_3)\} \\&= (x_1, y_1) + (x_2 + x_3, y_2 + y_3) \\&= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, y_1 + y_2 + y_3) \\&= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, y_1 + y_2 + y_3) \\&= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) + (x_3, y_3)\end{aligned}$$

$$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

3. Identity Property:

We need to prove that, there exists an element $e \in \mathbb{R}^2$, such that

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Let $e = (0,0)$ such that

$$u + e = (x_1, y_1) + (0,0)$$

$$= (x_1 + 0, y_1 + 0)$$

$$= (x_1, y_1)$$

$$u + e = u$$

$$e + u = (0,0) + (x_1, y_1)$$

$$= (0 + x_1, 0 + y_1)$$

$$= (x_1, y_1)$$

$$e + u = u$$

Therefore

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

4. Inverse Property:

We need to prove that, for every element $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$, there exists $-u \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that

$$u + (-u) = (-u) + u = e$$

Let $-u = (-x_1, -y_1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u + (-u) &= (x_1, y_1) + (-x_1, -y_1) \\ &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$u + (-u) = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-u) + u &= (-x_1, -y_1) + (x_1, y_1) \\ &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$(-u) + u = e$$

Therefore

$$u + (-u) = (-u) + u = e$$

5. Commutative Property:

We need to prove that,

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} u + v &= (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) \\ &= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (x_2 + x_1, y_2 + y_1) \\ &= (x_2, y_2) + (x_1, y_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$u + v = v + u$$

Therefore

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

II Scalar Multiplication

6. Closure Property:


We need to prove that,

$$u \in V = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ \& } \alpha \in K \text{ such that } \alpha u \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$$

Now,

$$\alpha u = \alpha(x_1, y_1)$$

$(ii) \ k(x_1, y_1) = (2kx_1, 2ky_1)$


$$\alpha u = (2\alpha x_1, 2\alpha y_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Therefore

for any $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$ & $\alpha \in K$ we have $\alpha u \in \mathbb{R}^2$

7. Distributive property of scalar multiplication over vector addition:

We need to prove that, for all $u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$ & $\alpha \in K$

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

Now,

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha\{(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2)\}$$

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

$$= \alpha(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$(ii) k(x_1, y_1) = (2kx_1, 2ky_1)$$

$$= (2\alpha x_1 + 2\alpha x_2, 2\alpha y_1 + 2\alpha y_2)$$

$$= (2\alpha x_1, 2\alpha y_1) + (2\alpha x_2, 2\alpha y_2)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1, y_1) + \alpha(x_2, y_2)$$

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

Therefore

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v \text{ for all } u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ & } \alpha \in K$$

8. Distributive property of vector addition over scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now, $(\alpha + \beta)u = (\alpha + \beta)(x_1, y_1)$

$(ii) k(x_1, y_1) = (2kx_1, 2ky_1)$

$$= (2(\alpha + \beta)x_1, 2(\alpha + \beta)y_1)$$

$$= (2\alpha x_1 + 2\beta x_1, 2\alpha y_1 + 2\beta y_1)$$

$$= (2\alpha x_1, 2\alpha y_1) + (2\beta x_1, 2\beta y_1)$$

$$= \alpha(x_1, y_1) + \beta(x_1, y_1)$$

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

Therefore

$(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u \text{ for all } u \in V = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ \& } \alpha, \beta \in K$

9. Associative property of vector with scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\beta u) &= \alpha(2\beta x_1, 2\beta y_1) \\ &= (4\alpha\beta x_1, 4\alpha\beta y_1) \\ &\neq \alpha\beta(x_1, y_1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha(\beta u) \neq (\alpha\beta)u$$

Axiom (9) fails

10. Property 10:

$$1(u) = 1(x_1, y_1)$$

$$1(u) = (2x_1, 2y_1)$$

$$1(u) \neq u$$

Axiom (10) fails

The set of all order pairs $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ with the vector addition and scalar multiplication

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

$$(ii) k(x_1, y_1) = (2kx_1, 2ky_1)$$

is not a vector space, since Axioms (9) and (10) are failed.

3. Examples:

Is the set $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ with vector addition and scalar multiplication given below form a vector space

$$(i) (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_3) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_3)$$

$$(ii) k(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (kx_1, y_1, z_1)$$

Proof: **I. Abelian group under addition**

1. Closure property:

Let $u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$, where $u = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & $v = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$,

we need to prove that $u + v \in \mathbb{R}^3$

Now

$$u + v = (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

$$u + v = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Therefore

$u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ implies } u + v \in \mathbb{R}^3$

2. Associativity property:

Let $u, v, w \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$, where $u = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$, $v = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ & $w = (x_3, y_3, z_3)$,
we need to prove that $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$

Now

$$u + (v + w) = (x_1, y_1, z_1) + \{(x_2, y_2, z_2) + (x_3, y_3, z_3)\}$$

$$= (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2 + x_3, y_2 + y_3, z_2 + z_3)$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2 + x_3, y_1 + y_2 + y_3, z_1 + z_2 + z_3)$$

$$= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) + (x_3, y_3, z_3)$$

$$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

3. Identity Property:

We need to prove that, there exists an element $e \in \mathbb{R}^3$, such that

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Let $e = (0,0,0)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u + e &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (0,0,0) \\ &= (x_1 + 0, y_1 + 0, z_1 + 0) \\ &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$u + e = u$$

$$\begin{aligned} e + u &= (0,0,0) + (x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ &= (0 + x_1, 0 + y_1, 0 + z_1) \\ &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$e + u = u$$

Therefore

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

4. Inverse Property:

We need to prove that, for every element $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$, there exists $-u \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that

$$u + (-u) = (-u) + u = e$$

Let $-u = (-x_1, -y_1, -z_1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u + (-u) &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (-x_1, -y_1, -z_1) \\ &= (0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$u + (-u) = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-u) + u &= (-x_1, -y_1, -z_1) + (x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ &= (0, 0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$(-u) + u = e$$

Therefore

$$u + (-u) = (-u) + u = e$$

5. Commutative Property:

We need to prove that,

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} u + v &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) \\ &= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \\ &= (x_2 + x_1, y_2 + y_1, z_2 + z_1) \\ &= (x_2, y_2, z_2) + (x_1, y_1, z_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$u + v = v + u$$

Therefore

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

II Scalar Multiplication

6. Closure Property:

We need to prove that,

$$u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ \& } \alpha \in K \text{ such that } \alpha u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$$

Now,

$$\alpha u = \alpha(x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$\alpha u = (\alpha x_1, \alpha y_1, \alpha z_1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Therefore

for any $u \in \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha \in K$ we have $\alpha u \in \mathbb{R}^3$

7. Distributive property of scalar multiplication over vector addition:

We need to prove that, for all $u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha \in K$

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

Now,

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

$$\alpha\{(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)\} = \alpha(x_1, y_1, z_1) + \alpha(x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

$$\alpha(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = (\alpha x_1, y_1, z_1) + (\alpha x_2, y_2, z_2)$$

$$(\alpha x_1 + \alpha x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) = (\alpha x_1 + \alpha x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2)$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

Therefore

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v \text{ for all } u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ \& } \alpha \in K$$

7. Distributive property of scalar multiplication over vector addition:

We need to prove that, for all $u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha \in K$

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(u + v) &= \alpha\{(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2)\} \\ &= \alpha(x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \\ &= (\alpha x_1 + \alpha x_2, \alpha y_1 + \alpha y_2, \alpha z_1 + \alpha z_2) \\ &= (\alpha x_1, \alpha y_1, \alpha z_1) + (\alpha x_2, \alpha y_2, \alpha z_2) \\ &= \alpha(x_1, y_1, z_1) + \alpha(x_2, y_2, z_2)\end{aligned}$$

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

Therefore

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v \text{ for all } u, v \in V = \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ & } \alpha \in K$$

8. Distributive property of vector addition over scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now,

$(\alpha + \beta)u = ((\alpha + \beta)x_1, y_1, z_1)$	$\alpha u + \beta u = \alpha(x_1, y_1, z_1) + \beta(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ $= (\alpha x_1, y_1, z_1) + (\beta x_1, y_1, z_1)$ $\alpha u + \beta u = (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_1, 2y_1, 2z_1)$
$(\alpha + \beta)u = (\alpha x_1 + \beta x_1, y_1, z_1)$	

$$(\alpha + \beta)u \neq \alpha u + \beta u$$

Axiom 8 fails

9. Associative property of vector with scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\beta u) &= \alpha(\beta x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ &= (\alpha\beta x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ &= \alpha\beta(x_1, y_1, z_1)\end{aligned}$$

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

Therefore $\alpha(\beta u) = (\alpha\beta)u$ for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

9. Associative property of vector addition and scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V = \mathbb{R}^3$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{Now,} & \\ \alpha(\beta u) = \alpha(\beta x_1, y_1, z_1) & (\alpha\beta)u = (\alpha\beta x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ = (\alpha\beta x_1, y_1, z_1) & \end{array}$$

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

10. Property 10:

$$\begin{aligned} 1(u) &= ((1)x_1, y_1, z_1) \\ &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$1(u) = u$$

The set $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ with the vector addition and scalar multiplication

$$(i) (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_3) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_3)$$

$$(ii) k(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (kx_1, y_1, z_1)$$

is not a vector space, since Axiom 8 fails.

4. Examples:

Is the set of all positive real numbers V with vector addition and scalar multiplication given below form a vector space ?

$$(i) x + y = xy$$

$$(ii) kx = x^k$$

Proof: **I. Abelian group under addition**

1. Closure property:

Let $u, v \in V$, where $u = x$ & $v = y$,

we need to prove that $u + v \in V$

Now

$$u + v = x + y$$

$$u + v = xy \in V$$

$$(i) x + y = xy$$

Therefore

$$u, v \in V \text{ implies } u + v \in V$$

2. Associativity property:

Let $u, v, w \in V$, where $u = x$, $v = y$ & $w = z$,

we need to prove that $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$


Now

$$u + (v + w) = x + \{y + z\}$$

$$= x + yz$$

$$= xyz$$

$$= xy + z$$

$$(i) \ x + y = xy$$


$$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

3. Identity Property:

We need to prove that, there exists an element $e \in V$, such that

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in V$$

Let $e = 1$ such that

$$u + e = x + 1$$

$$= x.1$$

$$= x$$

$$u + e = u$$

$$e + u = 1 + x$$

$$= 1.x$$

$$= x$$

$$e + u = u$$

Therefore

$$u + e = e + u = u \text{ for all } u \in V$$

4. Inverse Property:

We need to prove that, for every element $u \in V$, there exists $v \in V$ such that

$$u + v = v + u = e$$

Let $v = \frac{1}{u}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} u + v &= x + \frac{1}{x} \\ &= x \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$u + v = e$$

$$\begin{aligned} v + u &= \frac{1}{x} + x \\ &= \frac{1}{x} x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$v + u = e$$

Therefore

$$u + v = v + u = e$$

5. Commutative Property:

We need to prove that,

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

Now,

$$u + v = x + y$$

$$= xy$$

$$= yx$$

$$= y + x$$

$$u + v = v + u$$

Therefore

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

II Scalar Multiplication

6. Closure Property:

We need to prove that,


$$u \in V \text{ \& } \alpha \in K \text{ such that } \alpha u \in V$$

Now,

$$\alpha u = \alpha x$$

$$\alpha u = x^\alpha \in V$$

$(ii) \ kx = x^k$



Therefore

for any $u \in V$ & $\alpha \in K$ we have $\alpha u \in V$

7. Distributive property of scalar multiplication over vector addition:

We need to prove that, for all $u, v \in V$ & $\alpha \in K$

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

Now,

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

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

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

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

$$x^\alpha + y^\alpha = x^\alpha + y^\alpha$$

$$LHS = RHS$$

Therefore

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v \text{ for all } u, v \in V \text{ & } \alpha \in K$$

7. Distributive property of scalar multiplication over vector addition:

We need to prove that, for all $u, v \in V$ & $\alpha \in K$

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

Now, $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha\{x + y\}$

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

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

$$= x^\alpha + y^\alpha$$

$$= x^\alpha + y^\alpha$$

$$= \alpha x + \alpha y$$

Therefore

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

$$\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v \text{ for all } u, v \in V \text{ & } \alpha \in K$$

8. Distributive property of vector addition over scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now,

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

$$(\alpha + \beta)u = x^{(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$\alpha u + \beta u = \alpha x + \beta x$$

$$= x^\alpha + x^\beta$$

$$\alpha u + \beta u = x^\alpha x^\beta$$

$$\alpha u + \beta u = x^{\alpha+\beta}$$

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

9. Associative property of vector with scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\beta u) &= \alpha(\beta x) \\ &= \alpha x^\beta \\ &= x^{\alpha\beta} \\ &= (\alpha\beta) x\end{aligned}$$

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

Therefore $\alpha(\beta u) = (\alpha\beta)u$ for all $u \in V$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

9. Associative property of vector addition and scalar multiplication :

We need to prove that, for all $u \in V$ & $\alpha, \beta \in K$

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

Now, $\alpha(\beta u) = \alpha(\beta x)$

$$= \alpha x^\beta$$

$$= x^{\alpha\beta}$$

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

$$(\alpha\beta)u = x^{\alpha\beta}$$

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

10. Property 10:

$$1(u) = 1 x$$

$$= x^1$$

$$= x$$

$$1(u) = u$$

The set $V = \mathbb{R}^+$ with the vector addition and scalar multiplication defined as follows

$$(i) x + y = xy$$

$$(ii) kx = x^k$$

is a vector space.

THANK YOU