

VECTOR SPACES.

FIELD:-

A field F is a set on which two operations "+" and "." (called addition and multiplication respectively) are defined, so that, for each pair of elements x, y in F , there are unique elements $x+y$ and $x.y$ in F , for which following conditions hold for all elements a, b, c in F .

1) Commutative property w.r.t addition and multiplication:-

$$a+b = b+a \quad \text{and} \quad a.b = b.a$$

2) Associative property w.r.t addition and multiplication:-

$$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c) \quad \text{and} \quad (ab)c = a(bc)$$

3) Existence of identity elements for addition and multiplication:-

There exists distinct element 0 and 1 in F , such that $a+0=a$ and $1.a=a$

4) Existence of inverse for addition and multiplication:-

For each element a in F and each non-zero element b in F , there exists element c and d in F , such that $a+c=0$ and $b.d=1$

5) Distributive property w.r.t addition and multiplication:-

$$a.(b+c) = ab+ac$$

EXAMPLE:-

The set of real numbers of the form $a+b\sqrt{2}$; a and b are rational numbers with addition and multiplication as in \mathbb{R} is defined;
 $A = \{a+b\sqrt{2} / a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$.

Solution:-

Let, $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$ and $y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad x+y &= a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2} + a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a_2 + a_1) + (b_2 + b_1)\sqrt{2} \\ &= a_2 + a_1 + b_2\sqrt{2} + b_1\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}) + (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x+y = y+x$$

$$\begin{aligned} x.y &= (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2})(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}) \\ &= a_1a_2 + a_1b_2\sqrt{2} + b_1a_2\sqrt{2} + b_1b_2(\sqrt{2})^2 \\ &= a_2a_1 + b_2a_1\sqrt{2} + a_2b_1\sqrt{2} + b_2b_1(\sqrt{2})^2 \\ &= (a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2})(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$x.y = y.x$$

2) Let, $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$, $y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$, $z = a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y)+z &= [(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) + (a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2})] + a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\sqrt{2} + a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_1 + (a_2 + a_3) + b_1\sqrt{2} + (b_2 + b_3)\sqrt{2}$$

$$= a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2} + [(a_2 + a_3) + (b_2 + b_3)\sqrt{2}]$$

$$= a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2} + [(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}) + (a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2})]$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} (x.y).z &= [(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2})(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2})](a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}) \\ &= [a_1a_2 + a_1b_2\sqrt{2} + b_1a_2\sqrt{2} + b_1b_2(\sqrt{2})^2] \\ &\quad (a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_1 a_2 a_3 + a_1 b_2 a_3 \sqrt{2} + b_1 a_2 a_3 \sqrt{2} + b_1 b_2 a_3 (\sqrt{2})^2 + a_1 a_2 b_3 \sqrt{2} + a_1 b_2 b_3 (\sqrt{2})^2 + b_1 a_2 b_3 (\sqrt{2})^2 + b_1 b_2 b_3 (\sqrt{2})^3$$

$$= (a_1 b_1 \sqrt{2}) [(a_2 + b_2 \sqrt{2}) (a_3 + b_3 \sqrt{2})]$$

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$$

3) Let, $x = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}$, $0 = 0 + 0 \sqrt{2}$

$$x + 0 = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2} + 0 + 0 \sqrt{2}$$

$$= (a_1 + 0) + (b_1 + 0) \sqrt{2}$$

$$= a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}$$

$$x + 0 = x$$

Let, $x = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}$, $1 = 1 + 0 \sqrt{2}$

$$1 \cdot x = (a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}) (1 + 0 \sqrt{2})$$

$$= a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2} + 0$$

$$1 \cdot x = x$$

4) Let, $x = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}$, $x' = -a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}$

$$x + x' = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2} - a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}$$

$$= (a_1 - a_1) + (b_1 \sqrt{2} - b_1 \sqrt{2})$$

$$= 0 + 0$$

$$x + x' = 0$$

Let, $x = a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}$

$$1 = \frac{1}{x} \times \frac{a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}}{a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}}{(a_1)^2 - (b_1 \sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \frac{a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}}{a_1^2 - 2b_1^2}$$

$$x \cdot 1 = \frac{a_1 + b_1 \sqrt{2}}{x} \cdot \frac{a_1 - b_1 \sqrt{2}}{a_1^2 - 2b_1^2}$$

$$= \frac{a_1^2 - 2b_1^2}{a_1^2 - 2b_1^2} \Rightarrow x \cdot 1 = 1$$

5) Let, $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$, $y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$, $z = a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x.(y+z) &= (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \cdot [(a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}) + (a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2})] \\
 &= (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \cdot [a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2} + a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2}] \\
 &= a_1a_2 + a_1b_2\sqrt{2} + a_1a_3 + a_1b_3\sqrt{2} \\
 &\quad + a_2b_1\sqrt{2} + b_1b_2(\sqrt{2})^2 + a_3b_1\sqrt{2} + b_1b_3(\sqrt{2})^2 \\
 &= a_2(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) + b_2\sqrt{2}(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \\
 &\quad + a_3(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) + b_3\sqrt{2}(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \\
 &= (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \cdot (a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}) + (a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \cdot (a_3 + b_3\sqrt{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

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