

What is Linear Alg?

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Two operations that we care about. Addition & scalar mult!

Def) A IR-vector space. Is a set V with two operations

- $+ : V \times V \rightarrow V$
- $\cdot : \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$

so, 1) $(V, +)$ is an abelian group!

$$2) a \cdot (b \cdot \vec{v}) = (a \cdot b) \cdot \vec{v} \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V$$

$$3) 1 \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \quad \forall \vec{v} \in V$$

$$4) a \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = a\vec{v} + a\vec{w} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$$

$$(a+b)\vec{v} = a\vec{v} + b\vec{v}$$

Prop) Let V be a real vector space

$$1) 0 \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0} \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$2) -1 \cdot \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$3) a \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0} \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$$

PF) $0 \cdot \vec{v} + 0 \cdot \vec{v} = (0+0)\vec{v} = 0\vec{v}$

Since abelian (vec addition) $0\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

E.g. 1) $V = \mathbb{R}^n$

2) $V = \mathbb{C}$

3) $V = \mathbb{R}^{\sum \times J \leq 5}$

4) $V = \text{all ctg real valued func on } [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Def) A commutative Ring is a set R with two binary operators $+$, \cdot s.t. $\xrightarrow{\text{+ refer to mult}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{+ refer to mult}}$

1) $(R, +)$ is an abelian grp $\{$ write 0 for $+$ identity $\}$

2) (R, \cdot) is a commutative monoid ($\text{identity is } 1$)

3) $x(y+z) = xy + xz \quad \forall x, y, z \in R \xrightarrow{\text{GMP}} \text{no right nor left inverse}$

- e.g. 1) $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}$ a field too
 2) \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow not field
- 3) Polynomials in $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[t]$
- 4) $\mathbb{C}(t) \rightarrow$ rational function $\{ \frac{P(t)}{Q(t)} \mid P, Q \in \mathbb{C}[t] \}$ a field
- 5) $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ for all int n \leftarrow field if n prime \leftarrow check well def
- \hookrightarrow mult rule is $(a+n\mathbb{Z})(b+n\mathbb{Z}) = (ab+n\mathbb{Z})$

Def A commutative ring is a field if

- $(R \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is an abelian grp
- $\forall x \neq 0 \in R$, x has inverse called x^{-1}
- $1 \neq 0$

Prop say $n \geq 2$ then $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ is a field $\Leftrightarrow n$ prime

BS n not prime.

Factor $n = ab$ where $1 < a, b < n$

$\Rightarrow \overline{a} \overline{b} = 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ and $\overline{a}, \overline{b} \neq 0$

gives contradiction. If field mult both sides by \overline{a}^{-1}

so

$$\overline{a}^{-1} \overline{a} \overline{b} = \overline{a}^{-1} 0 \Rightarrow \overline{b} = 0 \quad \text{oops}$$

\Leftarrow say n is prime. Let $\overline{a} \neq 0$ in $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow a$ not div by $n \Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1$ (rel prime)

$$\Rightarrow \exists b, c \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } ba + cn = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{1} = \overline{ba} + \overline{cn} = \overline{ba} = \overline{b} \overline{a} \Rightarrow \overline{b} = \overline{a}^{-1}$$

Def for prime p . write $\mathbb{F}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$

Def let F be a field. Define characteristic of F as minimal int $n \geq 1$ st

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_n = 0 \quad \text{Or } 0 \text{ if no such exist!}$$

\rightarrow minimal pos

e.g. $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ char 0, $\mathbb{F}_p \rightarrow$ char p , $\mathbb{F}_p(t)$ char p

Ex 1) If F is a field. Then $\text{char } F = 0$ or prime #
2) give an example of a field with 4 elts

Def) Let R be a commutative ring or R -module be set M with two operations
a) addition $+ : M \times M \rightarrow M$
b) scalar mult $\cdot : R \times M \rightarrow M$
satisfying actions analogous to rel vs

Def) If F is a field or F -vector space is an F -module

Ex) Convince that \mathbb{Z} -modules are the same as abelian grps.

Let F a field

e.g. 1) $F^n = \{ \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} \mid f_i \in F \}$

2) $F[x]$

3) $\text{Mat}_{n \times n}(F)$

Def) Let V be an F -vector space. A subspace of V is a nonempty subset of V closed under + and scalar mult \hookrightarrow gives additive inverse

(cont) Let V be F -vs. Let $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$.

A linear comb of v_1, \dots, v_n is $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \alpha_i v_i$ where $\alpha_i \in F$.

Observe, the set of all lin comb $\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n}$ is a subspace of V . $\xrightarrow{\text{assuc, comm+, dist}}$

$$\text{As } \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \alpha_i v_i + \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \beta_i v_i = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} (\alpha_i + \beta_i) v_i \in V$$

$$\text{& } \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \alpha_i v_i = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \alpha_i v_i \in V$$

Def) $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_n) = \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_n} \alpha_i v_i \mid \alpha_i \in F \right\}$ subspace of V .