



Manifolds

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1. Euclidean Spaces

1.1 Basic Notions and Definitions

Here in this chapter I will be covering the details of some notions that was challenging for me to digest in the first read.

Definition 1.1 — Axioms of Group. Group is a set A along with a binary operation $*$: $A \times A \rightarrow A$ that satisfies the following properties. Let $a, b, c \in A$, then

- **Associativity:** $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$.
- **Identity element:** $\exists 1 \in A$ such that

$$1 * a = a * 1 = a.$$

- **Inverse element:** $\forall a \in A \exists \hat{a} \in A$ such that

$$a * \hat{a} = \hat{a} * a = 1.$$

■ **Remark** A set along with a binary operation that does not satisfy any properties is called a **magma**. If the binary operation is only associative, then we are dealing with **semi-group**. If the binary operation has an identity element as well, then we call this algebraic structure as **monoid**.

Definition 1.2 — Axioms of Ring. A ring is a set R along with two operations $+$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$ and $*$: $R \times R \rightarrow R$, where

- $(R, +)$ is an Abelian group.
- $(R, *)$ is a monoid.
- The operator $(*)$ has distributive (left and right) law over $(+)$ i.e.

$$a * (b + c) = (a * b) + (a * c), \quad (b + c) * a = (b * a) + (c * a).$$

■ **Remark** **Field** is a ring where every non-zero element (i.e. inverse element in the $(R, +)$ group

in the ring) has a multiplicative inverse.

Definition 1.3 — Axioms of Module. A **module** is a group M along with a ring R where the monoid of the ring acts on M (through scalar multiplication) (i.e. it satisfies the identity and compatibility properties) and satisfies the distributive property. I.e.

- **Compatibility of the monoid action:** $a, b \in R, u \in M$ then

$$a(bu) = (ab)u.$$

- **Identity of the monoid action:** Let 1 be the identity element of the ring R . Then $\forall u \in M$

$$1u = u1 = u.$$

- **Distribution law:** $a, b \in R$ and $u, v \in M$ then

$$- (a + b)u = au + bu.$$

$$- a(u + v) = au + av.$$

■ **Remark** A module (M, R) is called a **vector space**, if the **ring** R is a **field**.