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Vector Space Axioms

So far \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow vectors
 \rightarrow matrices
 \rightarrow linear systems
 \rightarrow determinants + inverse

Definition 4.1

A real vector space is a set of V of vectors equipped with two operations

- vector addition
- scalar multiplication

Satisfying for all $u, v, w \in V$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

VA0 $u+v \in V$

VA1 there exists $0 \in V$ such that $v+0 = v = 0+v$

VA2 there exists $-v \in V$ with $v+(-v) = 0 = (-v)+v$

VA3 $(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$

VA4 $u+v = v+u$

So far, this says $(V, +)$ is an abelian group

SM0 $\lambda v \in V$

SM1 $1 \cdot v \in V = v$

SM2 $\mu(\lambda v) = (\mu\lambda) \cdot v$

SM3 $(\mu+\lambda) \cdot v = \mu v + \lambda v$

SM4 $\lambda \cdot (v+w) = \lambda v + \lambda w$

Example

① $\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ with ordinary vector addition, scalar multiplication

② $M_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$ (similar to example ①)

③ $P_n = \{ p(x) \mid p(x) \text{ is a real polynomial of degree less than } n \}$

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0$$

where a_n is the coefficients $\in \mathbb{R}$
degree of $p(x)$ is largest i such that $a_i \neq 0$

check that this is a vector space

addition ordinary addition of polynomials
scalar multiplication scalar multiplication of polynomial

VA0 $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots$
 $(a_n + b_n) x^n + \dots$ (degree $\leq n$)

VA1 $0 \in P^n$ (zero polynomial)

$$0 + p(x) = p(x) + 0 = p(x)$$

VA2 $-p(x) \in P^n$

$$p(x) + (-p(x)) = 0$$

VA3 \checkmark real number addition is associative

VA4 is commutative

SM0 - SM4 is similar for P_n

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ such that if $|x - a| < \delta$ then $|f(x) - f(a)| < \varepsilon$

f is continuous if it is continuous at a for all $a \in [0, 1]$

$$V = \{f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$$

claim: V is a vector space with vector addition $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$
 $f, g \in V$

$$\text{scalar multiplication } (\lambda f)(x) = \lambda \cdot f(x) \\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, f \in V$$

VA0: ✓ since sum of two continuous functions is continuous (e.g. limits respect addition)

$$\text{VA1: } 0 \in V \quad 0 + f = f + 0 = f$$

$$\text{VA2: } (-f)(x) = -f(x) \quad (-f(x)) + f(x) = 0$$

VA3:

$$\text{VA4: } (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = g(x) + f(x) = (g+f)(x)$$

⑤ Recall a real sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a real sequence if $a_n \in \mathbb{R} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Consider set $W = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\}$ of all real sequences with vector addition

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

$$\text{scalar multiplication } \lambda(a_n) = (\lambda a_n), \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Exercise check ω is a vector space

Example (weird)

$V = \mathbb{R}^{>0}$: positive real numbers (not zero) $u, v, w \in V$ $u+v = uv$

$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V$

$\lambda \cdot v = v^\lambda$
 \nearrow vector addition
 \nwarrow multiplication in \mathbb{R}

claim $(V, \underset{\text{VA}}{+}, \underset{\text{SM}}{\cdot})$ is a vector space

VA0 ✓

VA1 $0 \in V$ -C) $1 \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}$

$$v + 0 = v \cdot 1 = v = 0 + v$$

VA2 $-v = \frac{1}{v}$

VA3 $(uv)w = u(vw)$

VA4

SM0 $\lambda v \in V$

SM1 $v' = v$

$$\text{SM2 } \mu \cdot (\lambda \cdot v) = \mu(v^\lambda) = (v^\lambda)^\mu = v^{\lambda\mu} = (\lambda\mu) \cdot v$$

$$\text{SM3 } (\lambda + \mu) \cdot v = v^{(\lambda + \mu)} = v^\lambda + v^\mu = v^\lambda + v^\mu$$

$$\text{SM4 } \lambda(v + w) = (vw)^\lambda = v^\lambda w^\lambda = \lambda v + \lambda w$$