

Notes on “Finite-Dimensional Vector Spaces”

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1 Toga (2022/09/19)

1.1 Exercise 1.1

- (a) Since addition is commutative, $0 + \alpha = \alpha + 0$ holds. We also have $\alpha + 0 = \alpha$ by definition, hence $0 + \alpha = \alpha$.

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2.1 Exercise 1.1

- (b) Since addition is commutative, $(\alpha + \beta) + (-\alpha) = (\beta + \alpha) + (-\alpha)$ holds. We have $(\beta + \alpha) + (-\alpha) = \beta + (\alpha + (-\alpha))$ because addition is associative. We obtain $\beta + (\alpha + (-\alpha)) = \beta + 0$ by definition. We also have $\beta + 0 = \beta$ because of definition, hence $(\alpha + \beta) + (-\alpha) = \beta$. Since addition is commutative, $(\alpha + \gamma) + (-\alpha) = (\gamma + \alpha) + (-\alpha)$ holds. We have $(\gamma + \alpha) + (-\alpha) = \gamma + (\alpha + (-\alpha))$ because addition is associative. We obtain $\gamma + (\alpha + (-\alpha)) = \gamma + 0$ by definition. We also have $\gamma + 0 = \gamma$ because of definition, thus $(\alpha + \gamma) + (-\alpha) = \gamma$. In addition, we have $(\alpha + \beta) + (-\alpha) = (\alpha + \gamma) + (-\alpha)$, therefore $\beta = \gamma$.

If $\alpha + \beta = \alpha + \gamma$, we have $\beta = \beta + 0 = 0 + \beta = (\alpha + (-\alpha)) + \beta = (-\alpha + \alpha) + \beta = -\alpha + (\alpha + \beta) = -\alpha + (\alpha + \gamma) = (-\alpha + \alpha) + \gamma = (\alpha + (-\alpha)) + \gamma = 0 + \gamma = \gamma + 0 = \gamma$ by definition.

- (c) We obtain $\alpha + (\beta - \alpha) = \alpha + (\beta + (-\alpha))$ because of the sentence in the problems. Since addition is commutative, $\alpha + (\beta + (-\alpha)) = (\beta + (-\alpha)) + \alpha$ holds. We have $(\beta + (-\alpha)) + \alpha = \beta + ((-\alpha) + \alpha)$ because addition is associative. We obtain $\beta + ((-\alpha) + \alpha) = \beta + (\alpha + (-\alpha))$ because addition

is commutative. In addition, the definition leads $\beta + (\alpha + (-\alpha)) = \beta + 0$. We also have $\beta + 0 = \beta$, hence $\alpha + (\beta - \alpha) = \beta$.

We have $\alpha + (\beta - \alpha) = (\beta - \alpha) + \alpha = \beta + (-\alpha + \alpha) = \beta + (\alpha - \alpha) = \beta + 0 = \beta$ by definition.

- (d) We have $\alpha \cdot (\beta + (-\beta)) = \alpha \cdot 0$ by the definition of addition. We obtain $\alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot \alpha$ because multiplication is commutative. The definition of multiplication leads $\alpha \cdot (\beta + (-\beta)) = \alpha\beta + \alpha(-\beta)$. Since multiplication is commutative, $\alpha\beta + \alpha(-\beta) = \beta\alpha + (-\beta)\alpha$. We obtain $\beta\alpha + (-\beta)\alpha = \beta\alpha + (-1)\beta\alpha$ by exercise 1.(e). We also have $\beta\alpha + (-1)\beta\alpha = \beta\alpha + (-1)(\beta\alpha)$ because multiplication is associative. Exercise 1.(e) leads $\beta\alpha + (-1)(\beta\alpha) = \beta\alpha + (-\beta\alpha)$. We have $\beta\alpha + (-\beta\alpha) = 0$ by the definition of addition, hence $\alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot \alpha = 0$ holds.

We have $\alpha 0 + \alpha 0 = \alpha(0 + 0) = \alpha 0 = \alpha 0 + 0$ by definition, hence $\alpha 0 = 0$ by Exercise 1(b). Note that $0\alpha = \alpha 0$ by definition.

- (e) We have $(-1)\alpha = (-\alpha\alpha^{-1})\alpha$ by the definition of multiplication. Since multiplication is associative, $(-\alpha\alpha^{-1})\alpha = (-\alpha)(\alpha^{-1}\alpha)$. We obtain $(-\alpha)(\alpha^{-1}\alpha) = (-\alpha)1$ by the definition of multiplication. We also have $(-\alpha)1 = -\alpha$ by the definition of multiplication, thus $(-1)\alpha = -\alpha$ holds.

We have $(-1)\alpha + \alpha = (-1)\alpha + 1\alpha = (-1 + 1)\alpha = (1 - 1)\alpha = 0\alpha = 0$ by definition and Exercise 1(d).

- (f) We have $(-\alpha)(-\beta) = ((-1)(\alpha))((-1)(\beta))$ by exercise 1(e). We obtain $((-1)(\alpha))((-1)(\beta)) = ((\alpha)(-1))((-1)(\beta)) = \alpha((-1)((-1)(\beta))) = \alpha((-1)((-1)^{-1})\beta) = \alpha(1\beta) = \alpha(\beta 1) = \alpha\beta$ by definition. Therefore, $(-\alpha)(-\beta) = \alpha\beta$ holds.

- (g) If $\beta \neq 0$, we have $(\alpha\beta)\beta^{-1} = \alpha(\beta\beta^{-1})$ because multiplication is associative. We obtain $\alpha(\beta\beta^{-1}) = \alpha 1$ by the definition of multiplication. We have $\alpha 1 = \alpha$ by the definition of multiplication. We obtain $0 \cdot \beta^{-1} = 0$ by exercise 1(d). thus if $\beta \neq 0$, $\alpha = 0$. If $\alpha \neq 0$, we have $(\alpha\beta)\alpha^{-1} = (\beta\alpha)\alpha^{-1}$ because multiplication is commutative. We obtain $(\beta\alpha)\alpha^{-1} = \beta(\alpha\alpha^{-1})$ because multiplication is associative. We have $\beta(\alpha\alpha^{-1}) = \beta 1$ by the definition of multiplication. We have $\beta 1 = \beta$ by the definition of multiplication. We obtain $0 \cdot \beta^{-1} = 0$ by exercise 1(d). thus if $\alpha \neq 0$, $\beta = 0$. If $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = 0$, $\alpha\beta = 0$ by exercise 1.(d). Therefore, If $\alpha\beta = 0$, then either $\alpha = 0$ or $\beta = 0$ (or both).

(Another way) By contraposition, "If $\alpha\beta = 0$, then either $\alpha = 0$ or $\beta = 0$ (or both)." is equivalent to prove "If both of α and β are not zero, $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ holds." Suppose α and β are not zero. We have $0 = \alpha 0$ by exercise 1.(d). In addition, $\alpha 0 \neq \alpha\beta$ holds because of $\beta \neq 0$. Therefore, if both of α and β are not zero, $\alpha\beta \neq 0$ holds. Thus, if $\alpha\beta = 0$, then either $\alpha = 0$ or $\beta = 0$ (or both), by proof of contrapositive.

3 Joh (2022/09/19)

3.1 Exercise 1.2

- (a) The set of positive integers is not a field since there is no additive inverse for 1.
- (b) The set of integers is not a field since there is no multiplicative inverse for 2.
- (c) There exists a bijective map φ from \mathbb{N} (or \mathbb{Z}) to \mathbb{Q} [1], where \mathbb{Q} is a field [2]. We can make \mathbb{N} a field by re-defining (i) addition by $a \oplus b = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a) + \varphi(b))$ and (ii) multiplication by $a \otimes b = \varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)\varphi(b))$ for each $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that the additive and multiplicative identities become $\varphi^{-1}(0)$ and $\varphi^{-1}(1)$, respectively. For each $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$, the additive inverse becomes $\varphi^{-1}(-\varphi(\alpha))$, and the multiplicative inverse becomes $\varphi^{-1}(1/\varphi(\alpha))$ if $\alpha \neq \varphi^{-1}(0)$.

References

- [1] https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Rational_Numbers_are_Countably_Infinite
- [2] https://proofwiki.org/wiki/Rational_Numbers_form_Field