Seminar 1

1. Which ones of the usual symbols of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division define an operation (composition law) on the numerical sets $\mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Q}$, $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{C}$?

2. Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$. Determine the number of:
(i) operations on A;
(ii) commutative operations on A;
(iii) operations on A with identity element.
Generalization for a set A with n elements ($n \in \mathbb{N}^*$).

3. Decide which ones of the numerical sets $\mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Q}$, $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{C}$ are groups together with the usual addition or multiplication.

4. Let "$*$" be the operation defined on $\mathbb{R}$ by $x * y = x + y + xy$. Prove that:
(i) $(\mathbb{R}, *)$ is a commutative monoid.
(ii) The interval $[-1, \infty)$ is a stable subset of $(\mathbb{R}, *)$.

5. Let "$*$" be the operation defined on $\mathbb{N}$ by $x * y = \text{g.c.d.}(x, y)$.
(i) Prove that $(\mathbb{N}, *)$ is a commutative monoid.
(ii) Show that $D_n = \{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x/n\}$ $(n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$ is a stable subset of $(\mathbb{N}, *)$ and $(D_n, *)$ is a commutative monoid.
(iii) Fill in the table of the operation "$*$" on D_6.

6. Determine the finite stable subsets of $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$.

Seminar 2

1. Let r, s, t, v be the homogeneous relations defined on the set $M = \{2,3,4,5,6\}$ by

$$x\, r\, y \Longleftrightarrow x < y$$

$$x\, s\, y \Longleftrightarrow x|y$$

$$x\, t\, y \Longleftrightarrow g.c.d.(x,y) = 1$$

$$x\, v\, y \Longleftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod 3\,.$$

Write the graphs R, S, T, V of the given relations.

2. Let A and B be sets with n and m elements respectively ($m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$). Determine the number of:
(i) relations having the domain A and the codomain B;
(ii) homogeneous relations on A.

3. Give examples of relations having each one of the properties of reflexivity, transitivity and symmetry, but not the others.

4. Which ones of the properties of reflexivity, transitivity and symmetry hold for the following homogeneous relations: the strict inequality relations on $\mathbb{R}$, the divisibility relation on $\mathbb{N}$ and on $\mathbb{Z}$, the perpendicularity relation of lines in space, the parallelism relation of lines in space, the congruence of triangles in a plane, the similarity of triangles in a plane?

5. Let $M = \{1,2,3,4\}$, let r_1, r_2 be homogeneous relations on M and let π_1, π_2, where $R_1 = \Delta_M \cup \{(1,2),(2,1),(1,3),(3,1),(2,3),(3,2)\}$, $R_2 = \Delta_M \cup \{(1,2),(1,3)\}$, $\pi_1 = \{\{1\},\{2\},\{3,4\}\}$, $\pi_2 = \{\{1\},\{1,2\},\{3,4\}\}$.
(i) Are r_1, r_2 equivalences on M? If yes, write the corresponding partition.
(ii) Are π_1, π_2 partitions on M? If yes, write the corresponding equivalence relation.

6. Define on $\mathbb{C}$ the relations r and s by:

$$z_1\, r\, z_2 \Longleftrightarrow |z_1| = |z_2|\,; \qquad z_1\, s\, z_2 \Longleftrightarrow arg\, z_1 = arg\, z_2 \text{ or } z_1 = z_2 = 0\,.$$

Prove that r and s are equivalence relations on $\mathbb{C}$ and determine the quotient sets (partitions) $\mathbb{C}/r$ and $\mathbb{C}/s$ (geometric interpretation).

7. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider the relation ρ_n on $\mathbb{Z}$, called the *congruence modulo* n, defined by:

$$x\, \rho_n\, y \Longleftrightarrow n|(x-y)\,.$$

Prove that ρ_n is an equivalence relation on $\mathbb{Z}$ and determine the quotient set (partition) $\mathbb{Z}/\rho_n$. Discuss the cases $n = 0$ and $n = 1$.

8. Determine all equivalence relations and all partitions on the set $M = \{1,2,3\}$.

Seminar 3

1. Let M be a non-empty set and let $S_M = \{f : M \to M \mid f \text{ is bijective}\}$. Show that $(S_M, \circ)$ is a group, called the *symmetric group* of M.

2. Let M be a non-empty set and let $(R, +, \cdot)$ be a ring. Define on $R^M = \{f \mid f : M \to R\}$ two operations by: $\forall f, g \in R^M$,

$$f + g : M \to R\,, \quad (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)\,, \quad \forall x \in M\,,$$

$$f \cdot g : M \to R\,, \quad (f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)\,, \quad \forall x \in M\,.$$

Show that $(R^M, +, \cdot)$ is a ring. If R is commutative or has identity, does R^M have the same property?

3. Prove that $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$ is a subgroup of $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$, but not of $(\mathbb{C}, +)$.

4. Let $U_n = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1\} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$ be the *set of n-th roots of unity*. Prove that U_n is a subgroup of $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$.

5. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$. Prove that:
(i) $GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid det(A) \neq 0\}$ is a stable subset of the monoid $(M_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$;
(ii) $(GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$ is a group, called the *general linear group of rank n*;
(iii) $SL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) \mid det(A) = 1\}$ is a subgroup of the group $(GL_n(\mathbb{C}), \cdot)$.

6. Show that the following sets are subrings of the corresponding rings:
(i) $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ in $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$.
(ii) $\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ in $(M_2(\mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$.

7. (i) Let $f : \mathbb{C}^* \to \mathbb{R}^*$ be defined by $f(z) = |z|$. Show that f is a group homomorphism between $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$ and $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$.

(ii) Let $g : \mathbb{C}^* \to GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ be defined by $g(a + bi) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$. Show that g is a group homomorphism between $(\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$ and $(GL_2(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$.

8. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$. Prove that the groups $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ of residue classes modulo n and $(U_n, \cdot)$ of n-th roots of unity are isomorphic.

Seminar 4

1. Let K be a field. Show that $K[X]$ is a K-vector space, where the addition is the usual addition of polynomials and the scalar multiplication is defined as follows: $\forall\ k \in K$, $\forall f = a_0 + a_1 X + \cdots + a_n X^n \in K[X]$,

$$k \cdot f = (ka_0) + (ka_1)X + \cdots + (ka_n)X^n \,.$$

2. Let K be a field and $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m, n \geq 2$. Show that $M_{m,n}(K)$ is a K-vector space, with the usual addition and scalar multiplication of matrices.

3. Let K be a field, $A \neq \emptyset$ and denote $K^A = \{f \mid f : A \to K\}$. Show that K^A is a K-vector space, where the addition and the scalar multiplication are defined as follows: $\forall f, g \in K^A$, $\forall k \in K$, $f + g \in K^A$, $kf \in K^A$,

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)\,,$$

$$(k \cdot f)(x) = k \cdot f(x)\,, \forall x \in A\,.$$

In particular, $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is vector space over $\mathbb{R}$.

4. Let $V = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$ and define the operations:

$$x \perp y = xy\,,$$

$$k \top x = x^k\,,$$

$\forall k \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\forall x, y \in V$. Prove that V is a vector space over $\mathbb{R}$.

5. Which ones of the following sets are subspaces of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$:
(i) $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0\}$;
(ii) $B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0 \text{ or } z = 0\}$;
(iii) $C = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$;
(iv) $D = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\}$;
(v) $E = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 1\}$;
(vi) $F = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = y = z\}$?

6. Which ones of the following sets are subspaces:
(i) $[-1, 1]$ of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}$;
(ii) $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^2$;
(iii) $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \middle| a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ of ${}_{\mathbb{Q}}M_2(\mathbb{Q})$ or of ${}_{\mathbb{R}}M_2(\mathbb{R})$;
(iv) $\{f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$ of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$?

7. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Which ones of the following sets are subspaces of the K-vector space $K[X]$:
(i) $K_n[X] = \{f \in K[X] \mid \text{degree}(f) \leq n\}$;
(ii) $K'_n[X] = \{f \in K[X] \mid \text{degree}(f) = n\}$.

8. Show that the set of all solutions of the homogeneous system of equations with real coefficients

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = 0 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

is a subspace of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Seminar 5

1. Determine the following generated subspaces:
(i) $< 1, X, X^2 >$ in the real vector space $\mathbb{R}[X]$.
(ii) $\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ in the real vector space $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

2. Consider the following subspaces of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$:
(i) $A = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 0\}$;
(ii) $B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\}$;
(iii) $C = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = y = z\}$.
Write A, B, C as generated subspaces with a minimal number of generators.

3. Let

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\},$$

$$T = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = y = z\}.$$

Prove that S and T are subspaces of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbb{R}^3 = S \oplus T$.

4. Let S and T be the set of all even functions and of all odd functions in $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ respectively. Prove that S and T are subspaces of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} = S \oplus T$.

5. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ and $h : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by

$$f(x, y) = (x + y, x - y),$$

$$g(x, y) = (2x - y, 4x - 2y),$$

$$h(x, y, z) = (x - y, y - z, z - x).$$

Show that $f, g \in End_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ and $h \in End_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{R}^3)$.

6. Which ones of the following functions are endomorphisms of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^2$:
(i) $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $f(x, y) = (ax + by, cx + dy)$, where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$;
(ii) $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$, $g(x, y) = (a + x, b + y)$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$?

7. Determine the kernel and the image of the endomorphisms from Exercise **5.**

8. Let V be a vector space over K and $f \in End_K(V)$. Show that the set

$$S = \{x \in V \mid f(x) = x\}$$

of fixed points of f is a subspace of V.

Seminar 6

1. Let $v_1 = (1, -1, 0)$, $v_2 = (2, 1, 1)$, $v_3 = (1, 5, 2)$ be vectors in the canonical real vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$. Prove that:

(i) v_1, v_2, v_3 are linearly dependent and determine a dependence relationship.

(ii) v_1, v_2 are linearly independent.

2. Prove that the following vectors are linearly independent:

(i) $v_1 = (1, 0, 2)$, $v_2 = (-1, 2, 1)$, $v_3 = (3, 1, 1)$ in ${}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{R}^3$.

(ii) $v_1 = (1, 2, 3, 4)$, $v_2 = (2, 3, 4, 1)$, $v_3 = (3, 4, 1, 2)$, $v_4 = (4, 1, 2, 3)$ in ${}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{R}^4$.

3. Let $v_1 = (1, a, 0)$, $v_2 = (a, 1, 1)$, $v_3 = (1, 0, a)$ be vectors in ${}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{R}^3$. Determine $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the vectors v_1, v_2, v_3 are linearly independent.

4. Let $v_1 = (1, -2, 0, -1)$, $v_2 = (2, 1, 1, 0)$, $v_3 = (0, a, 1, 2)$ be vectors in ${}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{R}^4$. Determine $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the vectors v_1, v_2, v_3 are linearly dependent.

5. Let $v_1 = (1, 1, 0)$, $v_2 = (-1, 0, 2)$, $v_3 = (1, 1, 1)$ be vectors in ${}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathbb{R}^3$.

(i) Show that the list $(v_1,\, v_2,\, v_3)$ is a basis of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$.

(ii) Express the vectors of the canonical basis (e_1, e_2, e_3) of $\mathbb{R}^3$ as a linear combination of the vectors v_1, v_2 and v_3.

(iii) Determine the coordinates of $u = (1, -1, 2)$ in each of the two bases.

6. Let $E_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $E_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $A_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Prove that the lists (E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4) and (A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4) are bases of the real vector space $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ and determine the coordinates of $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ in the each of the two bases.

7. Let $\mathbb{R}_2[X] = \{f \in \mathbb{R}[X] \mid degree(f) \leq 2\}$. Show that the lists $E = (1, X, X^2)$, $B = (1, X - a, (X - a)^2)$ $(a \in \mathbb{R})$ are bases of the real vector space $\mathbb{R}_2[X]$ and determine the coordinates of a polynomial $f = a_0 + a_1 X + a_2 X^2 \in \mathbb{R}_2[X]$ in each basis.

8. Determine the number of bases of the vector space $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$ over $\mathbb{Z}_2$.