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### • Structure of course

1. Preliminaries
2. Vector spaces
3. Matrices and linear systems
4. Introduction to coding theory

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## Chapter 1: PRELIMINARIES

### 1. RELATIONS

Def.: A triple  $r = (A, B, R)$  is called a (binary) relation, if  $A$  and  $B$  are sets

and  $R \subseteq A \times B = \{(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$

graph of  $r$

the domain of  $r$       the codomain of  $r$

if  $A = B$ , then  $r$  is called homogeneous

Let  $X \subseteq A$ . Then  $r|_X = \{b \in B | \exists x \in X \text{ s.t. } (x, b) \in R\}$

the relation close of  $X$  with respect to  $r$

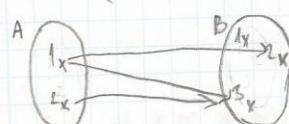
$\oplus (a, b) \in R$  can be written also a n b ("a has a relation  $r$  to b")

$\oplus$  We denote  $r(x) = r(\{x\})$

Ex.: a) Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ;  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)\}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = (A, B, R)$$



$$r|_{\{1\}} = \{2, 3\}$$

"  
not. for  $r(\{1\})$

b) Let  $S$  be the set of all students

$\cup$  the set of all universities

$R \subseteq (S \cup U)$  where  $R = \{(s, u) \in S \times U \mid s \text{ is a student of } u\}$

c) Let  $n = (N, M, R)$  where  $R = \{(a, b) \in N \times M \mid a = b\}$ , that is  $\{(a, a) \mid a \in N\}$

**Ans.: !** In general,  $n = (A, A, R)$ , where  $R = \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$  is called the equality relation and is denoted by  $\underset{R}{\Delta} = (A, A, \Delta_A)$

d)  $<, \leq, >, \geq, /, \sim, \dots$  - relations

e)  $\sim, \equiv$ ; for triangles  
 $\parallel, \perp$ ; for lines

f) Let  $n = (A, B, R)$ ,  $R \subseteq A \times B$   
(a relation)

When  $R = \emptyset$  then  $\emptyset = (A, B, \emptyset)$  is called the void relation

When  $R = A \times B$  then  $\emptyset = (A, B, A \times B)$  is called the universal relation

g) ! Every function is a relation (but not conversely: see ex. (a))

$f: A \rightarrow B$

$a \mapsto f(a), \forall a \in A$

$f = (A, B, F)$  where  $F = \{(a, f(a)) \mid a \in A\}$   
the graph of  $f$  (Gf)

h) Every oriented graph is a relation



$$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$(V, V, R)$ , where  $R = \{(1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 1)\}$

## 2. FUNCTIONS

**Def.:** A relation  $n = (A, B, R)$ , with  $R \subseteq A \times B$ , is called a function if

$$\underline{|f(a)|=1}, \forall a \in A$$

$f: A \rightarrow B \quad a \mapsto f(a)$

$x \in A \Rightarrow f(x) = \{f(x)\}, \{x \in X\}$  - the image of  $x$  by  $f$

Let  $A, B$  be sets with  $|A| = m$ ,  $|B| = n$  where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ .

Denote  $B^A = \{f: A \rightarrow B\}$  [functions]

$$|B^A| = m^n = |B|^{|A|}$$

### 3. EQUIVALENCE RELATIONS

Def.: A relation  $\sim = (A, A, R)$  is called i) (r) reflexive if  $\forall a \in A$ ,  $a \sim a$

ii) (t) transitive if  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c \Rightarrow a \sim c$

iii) (s) symmetric, if  $a \sim b \Rightarrow b \sim a$



are (equivalence relations) [if  $\sim$  has (r), (t), (s)]

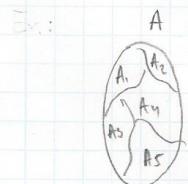
Ex.:  $\sim = " = ", \sim \equiv ", \sim \sim "$

Denote by  $E(A)$  the set of all equivalence relations on a set  $A$ .

### 4. PARTITIONS

Def.: Let  $A$  be a set. A family  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  of non-empty subsets for  $A$  is called a partition of  $A$  if i)  $\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i = A$

ii)  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall i, j \in I$ , if  $i \neq j$



! no common elements

Ex.: (a)  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ;  $A_1 = \{1, 2\}, A_2 = \{2\}, A_3 = \{3\}$

$A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  form a partition

(b) Partitions for  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ : •  $\mathbb{N}$ , {neg. numbers}

$$\cdot (\{x\})_{x \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

Every time we have a part.  
 $\Rightarrow$  we have an  $\mathcal{E}$ -relation

Not.:  $P(A)$  = the set of all partitions of the set  $A$

Theorem: (1) Let  $\sim \in E(A)$ . Then  $A/\sim = \{[a] \mid a \in A\} \in P(A)$ .

(the quotient set of  $A$  by  $\sim$ )

(2) Let  $R = (A_i)_{i \in I} \in P(A)$ . Then we define  
related  $\Leftrightarrow x \sim y \Leftrightarrow \exists i \in I : x, y \in A_i$ . Then  $\sim \in E(A)$

13)  $\exists$  bijection between  $E(A)$  and  $P(A)$

$$F: E(A) \rightarrow P(A)$$

$$\#(n) = A/n \quad \text{bijection function}$$

with inverse  $G: P(A) \rightarrow E(A)$

$$G(n) = n \in A$$

## 5. OPERATIONS

(Composition laws)

Def.: By an operation on a set  $A$ , we mean a function

$$\gamma: A \times A \rightarrow A.$$

Ex.: " $+$ " defines an operation on  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, G, \mathbb{R}, C$

" $-$ " defines an operation on  $\mathbb{Z}, G, \mathbb{R}, C$

" $:$ " does not define an operation on  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, G, F, \mathbb{R}$

Sometimes we denote operations by symbols like  $\circ, +, \cdot, ^t, \perp$ , etc

Def.: Let " $\circ$ " be an operation on a set  $A$ . (we denote this by  $(A, \circ)$ )

• Associative law:

$$\forall a, b, c \in A: a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$$

• Commutative law:

$$\forall a, b \in A: a \circ b = b \circ a$$

• Inverse law (symmetric)

$$\forall a \in A: \exists a' \in A: a \circ a' = a' \circ a$$

$\hat{=}$   
↑ identity element

• Identity element  $\exists e \in A$  such that  $\forall a \in A, a \circ e = e \circ a$

Obs.! Let  $(A, \circ)$

i) If  $\exists$  identity element, then it is unique. (we denote usually by  $e$ )

$$\underbrace{a \circ a'}_{\text{a}} = \underbrace{a'}_{\text{a}}$$

ii) If " $\circ$ " is associative and  $\exists$  identity element and  $a$  has an inverse, then its inverse is unique (we denote by  $a^{-1}$ )

Def.: Let  $(A, \cdot)$  and  $B \subseteq A$ . Then  $B$  is called a stable subset of  $A$  with respect to " $\cdot$ ". If  $\forall a, b \in B$ ,  $a \cdot b \in B$

- Remark: Associative Law and Commutative Law transfers to stable sub?
- Ex.:  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a stable subset of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}, \cdot)$

## 6. GROUPS

Def.: Let  $(A, \cdot)$ . Then  $(A, \cdot)$  is called a:

① semigroup: if " $\cdot$ " is associative

② monoid: if " $\cdot$ " associative and  $\exists$  identity element

③ group: if " $\cdot$ " associative,  $\exists$  identity element,  $\forall a \in A$  is inverse

If " $\cdot$ " is commutative, a group  $(A, \cdot)$  is called abelian

Ex.: (a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, \cdot)$  monoid

$$\begin{array}{l} (\mathbb{N}, \cdot) \\ (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) \\ (\mathbb{C}, \cdot) \end{array}$$

(b)  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$  monoid

$(\mathbb{Z}, +), (\mathbb{Q}, +), (\mathbb{C}, +)$  groups

Def.: Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a group.

We may define  $\forall x \in G$ ,  $x^n = \begin{cases} \underbrace{x \cdot x \cdots x}_{n \text{ times}}, & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \\ 1, & \text{for } n=0 \\ (x^{-1})^{-n}, & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}, n < 0 \end{cases}$

Ex.: (a) Let  $A = \{e\}$  be a single element set. Then  $(A, \cdot)$  is a group called a trivial group where  $e \cdot e = e$

(b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  the set of residues modulo  $n$

$\hat{x}$  = the set of all integers giving remainder  $x$  when divided by  $n$

Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is a partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

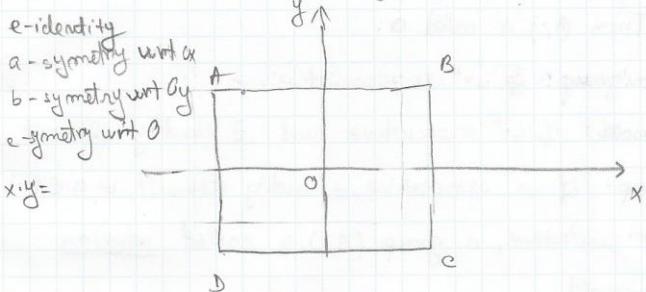
Define  $\forall \hat{x}, \hat{y} \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \hat{x} + \hat{y} = \hat{x+y}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  is a group,

(c) Klein's group  $(K, \cdot)$

$$K = \{e, a, b, c\}$$

	e	a	b	c
a	e	b	c	d
b	b	e	c	b
c	c	e	f	a
d	d	b	a	e

Alternatively, we may see:



## RINGS AND FIELDS

Def.: A triple  $(A, +, \circ)$  where  $+$  and  $\circ$  are operations on  $A$  is called

① a ring, if  $(A, +)$  abelian group

$(A, \circ)$  semigroup

$$\text{the distribution laws: } x(y+z) = xy + xz, \forall x, y, z \in A$$

$$(y+z)x = yx + zx, \forall x, y, z \in A$$

② a division ring (or skew field) if  $\begin{cases} (A, +) \text{ abelian group} \\ (A^*, \circ) \text{ group} \\ \text{the distribution laws} \end{cases}$

$$\text{where } A^* = A \setminus \{0\}$$

③ field if it is a commutative field

④ integral domain if:  $A \neq \{0\}$ ,  $A$  commutative,  $A$  unitary  
(that is a ring with identity) and there are no zero divisors

$$[x, y \in A, x \cdot y = 0 \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } y=0]$$

Ex.: (a)  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  integral domain

(b)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ ,  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$  fields

(c) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$

(a) Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_m, +, \cdot)$  is a commutative ring.

where  $\begin{cases} x+y = xy \\ x \cdot y = xy \end{cases} \Rightarrow \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_m$

Ex.:  $2 \cdot 3 = 6 \in \mathbb{Z}_6$

(b) Let  $(A, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. Then  $(M_n(A), +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

$$m=2; \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c) Let  $(A, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative ring. Then  $(A[X], +, \cdot)$  is a ring.

(d)  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +, \cdot)$  trivial ring

## 8. SUBGROUPS AND SUBRINGS

Def: Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group. Then  $H \subseteq G$  is called a subgroup of  $G$  if

$$\begin{cases} H \neq \emptyset, (e_H) \\ \forall xy \in H \Rightarrow x^{-1}y \in H \\ \forall x \in H, x^{-1} \in H \end{cases}$$

Not.:  $H \leq G$

Note that  $x \leq G \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} H \neq \emptyset; (e_H) \\ \forall x, y \in H, x \cdot y^{-1} \in H \end{cases}$

Ex.: (a)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a sub group of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ , because  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} (x+y) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow -x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(b) Any group  $(G, \cdot)$  has the subgroups  $\{1\}$  and  $G$

Def: Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a ring. Then  $A \subseteq R$  is called a subring of  $R$

(denoted by  $A \leq R$ ) if  $\begin{cases} A \neq \emptyset \\ \forall xy \in A, x-y \in A \\ x, y \in A \end{cases}$

Def: Let  $(K, +, \cdot)$  be a field. Then  $A \leq K$  is called a subfield of  $K$

if  $\begin{cases} |A| \geq 2, (0, 1 \in A) \\ \forall xy \in A, x-y \in A \\ \forall xy \in A, y \neq 0, x \cdot y^{-1} \in A \end{cases}$

- Ex.:
- (a) Any ring (field) has the subring (subfield)  $\{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{K}$   
 $(\{0, \mathbb{K}\} \text{ and } \mathbb{K})$
  - (b)  $\mathbb{K}$  is a subring of  $(\mathbb{K}, +, \cdot)$
  - (c)  $\mathbb{G}$  is a subfield of  $(\mathbb{K}, +, \cdot)$
  - (d)  $\mathbb{M}_2 \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} \{m \in \mathbb{K} \mid t_2 \in \mathbb{C}\}$  is a subring of  $(\mathbb{K}, +, \cdot)$ ;  $\mathbb{M}_2$  is a ring without identity

Recall: homomorphism, endomorphism, isomorphism, automorphism

- Project 1: Write a program to generate all partitions on a finite set (and count them).
- Project 2: Write a program to generate all associative operations
  - (that is regrouped) on a finite set.

Ex.:

$a_1$	$a_2$
$a_1$	
$a_2$	

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## Cap. 2: VECTOR SPACES

### 1. Definition. Examples. Basic properties

Let  $K$  be a field,

Def.: By a vector space over  $K$  ( $\mathbb{K}$ -vectorspace;  $K$ -linear space) we mean an abelian group  $(V, +)$  together with a so-called external operation (or scalar multiplication)  $f: K \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $f(k, v) \stackrel{\text{not!}}{=} k \cdot v$  satisfying the axioms:

$$(L_1) \quad k_2 \cdot (v_1 + v_2) = k_2 v_1 + k_2 v_2$$

$$(L_2) \quad (k_1 + k_2) \cdot v = k_1 v + k_2 v \quad \forall v_1, v_2, v \in V$$

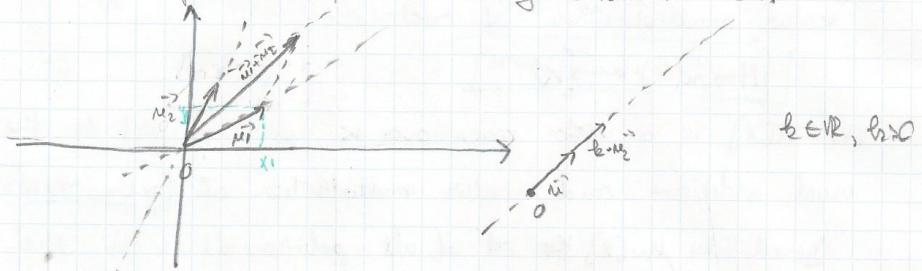
$$(L_3) \quad (k_1 \cdot k_2) v = k_1 \cdot (k_2 \cdot v) \quad \forall k_1, k_2, k \in K$$

$$(L_4) \quad 1 \cdot v = v$$

④ The elements of  $V$  are called vectors and the elements of  $K$  are called scalars.

• not.  $\kappa V \quad \alpha(V, K, +, \cdot)$

- Ex.: (a) Let  $V_2$  be the set of all vectors (with the meaning from physics) from some place, having the origin in a fixed point, e.g. We can define the addition of two vectors and the scalar multiplication of a vector by a real number.



$(V_2, +)$  abelian group

⇒ scalar multiplication ( $L_1$ )  $\Rightarrow L_2$  holds over  $K$

Each vector of  $V_2$  is perfectly described by the coordinates of its ending point.

- $\vec{v}_1 \leftrightarrow (x_1, y_1)$
- $\vec{v}_2 \leftrightarrow (x_2, y_2)$
- $\vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 \leftrightarrow (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$

•  $\vec{v} \leftrightarrow (x, y)$

•  $k\vec{v} \leftrightarrow (kx, ky)$

⇒ there is a bijection (isomorphism) between  $V_2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2 \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

⇒  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$

⇒ similarly, one can show that the set  $V_3$  of all vectors in space having a fixed origin define a vector space over  $K$ . ( $V_3 \cong \mathbb{R}^3$ )

(b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . Define  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$

$$k \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (kx_1, \dots, kx_n)$$

$$\forall (x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in K^n, \quad \forall k \in K$$

→ Then  $K^n$  is a vector space over  $K$ , called the canonical vector space.

(c) Let  $\{e\}$  be a single element set. Consider the only possible addition and the only scalar multiplication  $k \cdot e = e$ ,  $\forall k \in K$ .

That  $\{e\}$  is a vector space over  $K$ , called the trivial vector space and we denote it by  $\{0\}$ .

(d) Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m, n \geq 2$ . Then  $M_{m,n}(K)$  is a vector space over  $K$  with respect to the usual addition of matrices and scalar multiplication of matrices.

$[M_{m,n}(K) \text{ and } K^{m \times n}]$

(e)  $K[X]$  is a vector space over  $K$ , with respect to the usual addition and scalar multiplication of polynomials.

Denote by  $K_m[X]$  the set of all polynomials with the

$\{f \in K[X] \mid \deg(f) \leq m\}$ . Then  $K_m[X]$  is a vector space over  $K$ .  
Otherwise we don't have an operation

$[K_m[X] \text{ and } K^{m+1}]$

(f) Let  $A \neq \emptyset$  be a set. Consider  $K^A = \{f: A \rightarrow K \mid f \text{ function}\}$

Define  $\forall f, g \in K^A$ ,  $\forall k \in K$

$$f+g \in K^A, (f+g)(x) = f(x)+g(x)$$

$$k \cdot f \in K^A, (k \cdot f)(x) = k \cdot f(x), \forall x \in A \Rightarrow K^A \text{ is a vector over } K$$

### Properties:

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$ . Then:

$$(i) k \cdot 0_v = 0_v = 0 \cdot v$$

$$(ii) k(-v) = -kv = (-k)v$$

$$(iii) k(v_1 + v_2) = kv_1 + kv_2$$

$$(iv) (k_1 \cdot k_2)v = k_1 \cdot v + k_2 \cdot v, \forall k_1, k_2 \in K, v, v_1, v_2 \in V$$

Proof: (i)  $k \cdot v = k(0+v) = k \cdot 0 + k \cdot v \mid + (-k)v$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = k \cdot 0$$

$$k \cdot v = (0+k)v = 0 \cdot v + k \cdot v \mid + (-k)v$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = 0 \cdot v$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad & k \cdot (v_1 - v_2) + k \cdot v_2 = \\
 &= k(v_1 - v_2 + v_2) \\
 &= k(v_1 + 0) = k \cdot v_1 + (-k)v_2 \\
 &\Rightarrow k \cdot (v_1 - v_2) = k \cdot v_1 - k \cdot v_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and let  $k \in K, v \in V$ . Then  
 $k \cdot v = 0 \iff k=0 \text{ or } v=0$

Proof:  $\boxed{\Rightarrow}$  Assume  $k \cdot v = 0$ . If  $k=0$ , we are done.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{If } k \neq 0, \quad & k^{-1} \cdot (k \cdot v) = k^{-1} \cdot 0 \\
 & (\because (k^{-1} \cdot k) \cdot v = 0) \\
 & \therefore 1 \cdot v = 0 \iff v = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$\boxed{\Leftarrow}$  This follows by the previous Theorem (i)

### 2. SUBSPACES

Def.: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $S \subseteq V$ .

Then  $S$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \neq \emptyset \text{ (OES)} \\ \forall v_1, v_2 \in S, v_1 + v_2 \in S \\ \forall k \in K, v \in S, k \cdot v \in S \end{array} \right.$

Note:  $S \subseteq_K V$  C.R. Any subspace is a subgroup.

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $S \subseteq V$ . Then

$$S \subseteq_K V \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S \neq \emptyset \\ \forall v_1, v_2 \in S, v_1 + v_2 \in S, k \cdot v_1, k \cdot v_2 \in S \end{array} \right.$$

Ex.: (a) A vector space  $V$  over  $K$  has the subspaces  $\{0\}$  and  $V$ .

(b) The subspaces of the  $K$  vector space  $V_2$  are the following ones:

$\{0\}$

• any line passing through 0

$\circ V_2$

Lecture n: General problem:

Given a set  $X$  of vectors in a vector space over  $K$ . Find the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $X$ .

Lemma: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $X \subseteq V$  for  $i \in I$ . If  $x_i$  is a subspace for  $V$ ,  $x_i \subseteq_k V$ ,  $\forall i \in I$ , then their intersections are also a subspace,

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} x_i \subseteq_k V$$

Proof: •  $\forall i \in I$ ,  $x_i \subseteq V \Rightarrow \forall i \in I$ ,  $0 \in x_i \Rightarrow 0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i$

• Let  $a_1, a_2 \in K$  and  $v_1, v_2 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i$

$$\begin{aligned} &= a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 \in x_i, \forall i \in I \\ &\quad x_i \subseteq_k V, \forall i \in I \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i, \forall i \in I}$$

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i \text{ Hence } 0 \in \bigcap_{i \in I} x_i$$

Def.: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $x \in V$ .

$$\langle x \rangle = \{s \subseteq_k V \mid x \in s\} \stackrel{\text{common}}{\leq} kV$$

$\langle x \rangle$  is called the subspace of  $V$  generated by the set  $X$  and it is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $x$ .

$X$  is called generating set for  $\langle x \rangle$

If  $X = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$  then we denote  $\langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle = \langle \{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$

Remark:  $\langle \emptyset \rangle = \{0\}$  (being a subspace is containing 0)  
( $0$  is the smallest subspace of the empty set!)

Def.: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$ . Then  $V$  is called finitely generated

if  $\exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  such that  $V = \langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$ . In what follows, we should only refer to finitely generated vector spaces.

An expression of the form  $k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_m v_m$  with  $k_1, \dots, k_m \in K$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ , is called a linear combination of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ .

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $\neq x \in V$ .

$$\text{Then } \langle x \rangle = \{k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_m v_m \mid k_1, \dots, k_m \in K, v_1, \dots, v_m \in X, m \in \mathbb{N}^*\}$$

that is a set of all finite linear combinations of vectors from  $K$ .

Corollary: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$ .

$$\text{Then } \langle v_1, \dots, v_m \rangle = \{k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_m v_m \mid k_1, \dots, k_m \in K\}$$

Example: Consider the canonical vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Compute the subspace generated of  $\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ , where  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ , and  $v_3 = (0, 0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle &= \{ b_1 \cdot (1, 0, 0) + b_2 \cdot (0, 1, 0) + b_3 \cdot (0, 0, 1) \mid b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &= \{ (b_1, 0, 0) + (0, b_2, 0) + (0, 0, b_3) \mid b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ &= \{ (b_1, b_2, b_3) \mid b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R} \} = \mathbb{R}^3\end{aligned}$$

also we can say that  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is finitely generated.

Def.: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $S, T \subseteq V$ .

$$\text{Denote } S+T = \{ s+t \mid s \in S, t \in T \}$$

then  $S+T$  is called the sum of subspaces  $S, T$ .

If  $S \cap T = \{0\}$  then  $S+T$  is denoted by  $S \oplus T$  and  $S \oplus T$  is called the direct sum of  $S$  and  $T$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example: } \mathbb{R}^2 - S \oplus T \text{ where } S = \{ (x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \} \\ T = \{ (0, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R} \}\end{aligned}$$

Theoremme: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $S, T \subseteq V$ . Then

$$S+T = \langle S \cup T \rangle, \text{ hence } S+T \subseteq V.$$

Proof: (1) Suppose that  $v \in S+T \Rightarrow v = s+t$ , where  $s \in S, t \in T$ .

$$v = 1 \cdot s + 1 \cdot t \in \langle S \cup T \rangle$$

(2) Suppose that  $v \in \langle S \cup T \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \cdot v_i, \text{ where } k_1, \dots, k_n \in K, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sum_{i \in I} k_i \cdot v_i + \sum_{j \in J} (k_j \cdot v_j), \text{ where } I = \{ i \mid v_i \in S \}, J = \{ j \mid v_j \in T \}$$

$$\text{denote that: } (I \cup J = \{1, \dots, n\}) \xrightarrow{\substack{(1) \\ S \subseteq V \\ T \subseteq V}} v \in S+T$$

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $S, T \subseteq V$ . Then

$$V = S \oplus T \Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V, \exists! s \in S, t \in T \text{ s.t. } v = s+t$$

### 3. LINEAR MAPS

Def: Let  $f: V \rightarrow W$  be a function between two vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$  over  $K$ .

Then  $f$  is called a  $K$ -linear map if:

$$\begin{cases} f(v_1 + v_2) = f(v_1) + f(v_2) & \forall v_1, v_2 \in V \\ f(k \cdot v) = k \cdot f(v) & \forall k \in K \end{cases}$$

A  $K$ -linear map  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  is called:

- isomorphism if  $f$  is bijective
- endomorphism if  $V = V'$
- automorphism if  $V = V'$  and  $f$  bijective

Notation:  $\text{Hom}_K(V, V')$  - the set of all  $K$ -linear maps between  $V$  and  $V'$

$\text{End}_K(V)$  - the set of all endomorphisms of  $V$

$\text{Aut}_K(V)$  - the set of all automorphisms of  $V$

Theorem: Let  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  be a function between two vector spaces

$V, V'$  over  $K$ . Then  $f$  is a  $K$ -linear map  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$f(k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2) = k_1 \cdot f(v_1) + k_2 \cdot f(v_2),$$

$$\forall k_1, k_2 \in K, v_1, v_2 \in V$$

Definition Let  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  be a  $K$ -linear map.

Then  $\boxed{\text{Ker } f} = \{v \in V | f(v) = 0\}$  is called the kernel of  $f$

and  $\boxed{\text{Im } f} = \{f(v) | v \in V\}$  is called the image of  $f$ .

Theorem: Let  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  be a  $K$ -linear map.

Then:  $\text{Ker } f \subseteq V$  and  $\text{Im } f \subseteq V'$

Proof: •  $0 \in \text{Ker } f$ , because  $f(0) = 0$ . Note that  $f$  is a group homomorphism

between the groups  $(V, +)$  and  $(V', +) \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$

• Let  $k_1, k_2 \in K$  and  $v_1, v_2 \in \text{Ker } f \Rightarrow f(v_1) = 0, f(v_2) = 0$ . We show that

$$k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2 \in \text{Ker } f. \text{ We have } f(k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2) = \underbrace{k_1 \cdot f(v_1)}_{=0} + \underbrace{k_2 \cdot f(v_2)}_{=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2 \in \text{Ker } f, \text{ Hence } \text{Ker } f \subseteq V$$

•  $0' \in \text{Im } f$ , because  $0' = f(0)$

• Let  $k_1, k_2 \in K$  and  $v_1, v_2 \in \text{Im } f$ . We show that  $k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2 \in \text{Im } f$

$\exists v_1, v_2 \in V$  such that  $v_1 = f(v_1'), v_2 = f(v_2')$  for some  $v_1', v_2' \in V$ .

We have  $k_1 \cdot v_1 + k_2 \cdot v_2 = k_1 \cdot f(v_1') + k_2 \cdot f(v_2') = f(k_1 \cdot v_1' + k_2 \cdot v_2') \in \text{Im } f$

Hence  $\text{Im } f \subseteq V'$

Theorem: Let  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  be a  $K$ -linear map and  $X \subseteq V$ . Then

$$f(\langle X \rangle) = \langle f(X) \rangle$$

## 2.4. Linear independence and basis

**Def:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ . Then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are called

linearly independent if  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is linear independent if

$\nexists k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in K$  such that  $k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n = 0$  we have  $k_1 = \dots = k_n = 0$

! Also  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are called linearly dependent if they are not linearly independent

$\exists k_1, \dots, k_n \in K$  not all zero, such that  $k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n = 0$

**Remark:** (1) One vector  $v \in V$  is linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow v \neq 0$

$$\begin{cases} k \cdot v = 0 \Rightarrow k = 0 \\ \uparrow \\ v \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

(2) Any set of vectors containing  $0$  is linearly dependent.

**Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ , then  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

are linearly dependent ( $\Rightarrow$  one of them can be written as a

linear combination of the others, that is,  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such

$$\text{that } v_j = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n k_i \cdot v_i !$$

**Proof:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) assume that  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent

$\Rightarrow \nexists k_1, \dots, k_n \in K$  not all zero such that  $k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n = 0$

$\Rightarrow \exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $k_j \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_{j-1} v_{j-1} + k_j v_j + k_{j+1} v_{j+1} + \dots + k_n v_n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow k_j v_j = - \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n k_i \cdot v_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v_j = \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \cdot v_i$$

$$\Rightarrow v_j = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n (-k_i \cdot k_j) \cdot v_i$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume that  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $v_j = \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n k_i \cdot v_i$  ;  $(v_1 = k_1 v_2 + k_2 v_3)$

$$\Rightarrow -v_j + \sum_{i=1}^n k_i \cdot v_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1) \cdot v_j + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n k_i \cdot v_i = 0$$

$\Rightarrow v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent

Examples:

(a) Consider that real vector space  $V_2$

•  $v \in V_2$  is lin. dependent ( $\Rightarrow v = 0$ )

•  $v_1, v_2 \in V_2$  are lin. dependent ( $\Leftrightarrow v_1, v_2 \in U$  and linearly dependent  $\Leftrightarrow$ )

$v_1, v_2$  collinear ( $v_1 = k \cdot v_2$  or  $v_2 = k \cdot v_1$ )

• 3 or more vectors in  $V_2$  are always linearly dependent

(b) Consider the canonical vector space  $K^m$  over  $K$

Let  $v_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$

$v_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0)$

$\vdots$   
 $v_m = (0, 0, \dots, m) \in K^m$

Let  $k_1, \dots, k_m \in K$  such that  $k_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + k_m \cdot v_m = 0$

$$\Rightarrow k_1(1, 0, \dots, 0) + k_2(0, 1, \dots, 0) + \dots + k_m(0, 0, \dots, m) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (k_1, 0, \dots, 0) + (0, k_2, \dots, 0) + \dots + (0, \dots, k_m) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_m = 0$$

Hence  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are linearly independent in  $K^m$ .

Theorem: (i) Two vectors in  $K^m$  are linearly dependent ( $\Rightarrow$  the components of the vectors are respectively proportional).

(ii) 3 or more vectors in  $K^m$  are linearly dependent!

Proof: Clear: (i) Let  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in K^m$  be linearly dependent

$$\Rightarrow v_1 = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in K^m$$

$$v_2 = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$$

( $\forall k_1, \dots, k_m \in K$  not all zero such that  $k_1 \cdot v_1 + \dots + k_m \cdot v_m = 0$ )

$$k_1 x_1 + \dots + k_m x_m = 0$$

$$k_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) + \dots + k_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in K^m$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} k_1(x_1, \dots, x_m) + \dots + k_m(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0 \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

$\therefore \dots$  has a non zero sol by  $\oplus$

$$k_1 x_1 + \dots + k_m x_m = 0$$

Def. 2) By a list of vectors in a vector space  $V$  over  $K$  we mean an  $m$ -tuple  $(v_1, \dots, v_m)$  with  $v_1, \dots, v_m \in V$

Def. 3) Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$ . A list of vectors  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  from  $V$  is called a basis of  $V$  if

(i)  $B$  is a linearly independent in  $V$ .

(ii)  $V = \langle B \rangle$ , that is  $B$  is a system of generators for  $V$

Theorem: Every vector space has a basis (in general, not unique)

Proof: Case I :  $V = \{0\}$  has basis  $\emptyset$

Case II  $V \neq \{0\}$ ;  $\exists B \subseteq V$  such that  $V = \langle B \rangle$  ( $\bar{B} = V$ )

If  $B$  is linearly indep., then  $B$  is a basis of  $V$  and we are done.

If  $B$  is linear dep., then  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $v_j$  is

a linear combination of the other vectors of the  $B$

$$\Rightarrow V = \langle B \rangle = \langle v_1, \dots, v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, \dots, v_n \rangle = \langle B \setminus \{v_j\} \rangle$$

If  $B \setminus \{v_j\}$  is lin. independent, then  $B \setminus \{v_j\}$  is a base of  $V$  and we are done.

If  $B \setminus \{v_j\}$  is lin. dependent, then we continue the algorithm.

If we don't finish the algorth before, then we get to  $V = \langle v_m \rangle$ , for some  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Since  $V \neq \{0\}$ ,  $v_m \neq 0 \Rightarrow v_m$  is lin. indep.  
 $\Rightarrow \{v_m\}$  is a bases of  $V$ .

Theorem: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $K$  and  $B = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be a list of vectors from  $V$ . Then  $B$  is a basis of  $V \Leftrightarrow \forall v \in V, \exists k_1, \dots, k_n \in K$  such that  $v = k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n$

they are called the coordinates of  $v$  in basis  $B$

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Assume that  $B$  is a basis of  $V \Rightarrow V = \langle B \rangle \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \forall v \in V, \exists k_1, \dots, k_n \in K \text{ such that } v = k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n \quad (1)$$

Uniqueness: suppose that we also have  $v = l_1 v_1 + \dots + l_n v_n, l_1, \dots, l_n \in K$

$$(l_1 - k_1)v_1 + \dots + (l_n - k_n)v_n = 0 \quad (2)$$

(by subtracting (2) from (1))

$B$  basis  $\Rightarrow v_1, \dots, v_n$  are lin. independent  $\stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} l_1 - k_1 = \dots = l_n - k_n = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow l_i = k_i \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$\Rightarrow$  Assume that every vector of  $V$  can be uniquely written as a linear combination of  $k_0$  vectors from  $B$ .  $\Rightarrow V = \langle B \rangle$

We will have to show that  $B$  is linearly independent in  $V$

Let  $k_1, \dots, k_n \in K$  be such that

$$k_1 v_1 + \dots + k_n v_n = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{uniqueness} \\ \hline k_1 = 0, \dots, k_n = 0. \text{ Hence } B \text{ is lin. indep.} \end{array} \right. \\ 0 \cdot v_1 + \dots + 0 \cdot v_n = 0 \quad \Rightarrow B \text{ basis of } V$$

Ex.: (a) Consider the real vector space  $V_3$ . Then  $(\bar{i}, \bar{j}, \bar{k})$  is a basis of  $V_3$

(b) Consider the canonical vector space  $_n K^n$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \\ e_2 = (0, 1, \dots, 0) \\ \vdots \\ e_n = (0, \dots, 1) \end{array} \right. \in K^n$$

Then  $E = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$  is a basis of  $_n K^n$  because  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in K^n$  can be uniquely written as:  $x = x_1 e_1 + \dots + x_n e_n$

$E$  is called the canonical basis of  $_n K^n$ .

Note that the coordinates of a vector in  $K^n$  in the canonical basis  $E$  coincide with its components.

(c) Let  $K_n[x] = \{f \in K[x] \mid \deg(f) \leq n\}$

$$f \in K_n[x] \Rightarrow f = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n, \quad a_0, \dots, a_n \in K$$

uniquely!

$\Rightarrow (1, x, \dots, x^n)$  is a basis of  $_n K[x]$

(d) Let  $_n M_2(K)$ . Then a basis of  $_n M_2(K)$  is:

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

In  $_n M_m(K)$  we have a similar basis with  $m \times m$  matrices ( $\dots$ )