

Linear Methods Lecture

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1 Lecture 1

1.1 Set Theory

Definition 1.1. A **set** is a collection of distinct objects, its elements.

$$x \in X \quad x \text{ is a element of the set } X$$

and similary

$$x \notin X \quad x \text{ is not an element of } X$$

Two sets are identical $X = Y$, if

$$x \in X \leftrightarrow x \in Y$$

for any element x .

Definition 1.2. Y is a subset of X , $Y \subset X$ if for all $y \in Y$. If $Y \subset X$ and $Y \neq X$, we write $Y \subsetneq X$ (or $Y \subsetneq X$). Y is then a proper subset of X .
Showing to sets are equal,

- $x \in X \leftrightarrow x \in Y$
- $x \subset Y$ and $y \subset X$

The empty set are denoted by null.

Example 1. • $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

- $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} : p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$
- \mathbb{R} = reals
- \mathbb{C} : Complex numbers $a + ib$
- Finite set $\{3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- Intervals in \mathbb{R} For real numbers $a < b < \infty$

$$(a, b)$$

$$[a, b]$$

$$(a, b], \quad [a, b).$$

Definition 1.3. Let X and Y be two sets then

- Union. $X \cup Y = \{z \mid z \in X \text{ or } z \in Y\}$

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} X_i = \{z \mid z \in X_i \text{ for some } i \in I\}$$

- Intersection if $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i = \{z \mid z \in X_i \text{ For every } i \in I\}$
- Complement if S is a subset of X , then the complement of S is

$$X \setminus S = S^c = \{x \in X : x \notin S\}.$$

- Cartesian product

$$X \times Y = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

Lemma 1.1. • $x \cap (Y \cup Z) = (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap Z)$ and

$$X \cup (Y \cap Z) = (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Z)$$

- $(X \cup Y)^c = X^c \cap Y^c$
- $(X \cap Y)^c = X^c \cup Y^c$
- Demo organs law

$$X \setminus (Y \cup Z) = (X \setminus Y) \cap (X \setminus Z)$$

- $(X^c)^c = X$

Proof. Proof of $(X \cup Y)^c = X^c \cap Y^c$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in (X \cup Y)^c &\rightarrow x \in X \cup U \\ &x \notin X \text{ and } x \notin Y \\ &x \in X^c \text{ and } x \in Y^c \\ &x \in X^c \cap Y^c \end{aligned}$$

□

1.2 Functions

Let X, Y be sets. A function f from X to Y , denoted $f : X \rightarrow Y$, is defined by a set G of ordered pairs (x, y) , where $x \in X$, $y \in Y$ and with the property that;

For each set is there a unique $y \in Y$ s.t. $(x, y) \in G$. We write $f(x) = y$.

- We say that X is the domain and Y is the codomain.
- The (direct) image of a set $A \subset X$ under f is

$$f(A) = \{f(t) : t \in A\} \subset Y$$

- The **inverse image** of a set $B \subset Y$ under f is

$$f^{-1}(B) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \in B\} \subset X$$

- The **range** of f is the image of its domain X is

$$\text{ran}(f) = f(X) = \{f(t) : t \in X\}$$

Example 2. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = \max\{x, 0\} = x^+$$

Then is the $\text{ran}(f) = [0, \infty)$. The inverse is $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{y\}$ and $f^{-1}(\{0\}) = (-\infty, 0]$ and

$$f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \text{NULL} \quad \text{if } y < 0$$

Definition 1.4. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function

- f is **injective** or **one-to-one** if $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
- f is **surjective** or **onto** if $\text{ran}(f) = Y$
- f is **bijective** if it is both surjective and injective.

Example 3. Lets continue the example.

- Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \max\{x, 0\}$. Injective? No; $f(x_1) = \underbrace{f(x_2)}_{=0}$ for any two $x_1, x_2 < 0$.

- A **bijection** $f : X \rightarrow Y$ has a **inverse** function $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$, defined by $f^{-1}(y) = x$ if $f(x) = y$.

The inverse function f^{-1} is also a bijection.

Remark. Not to be confused with the inverse image of a set $f^{-1}(B)$ introduced earlier.

2 Lecture 2

2.1 Recall

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ then is

- i) Injective: $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2$
- ii) Surjective: For all y in Y there is a x in X s.t. $f(x) = y$.
- iii) Bijective if i) and ii) holds.

- If $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a bijective then there is an inverse

$$f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$$

Given by

$$f^{-1}(y) = x \quad \text{if} \quad f(x) = y$$

- Identify function/map

- $\text{id} : X \rightarrow X$
- $\text{id}_x(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$

- The composition of a function

$$g : Y \rightarrow Z \quad \text{with} \quad f : X \rightarrow Y$$

is the function $g \cdot f : X \rightarrow Z$ defined by

$$(g \cdot f)(x) = g(f(x)) \quad \text{for} \quad x \in X$$

Definition 2.1. *Alternative version. Given a bijection $f : X \rightarrow Y$ the inverse function $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ is the unique function satisfying $f^{-1} \cdot f = \text{id}_X$ and $f \cdot f^{-1} = \text{id}_Y$*

Example 4. $\frac{d}{dx} : C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$. Inverse? no.
Let $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$. Then is

$$\frac{d(g+c)}{dx} = \frac{dg}{dx} \quad \text{where } c \text{ is the constant.}$$

It is surjective because given any $f \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ we can define $F \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ by

$$F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

and

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = f \quad \text{fundamental theorem of calculus.}$$

2.2 Cardinality

Cardinality is a tool for comparing the sizes of sets.

Definition 2.2. We say that two sets A and B has the same cardinality if there exist a bijection between A and B .

Example.

- i) The two intervals $[0, 2]$ and $[0, 1]$ have the same cardinality.

$$f : [0, 2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$$
$$f(t) = \frac{t}{2}$$

- ii) Let $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\} = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ have the same cardinality

$$f(n) = n + 1$$

- iii) n is finite integer. Then there is no bijection

$$f : \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

These two sets **do not** have the same cardinality.

Definition 2.3. Let X be a set. We say X is **finite** if either $X = \text{NULL}$ or there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ s. T. X has the same cardinality as $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n\}$ if

$$\text{There exist } f : \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \rightarrow X \text{ for some } n$$

X is **infinite** if it is not finite.

Definition 2.4. A set X is

- Countable infinite if it has the same cardinality as \mathbb{N} .

$$\exists \text{bijection } f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

- Countable if it is either countably infinite or finite. or equivalently
 - if \exists injection $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
 - \exists surjection $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$
- Uncountable if it is not countable.

Example.

- Any finite set is, e.g. $\{2, 5, 9\}$
- $X = \{1, 4, 9, 16, \dots, n^2, \dots\}$ such that

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X, \quad f(n) = n^2$$

- $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable ;

We arrange $N \times N$ in a table.

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

$$f(1) = (1, 1)$$

$$f(2) = (2, 1)$$

$$f(3) = (1, 2)$$

$$f(4) = (3, 1)$$

$$\vdots$$

- \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Q} are countable (Prob set 1).
- If X and Y are countable, then so is $X \cup Y$.

2.3 Schroeder Bernstein Theorem

Let X and Y be two sets. Suppose there are injective maps $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow X$. Then there exists a bijection between X and Y .

Example. The interval $(0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Claim it is uncountable.

Proof. The Cantor diagonalization argument. Suppose that $(0, 1)$ is countable.

$$(0, 1) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots\}$$
$$f(1), f(2), f(3), \dots$$

$$f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (0, 1)$$
$$x_i = 0, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, x_{i3}, \dots$$

Now let

$$a = 0, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots$$

where

$$a_i = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } x_{ii} \neq 3 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_{ii} = 3 \end{cases}$$

Then $a_i \neq x_{ii}$, so by construction $a \neq x_i$ for all i . Moreover, we must have $a \in (0, 1)$. This is a contradiction, so $(0, 1)$ cannot be countable. \square

Example. The set of all binary sequences $X = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)\} : x_i \in \{0, 1\}$ is uncountable.

Proof. Problem set 2. \square

Lemma 2.1. *Let X and Y be sets. Then*

- *If X is countable and $Y \subseteq X$, then Y is also countable.*

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots\}$$

- *If X is uncountable and $X \subseteq Y$, then Y is uncountable.*
- *If X is countable and there is an injection*

$$f : Y \rightarrow X$$

then Y is countable.

- *If X is uncountable and*

$$\exists \text{ injective } f : X \rightarrow Y,$$

then Y is uncountable.

Example. Have proved formally that $(0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is countable $\overset{\text{ii)}}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{R}$ must be uncountable

$$R \subset \mathbb{C} \overset{\text{ii)}}{\rightarrow} \mathbb{C} \text{ is uncountable}$$

Example. $R = \mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{I}$. Know: \mathbb{Q} countable. Assume \mathbb{I} countable. Then $R \cup \mathbb{I}$ which is a contradiction. So \mathbb{I} is uncountable

3 Lecture 3

3.1 Sequences

Fixed set J and set X with elements $x_j \in X$ for $j \in J$. J is a **index set**, x_j is the j -th component of the sequence $\{x_{j \in J}\}_j$.

Remark. (x_j) is equivalent to $(x_j)_j$. More technically $x : J \rightarrow X$ s.t. $x_{(j)} = x_j$.

3.2 Infima and Suprema

Definition 3.1. Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is nonempty.

1. A is **bounded** if

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a \leq M \text{ for all } a \in A$$

2. A is **bounded below** if

$$\exists m \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } a \geq m \text{ for all } a \in A$$

3. A is **bounded** is 1., 2.

4. v is a **maximal element** of A if $v \in A$ and $a \leq v$ for every $a \in A$.
We write $v = \max(A)$

5. v is a **minimal element** of A if $v \in A$ and $a \geq v$ for every $a \in A$.
We write $v = \min(A)$

Definition 3.2 (Infimum and supremum). Suppose $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is nonempty.

1. We say that $M \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **supreme** or **least upper bound** of A if

(a) M is a upper bound of A , i.e. $a \leq M$ for every $a \in A$.

(b) All other upper bounds M' of A satisfied $M' \geq M$. We write $M = \sup(A)$ (and if it exists a max element $u \in A$, then $u = \sup(A) = \max(A)$)

2. $m \in \mathbb{R}$ is the **infimum** or the **greatest lower bound** of A if

(a) It is a lower bound, $a \geq m \forall a \in A$

(b) All other lower bounds m' are smaller $m' < m$

Example.

$$A = (0 \ 1) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \inf(A) = 0 \\ \sup(A) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Remark. • If $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is not bounded from above, we write $\sup(A) = \infty$

• If $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ is not bounded below, we write $\inf(A) = -\infty$

Lemma 3.1. $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is nonempty.

1. Say A is bounded above. Then $M \in \mathbb{R}$ is the sup of A if

$$(a) \ a \leq M \quad \forall \ a \in A$$

$$(b) \ \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists \ a \in A \quad \text{s.t.} \quad a > M - \epsilon$$

2. Say A is bounded from below. Then $m \in \mathbb{R}$ is the inf of A if

$$(a) \ a \geq m \quad \forall \ a \in A$$

$$(b) \ \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists a \in A \quad \text{s.t.} \quad a < m + \epsilon$$

Example. Let $A = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \right\}$ then is

1. $\inf(A) = 0$, since $\frac{1}{n} \geq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and for any $\epsilon > 0$ we can find N s.t. $\frac{1}{N} < \epsilon$

2. $\sup(A) = 1$, since $\frac{1}{n} \leq 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for any $\epsilon > 0$ we have $1 > 1 - \epsilon$ which concludes

$$\max(A) = \sup(A) = 1$$

• From our definition, it follows that

$$\inf(A) \geq \sup(A)$$

• If $A = (a_n)_n$ then we usually write

$$\sup_{\cap} (a_n)$$

• If we have a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ then

$$\sup_x f = \sup \{ f(x) : x \in X \}$$

Definition 3.3 (Dilate Set). We define the **dilate** by $c \in \mathbb{R}$ of a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ by

$$cA = \{b \in \mathbb{R} : b = ca, \quad a \in A\}$$

Lemma 3.2 (Properties of dilates, subsets, sums). Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be nonempty and bounded.

1. if $c > 0$, then $\sup cA = c \sup A$ and $\inf cA = c \inf A$
2. If $c < 0$, then $\sup cA = c \inf A$ and $\inf cA = c \sup A$
3. $\sup (A + B) = \sup A + \sup B$ and $\inf (A + B) = \inf A + \inf B$
4. If $B \subset A$, then is $\inf B \geq \inf A$ and $\sup B \leq \sup A$

Proof. We want to show that $\sup cA = c \sup A$ for $c > 0$. Let $\sup A = M$. Then is $\forall a \in A, a \leq M \implies ca \geq cM$ and $\sup cA \leq cM$. Moreover, for every $\epsilon > 0$ does exist $a \in A$ s.t. $a \geq M - \frac{\epsilon}{c}$. This can be rewritten such that

$$ca \geq cM - \epsilon \implies \sup cA = cM$$

□

Example. Let $X = \{g \in C[0, 2] : |g| < M\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} f : X &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ g &\mapsto \int_0^2 g(x) dx \\ \sup_x f &= \sup \{f(g) : g \in X\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \int_0^2 g(x) dx : g \in X \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We can show that

$$\int_0^2 g(x) dx \leq \overbrace{\sup_{x \in [0, 2]} g(x)}^{< M} \underbrace{\int_0^2 dx}_{=2} \leq 2M$$

Claim that $\sup_x f = 2M$. And then is the task: For any $\epsilon > 0$, find $g \in X$ s.t.

$$\int_0^2 g(x) dx > 2M - \epsilon$$

3.3 Known material (self-study)

- 1.7 : Convergent sequences of numbers.

- Say $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ sequence of real/complex numbers. (x_n) converges if \exists some x in $\frac{\mathbb{R}}{\mathbb{C}}$ s.t.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{s.t. } n \geq N \implies \|x_n - x\| < \epsilon$$

We write $x_n \rightarrow x$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$, $\lim x_n = x$

- If (x_n) sequence of real numbers, then we say that (x_n) diverges to ∞ if

$$\forall R > 0 \exists N > 0 \quad \text{s.t. } x_n > R \forall n > N$$

We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} = \infty$, $\lim x_n \rightarrow \infty$, $x_n \rightarrow \infty$

- 1.8: Infinite Series of numbers

- $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$ series of real/complex numbers converges if the sequence of partial sums

$$s_n = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n$$

Converges as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Say $S_N \rightarrow S$. We then write $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i = s$.

- Recall if $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i$ converges, then $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} c_i = 0$
- Recall if $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i$ converges, then $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{i=N}^{\infty} c_i) = 0$

- Concerning 1.9 \rightarrow read it!

4 Lecture 27. Aug

4.1 VVector spaces

Let V be a set such that the scalar field F : this (always) means $F = \mathbb{R}$ or $F = \mathbb{C}$.

Definition 4.1. A vector space over a scalar field F , is a set V that satisfies the following conditions.

1. Vector addition: Given any two $x, y \in V$, there is a unique element $x + y \in V$, the **sum** of x and y .
2. Scalar multiplication: Given $x \in V$ and a scalar $\alpha \in F$, there is a unique element $\alpha x \in V$, the **product** of α and x .
3. Commutative property: $x + y = y + x \quad \forall x, y \in V$,
4. $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$
5. Additive identity: \exists an element $0 \in V$ s.t.

$$0 + x = x \quad \forall x \in V$$

6. Additive inverse. $\forall x \in V \exists$ an element $(-x) \in V$ s.t.

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

7. $(\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, x \in V$ associativity.

8. Multiplicative identity: Scalar multiplied by 1 leaves element unchanged.

Does it exist cases where this is not satisfied?

9. $c(x + y) = cx + cy \quad \forall c \in F, x, y \in V$
10. $(a + b)x = ax + bx \quad \forall a, b \in F, x \in V$

Remark. Few notes about the definitions.

- if $F = \mathbb{R}$: real vector space
- $F = \mathbb{C}$: complex vectorspace.
- F : the scalar field of the vector space. Elements of F are scalars.
- Elements of V are **vectors**.

- Vector space = linear space.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v_1, \dots, v_n \\ c_1, \dots, c_n \\ c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_n v_n \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \in V \\ \in F \\ \in V \end{array}$$

Example.

1. $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

2. $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \ \forall i\}$ with componentwise addition and scalar multiplication.

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) &= (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) \\ c(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= (cx_1, \dots, cx_n) \end{aligned}$$

3. Spaces of sequences

$$S = \{(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i\}$$

with componentwise addition and scalar multiplication.

4. Spaces of functions: Let

$$\mathcal{F}([0, 1]) = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{F} : f \text{ is a function on } [0, 1]\}$$

and let

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)(t) &= f(t) + g(t), \quad t \in [0, 1] \\ (cf)(t) &= cf(t) \end{aligned}$$

The zero vector 0 is the zero function.

Definition 4.2. A subset Y of V is called a **subspace** of V if it is a vector space with the inherited addition and scalar multiplication. More precisely, iff (if and only if)

1. $y_1 + y_2 \in Y$ for all $y_1, y_2 \in Y$
2. $cy \in Y$ for all $y \in Y, \quad c \in \mathbb{F}$

Example. Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$. Any line L_1 through the origin is a subspace. Any line L_2 is not a subspace.

Example Let

$$C[0, 1] = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{F} : f \text{ is continuous on } [0, 1]\}$$

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This is a nonempty, proper subspace of $\mathcal{F}([0, 1])$

$$C[0, 1] \not\subseteq \mathcal{F}([t, \infty))$$

Example . Let $I = (-1, 1)$ and

$$C^1(I) = \left\{ f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ and } f' \text{ are continuous functions on } I \right\}$$

Then $C^1(I) \not\subseteq C(I)$.

Proper: E.g. $F(t) = |t| \in C(I)$ but $f \notin C^1(I)$. Likewise ,

$$C^2(I) = \left\{ f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f, f' \text{ and } f'' \text{ are continuous on } I, C^2 \not\subseteq C^1(I) \right\}$$

\vdots

$$C^\infty(I) = \{ f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is infinitely many times continuous differentiable} \}, \text{ ex. } f(t) = e^t$$

$$F(I) \supset C(I) \supset C^2(I) \supset C^\infty(I) \supset \mathcal{P} \dots$$

Where

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k t^k : c_k \in \mathbb{R}, N \geq 0 \right\}$$

4.2 Span and independence

Linear combination is a vector space V

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i v_i = v_1 c_1 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

where $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$ and $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$

Definition 4.3. Let $A \subseteq V$ be a nonempty subset. the **finite linear span** of A is defined as

$$\text{span}(A) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N c_i x_i \mid N > 0, c_i \in \mathbb{F}, x_i \in A \right\}$$

If $A = \emptyset$ then we declare $\text{span}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$

If $A = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is finite then

$$\text{span} A = \{c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_n x_n : c_i \in \mathbb{F} \forall i\}$$

Example . Consider the space \mathcal{P} Let

$$\mathcal{M} = \{1, t, t^2, \dots\} = \{t^n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

Then $\text{span}(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{P}$ any $f \in \mathcal{P}$ is of the form $f = \sum_{n=0}^N c_n t^n$ for some $N > 0$ and $c_n \in \mathbb{F}$.

Definition 4.4. A nonempty subset A of a vectorspace V is **finetely linearly independent** if given any $N > 0$ and any distinct elemnts $x_1, \dots, x_N \in A$ and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{F}$, then

$$c_1x_1 + \dots + c_Nx_N \quad \leftrightarrow \quad c_1 = \dots = c_N = 0$$

We declare \emptyset to be linearly independent

Definition 4.5. Let V be a nontrivial vectorspace (not containing only zero). Then a set of vectors $\mathcal{B} \subset V$ is a **hamel basis** for V if

1. \mathcal{B} is linearly independent.
2. $\text{span}(\mathcal{B}) = V$

Remark. Two hamel bases for the same space V must have the same cardinality.

5 References