

1. prove that the set $\{0,1\}$ with the following binary operations is a field

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+	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

*	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	1

pf: Let $S = \{0,1\}$. To prove that $(S, +, *)$ is a field, I will first show that $(S, +)$ is an abelian group.

1. $(S, +)$ is closed - see table
2. $1 + g = g \quad \forall g \in S$ (additive identity)
3. as there are only 2 elements in S , I will write out all associative possibilities

$$(0+1)+0 = 1 = 0+(1+0)$$

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by table

$$4. \quad 0^{-1} = 0 \text{ as } 0+0=1$$

$$1^{-1} = 1 \text{ as } 1+1=1$$

$$\text{thus } \forall g \in S \exists g^{-1} \text{ s.t. } g+g^{-1} = g^{-1}+g = \text{id}$$

finally we see that $(S, +)$ is commutative by the table: $0+1=1+0=0$.

Thus, $(S, +)$ is an abelian group

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Now we must show that $(S, +, *)$
forms a ring.

1. associativity

$$(0 * 1) * 0 = 1 = 0 * (1 * 0)$$

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by table.

2. distributivity

$$(1 + 0) * 1 = 1 = (1 * 1) + (0 * 1)$$

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Shifting all to be $a * (b + c)$
still works as $*$ is
commutative (next page)

thus we have that $(R, +, *)$ forms
a ring.

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it remains to show that $(S, +, *)$
forms an integral domain w/
multiplicative inverse.

1. $0 * g = g \forall g \in S$ by table. Thus \exists
a multiplicative identity in S .

2. $\forall g, h \in S, g * h = h * g \in S$ by table
Thus $*$ is commutative.

3. The additive identity is 1 and
so $S \setminus \{1\} = \{0\}$ in which there
are no zero divisors, i.e. $0 * 0 = 0$.

4. $0 * 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0^{-1} = 0$ and
0 is the only element in $S \setminus \{1\}$, thus
every non-additive identity element has
an inverse.

Therefore we have shown that $(S, +, *)$
is an integral domain of multiplicative
inverses i.e. $(S, +, *)$ is a field

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2) for 543 only - not applicable

3) if K and L are fields and $K \subset L$ show that L is a K -vector space

Recall that V is an F vector space

if V is an abelian group $(V, +_V)$ and

F is a field $F(+_F, *_F)$ satisfying

1. $\forall \lambda \in F, \forall x, y \in V, \lambda(x+y) = \lambda x + \lambda y \in V$

2. $\forall \lambda \in F, \forall x, y \in V, (x+y)\lambda = x\lambda + y\lambda \in V$

3. $\forall \lambda, \gamma \in F, x \in V, (\lambda\gamma)x = \lambda(\gamma x) \in V$

and in particular

$$0_F \cdot v = \vec{0}_v \text{ (zero vector)}$$

$$1_F \cdot v = v$$

~~pf: As K and L are fields and $K \subset L$, we will show L is a K -vector space.~~

~~Assuming that K inherits the same operations from L , we have that~~

~~K is an abelian group $(K, +)$ wrt addition as it is already a field.~~

~~thus we have $((K, +), (L, +, *))$.~~

~~Now we must demonstrate scalar multiplication and vector addition.~~

~~L is a field and therefore $\forall g, h \in L$ we have $g+h \in L$. Thus vector addition is defined.~~

3 pf: $K \subset L$. assuming that K is a subfield of L , K inherits the same operations as $L = (+, *)$. Thus, since both L and K are fields we easily have $((L, +), (K, +, *))$. Now we must show that this space has a properly defined scalar multiplication and vector addition.

L is a field and, therefore, we have $\forall g, h \in L \quad g+h \in L$. Thus, $+$ is our vector addition. Furthermore, since $K \subset L$, $\forall \lambda \in K, \forall v \in L$, $\lambda v \in L$ as $\lambda \in K \subset L$. Thus, $*$ from K serves as scalar multiplication.

All distributivity laws hold as these are required for the fields K and L and so lastly, we identify that the additive and multiplicative identities in K , namely 0 and 1 satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \cdot v &= 0 \\ 1 \cdot v &= v \end{aligned} \quad \forall v \in L$$

This follows as $K \subset L$ and must have an additive and multiplicative identity to be a field. Since K is also a field, we take $0 \in K$ to be the additive identity of K .

Therefore we have shown that L is a K -vector space \square

4. $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is $\{n \times n \text{ matrices} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}\}$

where \mathbb{F} is a field. $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ has standard matrix addition & multiplication.

Let S denote the set of symmetric matrices (i.e. $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$). Show that S is a vector space.

pf: First recall that $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ is a vector space w.r.t. matrix addition and scalar multiplication. We will show S is a subspace of $M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{F})$ and therefore, also an \mathbb{F} -vector space.

1) $a_{ij} = 0, 1 \leq i, j \leq n \in S$

i.e. the zero matrix

Thus S is non empty.

2) let $A, B \in S, \lambda \in \mathbb{F}$.

We w.t.s. $\lambda A + B \in S$.

Recall that a matrix is symmetric

if it is equal to its transpose, i.e.

if $m_{ij} = m_{ji} \forall i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Thus

The elements of $\lambda A + B$ may be written as $\lambda a_{ij} + b_{ij}$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda a_{ij} + b_{ij})^T &= \lambda (a_{ij})^T + (b_{ij})^T \\ &= \lambda a_{ji} + b_{ji} \\ &= \lambda a_{ij} + b_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

since $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ and $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$ by assumption. Thus linear combinations of elements in S are also in S . This proves S is a subspace of $M_n(\mathbb{F})$ and is therefore a vector space.

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Now we want to find a basis for S .

Let B be our basis. Then clearly any diagonal element will be equal to its transpose, i.e.

$a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ if $i = j$ so every matrix

$$B \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} b_{ij} = 1 \text{ for } i = j = \alpha \\ b_{ij} = 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\forall \alpha \in \{1, n\}$ must be in B .

Next, we need that every matrix

$$B \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} b_{ij} = b_{ji} = 1 \text{ for } i = \alpha, j = \beta \\ b_{ij} = 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\forall pair $\alpha, \beta \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

in other words we need every matrix with all zeros and a 1 somewhere on the diagonal, eg

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & 1 & \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and all matrices w/ all zeros except for a pair of 1's symmetric about the diagonal, eg

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & & & \\ 0 & & 0 & \ddots & & \\ 0 & & & & 1 & \\ 0 & & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This set B forms a basis for S .

5. Given non-empty subsets S_1, S_2 of a vector space V , their "sum" is
$$S_1 + S_2 = \{v + w \mid v \in S_1, w \in S_2\}$$

a) suppose that W and Z are subspaces of a vector space V
c/s $W+Z$ also a subspace.

pf: Given that $W \neq \emptyset$ & Z are subspaces of V , we have that $W \neq \emptyset$ and $Z \neq \emptyset$. It follows that $W+Z \neq \emptyset$ but as an example,
 $0_V \in W$ and $0_V \in Z$, so,
 $0_V \in W+Z$. Thus, $W+Z$ is non-empty. Now let $\lambda \in F$
(the field of our vector spaces) and
 $z_1, z_2 \in W+Z$. Then,
 $\lambda z_1 + z_2 = \lambda(w_1 + z_1) + (w_2 + z_2)$
for some $w_1, w_2 \in W, z_1, z_2 \in Z$.

$$\lambda(w_1 + z_1) + (w_2 + z_2) = \lambda w_1 + \lambda z_1 + w_2 + z_2 \text{ (distributivity)} \\ = (\lambda w_1 + w_2) + (\lambda z_1 + z_2)$$

Because $W \neq \emptyset$ & Z are subspaces
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5. b. We say that V is the "direct sum" of subspaces W, Z if both

(i) $W + Z = V$

(ii) every $v \in V$ can be uniquely written in the form

$$v = w + z \text{ with } w \in W \text{ and } z \in Z$$

we write this as $V = W \oplus Z$.

prove that $V = W \oplus Z$ iff both

(1) $V = W + Z$ and

(2) $W \cap Z = \{0_V\}$

pf:

(\rightarrow) Assume that $V = W \oplus Z$. we want to show that (1) and (2) follow.

clearly (1): $V = W + Z$ is true by part (i) of the definition of $W \oplus Z$. Now, assume for contradiction that $W \cap Z \neq \{0_V\}$. Then $\exists \tilde{w} \in W, \tilde{z} \in Z$ s.t. $\tilde{w} = \tilde{z}$. Consider then that $\exists v \in V$ s.t.

$$v = 0_V + \tilde{w}$$

however then $v = 0_V + \tilde{z}$ as $\tilde{w} = \tilde{z}$.

This is a contradiction of (ii)

as now $v \in V$ but is not uniquely specified by elements of W, Z .

Therefore, we have shown that given $V = W \oplus Z$, (1) and (2) follow.

= (\leftarrow) Assume that

$$(1) \quad V = W + Z$$

$$(2) \quad W \cap Z = \{0_V\}$$

we w.t.s. then that $V = W \oplus Z$.

Clearly, (i) holds by assumption of (1). It remains to show that (ii) every $v \in V$ can be uniquely written as $v = w + z$ for some $w \in W, z \in Z$.

Assume for contradiction that (ii) is false. Then $\exists w' \neq w \in W, z' \neq z \in Z$ with

$$v = w + z = w' + z'.$$

As $w' \neq w$ and $z' \neq z$ it follows that the only possibility is that $w = z'$ and $z = w'$.

This is a contradiction as w and z are in both W and Z and
so $W \cap Z \neq \{0_Z\}$ \times

therefore we conclude that given (1) and (2) it follows that $V = W \oplus Z$. This completes the proof.