## Problem §2

Fill in the tables for powers of 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$ .

Solution:

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$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
  
 $(x,y) \longmapsto f((x,y)) = (x, x+y, y).$ 

- (a) Write down, using the definition of injectivity and preferably using universal quantifiers, the statement that f is injective, and the statement that f is not injective. Then prove the correct statement (that f is injective).
- (b) Write down, using universal quantifiers, the statement that f is surjective, and the statement that f is not surjective. Then prove the correct statement (that f is not surjective).

Solution:

(a) f is injective: For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , if f(a) = f(b), then a = b. f is not injective: There exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that f(a) = f(b) and  $a \neq b$ . Now, we prove that f is injective.

*Proof.* Choose  $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $(x_0, x_0 + y_0, y_0) = (x_1, x_1 + y_1, y_1)$ . From this, we see that  $x_0 = x_1, y_0 = y_1$ , so  $(x_0, y_0) = (x_1, y_1)$  and thus f is injective.  $\Box$ 

(b) f is surjective: For any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , there exists an  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that f(u) = v. f is not surjective: There exists a  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$  such that for any  $u \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $f(u) \neq v$ . Now, we prove that f is not surjective.

*Proof.* Choose  $(0, 10, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . Clearly, for any  $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , if  $f((x_0, y_0)) = (0, 10, 0)$ , then  $x_0 = y_0 = 0$ ; but then  $x_0 + y_0 = 0 \neq 10$ . Thus f is not surjective. □

**Problem §3** Let X be any set, and let V be the set of all subsets of X. Define addition on V as

$$A + B = A\Delta B$$

for subsets  $A, B \subseteq X$ , and scalar multiplication on V with scalars  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$  as

$$0 \cdot A = \varnothing, 1 \cdot A = A$$

for any subset  $A \subseteq X$ .

Check that  $V_{\mathbb{F}_2}$  is a vector space.

Solution: In order to be a vector space,  $V_{\mathbb{F}_2}$  must satisfy 6 properties:

• Associativity: We start with additive associativity. Let  $A, B, C \subseteq X$ . Then

$$A\Delta (B\Delta C) = (A \cap ((B \cap C^c) \cup (C \cap B^c))^c) \cup (((B \cap C^c) \cup (C \cap B^c)) \cap A^c)$$
$$= (A \cap ((B^c \cup C) \cap (C^c \cup B))) \cup ((A^c \cap (B \cap C^c)) \cup (A^c \cap (C \cap B^c)))$$

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- $= (A \cap ((B^c \cap C^c) \cup (B \cap C))) \cup ((A^c \cap B \cap C^c) \cup (A^c \cap C \cap B^c))$
- $= \left( (A \cap B^c \cap C^c) \cup (A \cap B \cap C) \right) \cup \left( (B \cap A^c \cap C^c) \cup (C \cap A^c \cap B^c) \right).$

Conversely,

$$\begin{split} (A\Delta B)\,\Delta C &= (((A\cap B^c)\cup (B\cap A^c))\cap C^c)\cup (C\cap ((A\cap B^c)\cup (B\cap A^c))^c)\\ &= ((A\cap B^c\cap C^c)\cup (B\cap A^c\cap C^c))\cup (C\cap ((A^c\cup B)\cap (B^c\cup A)))\\ &= ((A\cap B^c\cap C^c)\cup (B\cap A^c\cap C^c))\cup (C\cap ((A^c\cap B^c)\cup (B\cap B^c))\cup ((A^c\cap A)\cup (A\cap B)))\\ &= ((A\cap B^c\cap C^c)\cup (B\cap A^c\cap C^c))\cup ((C\cap A^c\cap B^c)\cup (C\cap A\cap B))\,. \end{split}$$

Due to commutativity of union and intersection of sets, we observe that  $A\Delta (B\Delta C) = (A\Delta B)\Delta C$ , and so it satisfies additive associativity.

Now, we show scalar multiplicative associativity. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}_2$ . Then we show associativity holds for the four possible cases:

$$-1 \cdot (1 \cdot A) = 1 \cdot A = A = 1 \cdot A = (1 \cdot 1) \cdot A$$
$$-1 \cdot (0 \cdot A) = 1 \cdot \varnothing = 0 \cdot A = (1 \cdot 0) \cdot A$$
$$-0 \cdot (1 \cdot A) = 0 \cdot A = \varnothing = 0 \cdot A = (0 \cdot 1) \cdot A$$
$$-0 \cdot (0 \cdot A) = 0 \cdot \varnothing = \varnothing = 0 \cdot \varnothing = (0 \cdot 0) \cdot A$$

Thus scalar multiplicative associativity holds as well, and so associativity holds.

• Commutativity: Let  $A, B \subseteq X$ . Then

$$A\Delta B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$
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$$= B\Delta A,$$

by commutativity of set union. Thus commutativity holds.

• Additive Identity: Observe that for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,

$$A\Delta\varnothing = \varnothing\Delta A = A.$$

Thus additive identity holds.

• Additive Inverse: For any  $A \in X$ , choose  $A' = A^c \subseteq X$  (the complement of A). Then

$$A\Delta A' = A'\Delta A = \emptyset.$$

Thus additive inverse holds.

• Multiplicative Identity: Observe that for any  $A \subseteq X$ ,

$$1 \cdot A = A$$

by definition. Thus scalar multiplicative identity holds.

• Distributive Properties: First we show that for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $A, B \in X$ ,  $\lambda \cdot (A+B) = \lambda \cdot A + \lambda \cdot B$ :

$$\lambda \cdot (A+B) = A+B$$
$$= \lambda \cdot A + \lambda \cdot B.$$

The last statement holds true for both  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$ , and so the first distributive property holds.

Now, we show that the second distributive property,  $(\alpha + \beta) A = \alpha \cdot A + \beta \cdot A$ , is true for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}_2, A \subseteq X$ ; we do this by evaluating the three cases (0 + 1 = 1 + 0 = 1):

– If 
$$\alpha=\beta=1$$
: 
$$(1+1)\cdot A=0\cdot A$$
 
$$=\varnothing$$
 
$$=A\Delta A$$

– If 
$$\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$$
:

$$(1+0) \cdot A = 1 \cdot A$$

$$= A$$

$$= A\Delta \emptyset$$

$$= 1 \cdot A + 0 \cdot A.$$

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- If 
$$\alpha = \beta = 0$$
:

$$(0+0) \cdot A = 0 \cdot A$$

$$= \varnothing$$

$$= A\Delta A$$

$$= 0 \cdot A + 0 \cdot A$$

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Thus the second distributive identity holds as well, and so distributive properties hold. Since all six properties hold,  $V_{F_2}$  is a vector space.