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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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:

$$-1 \cdot (1 \cdot A) = 1 \cdot A = A = 1 \cdot A = (1 \cdot 1) \cdot A$$
$$-1 \cdot (0 \cdot A) = 1 \cdot \varnothing = \varnothing = 0 \cdot A = (1 \cdot 0) \cdot A$$
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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 $A' = A \subseteq X$. Then

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

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 $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2$, $A, B \in X$, $\lambda \cdot (A+B) = \lambda \cdot A + \lambda \cdot B$:

- If
$$\lambda = 0$$
: Let $C = A + B$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0\cdot(A+B) &= 0\cdot C \\ &= \varnothing \\ &= \varnothing \Delta \varnothing \\ &= 0\cdot A + 0\cdot B. \end{aligned}$$

– If $\lambda = 1$:

$$1 \cdot (A + B) = A + B$$
$$= 1 \cdot A + 1 \cdot B.$$

Thus 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
$$\alpha = \beta = 1$$
:

$$\begin{aligned} (1+1)\cdot A &= 0\cdot A \\ &= \varnothing \\ &= A\Delta A \\ &= 1\cdot A + 1\cdot A. \end{aligned}$$

- If $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$:

$$\begin{split} (1+0)\cdot A &= 1\cdot A \\ &= A \\ &= A\Delta\varnothing \\ &= 1\cdot A + 0\cdot A. \end{split}$$

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

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

$$= \varnothing$$

$$= A\Delta A$$

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

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.