

**Section 1.A –  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}^n$**

$-\alpha$ , *subtraction*,  $1/\alpha$ , *division*: Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$ . Let  $-\alpha$  denote the additive inverse of  $\alpha$ . Thus  $-\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that

$$\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$$

· Subtraction on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by

$$\beta - \alpha = \beta + (-\alpha)$$

· For  $\alpha \neq 0$ , let  $1/\alpha$  denote the multiplicative inverse of  $\alpha$ . Thus  $1/\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that

$$\alpha (1/\alpha) = 1$$

· Division on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by

$$\beta/\alpha = \beta (1/\alpha)$$

**list, length**: Suppose  $n$  is a nonnegative integer. A list of length  $n$  is an ordered collection of  $n$  elements (which might be numbers, other lists, or more abstract entities) separated by commas and surrounded by parentheses. A list of length  $n$  looks like this:

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Two lists are equal if and only if they have the same length and the same elements in the same order.

$\mathbb{F}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is the set of all lists of length  $n$  of elements of  $\mathbf{F}$ :

$$\mathbf{F}^n = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbf{F} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

For  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we say that  $x_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   
**addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$** : Addition in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is defined by adding corresponding coordinates:

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

**Commutativity of addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$** : If  $x, y \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , then  $x + y = y + x$   
**o**: Let  $\mathbf{o}$  denote the list of length  $n$  whose coordinates are all  $\mathbf{o}$ :

$$\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$$

**additive inverse in  $\mathbb{F}^n$** : For  $x \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , the additive inverse of  $x$ , denoted  $-x$ , is the vector  $-x \in \mathbf{F}^n$  such that  $x + (-x) = \mathbf{0}$  In other words, if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $-x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n)$   
**scalar multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}^n$** : The product of a number  $\lambda$  and a vector in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is computed by multiplying each coordinate of the vector by  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n)$$

here  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$

**Section 1.B – Definition of Vector Space**

**addition, scalar multiplication**: · An addition on a set  $V$  is a function that assigns an element  $u + v \in V$  to each pair of elements  $u, v \in V$ . A scalar multiplication on a set  $V$  is a function that assigns an element  $\lambda v \in V$  to each  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and each  $v \in V$ .  
**Vector Space**: A vector space is a set  $V$  along with an addition on  $V$  and a scalar multiplication on  $V$  such that the following properties hold: commutativity

$$u + v = v + u \text{ for all } u, v \in V$$

associativity  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$  and  $(ab)v = a(bv)$  for all  $u, v, w \in V$   
and all  $a, b \in \mathbf{F}$

additive identity there exists an element  $\mathbf{0} \in V$  such that  $v + \mathbf{0} = v$  for all  $v \in V$  additive inverse for every  $v \in V$ , there exists  $w \in V$  such that  $v + w = \mathbf{0}$  multiplicative identity  $1v = v$  for all  $v \in V$  distributive properties

$$a(u+v) = au+av \text{ and } (a+b)v = av+bv \text{ for all } a, b \in \mathbf{F} \text{ and}$$

all  $u, v \in V$   
**vector, point**: Elements of a vector space are called vectors or points.  
**real vector space, complex vector space**: • A vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$  is called a real vector space. · A vector space over  $\mathbf{C}$  is called a complex vector space.  
 $\mathbb{F}^S$ : · If  $S$  is a set, then  $\mathbf{F}^S$  denotes the set of functions from  $S$  to  $\mathbf{F}$ . For  $f, g \in \mathbf{F}^S$ , the sum  $f + g \in \mathbf{F}^S$  is the function defined by

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

for all  $x \in S$  • For  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $f \in \mathbf{F}^S$ , the product  $\lambda f \in \mathbf{F}^S$  is the function defined by

$$(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$$

for all  $x \in S$

**Unique Additive Identity**: A vector space has a unique additive identity  
**Unique additive inverse**: Every element in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.

**The number  $\mathbf{o}$  times a vector**:  $\mathbf{0}v = \mathbf{0}$  for every  $v \in V$

**A number times the vector  $\mathbf{o}$** :  $\alpha \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  for every  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}$

**The number  $-1$  times a vector**:  $(-1)v = -v$  for every  $v \in V$

**Section 1.C – Subspaces**

**Subspace**: A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if  $U$  is also a vector space (using the same addition and scalar multiplication as on  $V$ ).

**Conditions for a subspace**: A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $U$  satisfies the following three conditions: additive identity  $\mathbf{0} \in U$  closed under addition  $u, w \in U$  implies  $u + w \in U$  closed under scalar multiplication  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $u \in U$  implies  $\alpha u \in U$

**sum of subsets**: Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subsets of  $V$ . The sum of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ , denoted  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , is the set of all possible sums of elements of  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  More precisely,

$$U_1 + \dots + U_m = \{u_1 + \dots + u_m : u_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m \in U_m\}$$

**Sum of subspaces is the smallest containing subspace**: Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ .

**direct sum**: Suppose  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  are subspaces of  $V$ . The sum  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is called a direct sum if each element of  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  can be written in only one way as a sum  $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ , where each  $u_j$  is in  $U_j$ . If  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$  is a direct sum, then  $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$  denotes  $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ , with the  $\oplus$  notation serving as an indication that this is a direct sum.

**Condition for a direct sum**: Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U + W$  is a direct sum if and only if  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

**Direct sum of two subspaces**: Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Then  $U + W$  is a direct sum if and only if  $U \cap W = \{\mathbf{0}\}$