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Lecture- 01

Linear Algebra

Introduction to Vector Spaces

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Topics

to be covered

- 1 Motivation to Vector Spaces
- 2 What is a Field?
- 3 Definition of Vector space





Motivation to Vector Spaces



12th Class

$$\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j}$$

Vector addition

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_1 + b_1) \hat{i} + (a_2 + b_2) \hat{j}$$

Scalar multiplication:

$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \vec{a} = (\alpha a_1) \hat{i} + (\alpha a_2) \hat{j}$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{b} + \vec{a}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \vec{a} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) + \vec{c}$$

$$\textcircled{iii} \quad \text{There exist } \vec{0} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j}$$

Such that $\vec{a} + \vec{0} = \vec{a}$

$$\textcircled{iv} \quad \text{For all vector } \vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j}$$

there exist $(-\vec{a}) = (-a_1)\hat{i} + (-a_2)\hat{j}$

$$\vec{a} + (-\vec{a}) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} = \vec{0}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{V}} \quad \alpha(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \\ = \alpha\vec{a} + \alpha\vec{b}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{VI}} \quad (\alpha + \beta)\vec{a} \\ = \alpha\vec{a} + \beta\vec{a}$$

$$\textcircled{\text{VII}} \quad (\alpha\beta)\vec{a} = \alpha(\beta\vec{a})$$

$$\textcircled{\text{VIII}} \quad 1 \cdot \vec{a} = 1a_1\hat{i} + 1a_2\hat{j} \\ = \vec{a}$$

1. "linear Algebra
done right"]

2. linear Algebra
By Friedberg

3. linear Algebra

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What is a Field?



A non-empty set F

together with two binary operations

$+$ (called addition), \cdot (called multiplication)

is said to be a field if following conditions are satisfied

- ① $a+b = b+a$ for all $a, b \in F$
 $ab = ba$ for all $a, b \in F$ (Commutativity of addition and multiplication)

Associativity of + and ·

II

$$\forall a, b, c \in F$$

$$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$$

$$a(bc) = (ab)c$$

III

Existence of addition
/ and multiplicative identity

There exist $0 \in F$:

$$a + 0 = a \quad \forall a \in F$$

There exists $1 \in F$:

$$1a = a \quad \forall a \in F$$

IV Existence of
additive and
multiplicative inverse.

for all $a \in F$ there exists
 $b \in F$ such that

$$a + b = 0$$

Note : b is denoted by $-a$.

also $\forall a \in F, a \neq 0$

there exists $b \in F$

such that

$$ab = 1$$

note: b is denoted by a^{-1}

⑤ Distributivity

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

$$(a+b)c = ac+bc$$

for all $a, b, c \in F$.

$(F, +, \cdot) \rightarrow \text{field}$

(A1) $\forall a, b \in F \Rightarrow a+b \in F$
also $\boxed{a+b = b+a}$

(A2) $\forall a, b, c \in F$
 $\Rightarrow a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$

(A3) There exists $\boxed{0 \in F}$:
 $a+0 = a \quad \forall a \in F$

(A4) $\forall a \in F$
there exists $b \in F$:
 $\boxed{a+b=0}$

(M1) $\forall a, b \in F \Rightarrow ab \in F$

also $\boxed{ab = ba}$

(M2) $\forall a, b, c \in F$
 $\Rightarrow a(bc) = (ab)c$

(M3) There exists $1 \in F$:
 $1 \cdot a = a \quad \forall a \in F$

(M4) $\forall a \in F, a \neq 0$, there exists $b \in F$:

$\boxed{ab=1}$



① Distributivity

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac$$

$$(a+b)c = ac+bc$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in F.$$

Ex. $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$
 is a field

Ex. $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$
 is a field

Ex. $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$
 is a field

Ex. $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Define if $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$, $y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$

$x + y = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\sqrt{2}$

$xy = (a_1a_2 + b_1b_2) + \sqrt{2}(a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)$

$(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}), +, \cdot)$ is a field.

$$\begin{array}{l} 0 = 0 + \sqrt{2} \cdot 0 \\ 1 = 1 + \sqrt{2} \cdot 0 \end{array}$$

Ex $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot)$ is not field

Since $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$

(\mathbb{N} has no additive Identity)

Ex $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is not field

for $a \in \mathbb{Z}, a \neq 0$

But $ab = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{a} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Example of a finite field \rightarrow

let p be prime

Define $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, p-1\}$

and Binary operations

① $a+b = \text{least non-negative}$

$(a+b) = (a+b) \bmod p$ remainder when $a+b$ is divided by p

② $ab = \text{least non-negative remainder when}$
 $ab = (ab) \bmod p$ ab is divided by p .

Ex:

if $p=5$

$\mathbb{Z}_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

if $p=3$

$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$

$(3 \cdot 4 \bmod 5)$

$= 2$

$(3+4) \bmod 5$
 $= 2$

Ex

$$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$(a+b) = (a+b) \bmod 3$$

$$(ab) = (ab) \bmod 3$$

+	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &= 2, -2 = 1 \\ -0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

.	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

$\boxed{1^{-1} = 1}$ $\boxed{2^{-1} = 2}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cdot 2 &= (2 \cdot 2 \bmod 3) \\ &= 4 \bmod 3 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Fields:

① $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

② $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$

③ $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$

④ $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$

p is prime

$$(a+b) = (a+b) \bmod p, \quad ab = (ab) \bmod p$$

in $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$

$$-a = p - a$$

Ex in $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +, \cdot)$

$$-2 = 7 - 2 = 5$$

$$-5 = 7 - 5 = 2$$

$$-3 = 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$-4 = 7 - 4 = 3$$

$$\Phi = \{ a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\checkmark \textcircled{1} (a_1 + b_1 i) + (a_2 + b_2 i) \\ = (a_1 + a_2) + i(b_1 + b_2)$$

$$\textcircled{1} (a_1 + b_1 i)(a_2 + b_2 i) \\ = (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + i(a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2)$$



2 Mins Summary

1 Motivation to Vector Spaces

2 What is a Field?

THANK YOU

