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Lecture- 02

Linear Algebra

Properties of Vector Space, and  
Subspace

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# Recap *of previous lecture*

- 1 Motivation to Vector Spaces
- 2 What is a Field?





# Topics

*to be covered*

- 1 Definition of Vector space
- 2 Examples of vector spaces
- 3 Subspace
- 4 Properties of vector space



“काक चीष्टा बौ ध्यानं श्वान निद्रा तथैव च ।  
अल्पहारी गृह त्यागी विद्यार्थी पञ्च लक्षणं ॥”



# Student's qualities according to Chankya

1. Listening (Shravana)
2. Retention (Grahan)
3. Understanding (Dhyana)
4. Contemplation (Dharana)
5. Application (Tatva)



Field →

$(F, +, \cdot)$  field

- (A1)  $\forall a, b \in F \rightarrow a + b \in F$
- (A2)  $\forall a, b \in F \rightarrow a + b = b + a$
- (A3)  $\forall a, b, c \in F$   
 $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
- (A4) there exists  $0 \in F$  :  
 $a + 0 = a \forall a \in F$
- (A5)  $\forall a \in F$  there is  $b \in F$  :  $a + b = 0$

$$(M1) \forall a, b \in F \rightarrow a \cdot b \in F$$

$$(M2) \forall a, b \in F \rightarrow a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$(M3) \forall a, b, c \in F$$

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

$$(M4) \text{ there exist } 1 \in F$$

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

$$(M5) \forall a \in F, a \neq 0$$

$$\text{there is } b \in F :$$

$$ab = 1$$

$$(D1) \forall a, b, c \in F$$

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

$$(D2) \forall a, b, c \in F$$

$$(a+b)c$$

$$= a(c+b)$$



## Important field $\rightarrow$

(i)  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

(ii)  $(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$

(iii)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$

(iv)  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, \oplus_p, \odot_p)$

$$a \oplus_p b = (a + b) \bmod p$$

$$a \odot_p b = (ab) \bmod p$$

Note: in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$

$$-a = (p - a) \bmod p$$

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

(vi)  $\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

(vii) if  $p$  is prime

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





## Definition of vector space



Let  $F$  be any field, and  $V$  be a non-empty set.

We say that  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$

If we can define operations

1. Vector addition:

For  $x, y \in V$ ,  $x + y \in V$  (unique element)

2. Scalar multiplication:

For  $\alpha \in F$  and  $x \in V$ ,  $\alpha \cdot x \in V$  (unique element)



Such that following conditions are satisfied

$$(V-1) \quad x+y = y+x \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

$$(V-2) \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$$

$$x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z$$

$$(V-3) \quad \text{there exists } \boxed{0 \in V} :$$

$$\boxed{x+0 = x \quad \forall x \in V}$$

$$(V-4) \quad \forall \boxed{x \in V} \text{ there exists } \boxed{y \in V} :$$

$$x+y=0$$

and  $y$  is denoted by  $-x$

$$\forall x, y \in V \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in F.$$

$$(S-1) \quad \alpha(x+y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y$$

$$(S-2) \quad (\alpha+\beta) \cdot x = \alpha x + \beta x$$

$$(S-3) \quad (\alpha\beta) x = \alpha \cdot (\underline{\beta \cdot x})$$

$$(S-4) \quad 1 \cdot x = x$$



Ex  $\text{let } V = \{ (a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$   
 $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

1. Vector addition:

$$x = (a_1, a_2), y = (b_1, b_2) \in V$$

$$x + y = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$$

2. Scalar multiplication

for  $\alpha \in F, x = (a_1, a_2) \in V$

$$\alpha x = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2)$$

$$(V-I)$$

$$x + y = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$$

$$= (b_1 + a_1, b_2 + a_2)$$

$$= (b_1, b_2) + (a_1, a_2)$$

$$\boxed{x + y = y + x} //$$

$$(V-2) \text{ let } x = (a_1, a_2)$$

$$y = (b_1, b_2)$$

$$z = (c_1, c_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + (y + z) &= (a_1, a_2) + (b_1 + c_1, b_2 + c_2) \\ &= (a_1 + (b_1 + c_1), a_2 + (b_2 + c_2)) \end{aligned}$$



$$x + (y + z)$$

$$= (a_1 + (b_1 + c_1), a_2 + (b_2 + c_2))$$

$$= ((a_1 + b_1) + c_1, (a_2 + b_2) + c_2)$$

$$= (\underbrace{a_1 + b_1}_{x+y}, \underbrace{a_2 + b_2}_{x+y}) + (\underbrace{c_1}_{z}, \underbrace{c_2}_{z})$$

$$= (x + y) + z$$

V-3

$$0 = (0, 0) \in V$$

$$\forall x \in V; x + 0 = (a_1, a_2) + (0, 0)$$

$$= (a_1 + 0, a_2 + 0) = (a_1, a_2) = x$$

V-4  $\forall x = (a_1, a_2) \in V$

Define  $y = (-a_1, -a_2) \in V$

$$x + y = (a_1, a_2) + (-a_1, -a_2)$$

$$= (a_1 - a_1, a_2 - a_2)$$

$$x + y = (0, 0) = 0$$



$$\textcircled{S-1} \quad \text{let } x = (a_1, a_2) \\ y = (b_1, b_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x+y) &= \alpha(a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2) \\ &= (\alpha(a_1+b_1), \alpha(a_2+b_2)) \\ &= (\alpha a_1 + \alpha b_1, \alpha a_2 + \alpha b_2) \\ &= (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2) + (\alpha b_1, \alpha b_2) \\ &= \alpha(a_1, a_2) + \alpha(b_1, b_2) \\ &= \alpha x + \alpha y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{S-2} \quad (\alpha+\beta)x &= (\alpha+\beta)(a_1, a_2) \\ &= ((\alpha+\beta)a_1, (\alpha+\beta)a_2) \\ &= (\alpha a_1 + \beta a_1, \alpha a_2 + \beta a_2) \\ &= (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2) + (\beta a_1, \beta a_2) \\ &= \alpha(a_1, a_2) + \beta(a_1, a_2) \\ &= \alpha x + \beta x \end{aligned}$$



(S-3)

$$(\alpha \beta) x$$

$$= (\alpha \beta) (a_1, a_2)$$

$$= ((\alpha \beta) a_1, (\alpha \beta) a_2)$$

$$= (\alpha(\beta a_1), \alpha(\beta a_2))$$

$$= \alpha(\beta a_1, \beta a_2)$$

$$= \alpha(\beta(a_1, a_2))$$

$$= \alpha(\beta x)$$

(S-4)

$$1 \cdot x = 1 \cdot (a_1, a_2)$$

$$= (1 \cdot a_1, 1 \cdot a_2)$$

$$= (a_1, a_2)$$

$$= x$$

Ex:  $V = \{ (a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$F = \mathbb{R}$

1  $\rightarrow$

$x = (a_1, a_2), y = (b_1, b_2)$

$x + y = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$

2  $\rightarrow$

$\alpha \cdot x = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2)$

is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

(V-1)

$x + y = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$

$= (b_1 + a_1, b_2 + a_2)$

$= (b_1, b_2) + (a_1, a_2)$

$= y + x$

(V-2)

(V-3)

$0 = (1, 0)$

$x + 0 = (a_1, a_2) + (1, 0)$

$= (a_1 + 1, a_2 + 0) = (a_1, a_2)$   
 $= x$



V.4 ~~X~~  $u = (a_1, a_2)$

To find  $y = (b_1, b_2) :$

$$u + y = 0 = (1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2) = (1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a_1 + b_1 = 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{b_1 = \frac{1}{a_1}} \quad \text{if } a_1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b_2 = -a_2}$$

$$u = (0, 2) //$$

$$u + y = 0 = (1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (0 + b_1, 2 + b_2) = (1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\boxed{0} + b_1, 2 + b_2) = (\boxed{1}, 0)$$

$$\boxed{0 = 1} \quad \text{X}$$

Home-work  $\rightarrow$ :

check properties  
(S-1) to (S-4)



Note →

if  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$

we write " $V(F)$  is a vector space".

Note - if  $V(F)$  is a vector space

then Elements of  $V$  are called vectors

, and Elements of  $F$  are called Scalars.



## 2 Mins Summary

- 1 Definition of Vector space
- 2 Examples of vector spaces



# THANK YOU

