

Algebra tutorial series 1

Reminder

Recall that $(E, +, \cdot)$ is a \mathbb{R} -vector space if

1. $(E, +)$ is an abelian group,
2. (a) $\forall x, y \in E, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \cdot (x + y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y,$
 (b) $\forall x \in E, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot x,$
 (c) $\forall x \in E, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot x) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot x,$
 (d) $1 \cdot x = x.$

Exercise 1 Show that the sets below are vector spaces (on \mathbb{R}) :

— $E_1 = \mathbb{R}^2$ with addition " + " and multiplication " \cdot " by a real number, defined by :

$$\forall (x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, (x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x', y + y'), \quad \alpha \cdot (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

— $E_2 = \{P \in \mathbb{R}_2[X] / \deg P \leq 2\}$ the set of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2, with coefficients in \mathbb{R} , with addition $P + Q$ of polynomials and multiplication by a real number $\lambda \cdot P$.

$$\forall P, Q \in E, \quad P = aX^2 + bX + c, \quad Q = a'X^2 + b'X + c', \quad P + Q = (a + a')X^2 + (b + b')X + (c + c').$$

$$\text{and } \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad \alpha \cdot P = (\alpha \cdot a)X^2 + (\alpha \cdot b)X + (\alpha \cdot c).$$

— $E_3 = \{(u_n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$: the set of real sequences with the addition of the sequences defined by $(u_n) + (v_n) = (u_n + v_n)$ and the multiplication by a real number $\lambda \cdot (u_n) = (\lambda \times u_n)$

— $E_4 = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$: the set of real-valued functions defined on the interval $[0, 1]$, with addition of the functions $f + g$ and multiplication by a real number $\lambda \cdot f$.

Exercise 2 Study in which cases \mathbb{R}^2 is a vector space on \mathbb{R} for the laws noted respectively \oplus and \otimes :

1. $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x + y, s + t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

2. $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x + s, y + t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, 0).$$

3. $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x.s, y.t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

Exercise 3 In each of the following cases, say whether E_i is a subspace of E .

1. $E = \mathbb{R}^2,$

$$E_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x + y = 1\}, \quad E_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / 2x + 3y = 0\},$$

$$E_3 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / xy \leq 0\}, \quad E_4 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x \leq y\}$$

$$E_5 = \{(2x, 3x) / x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

2. $E = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}),$

$$E_1 = \{f \in E / f(1) = f(0)\}, \quad E_2 = \{f \in E / f(1) - 2f(0) = 0\},$$

3. $E = \mathbb{R}_2[X] = \{P = aX^2 + bX + c / a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$E_1 = \{P \in E / P'(0) = 2\}, \quad E_2 = \{P \in E / P'(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

2. Vector families

Exercise 4 Specify whether the following vectors $\{e_1, \dots\}$ form a linearly independent or generating family. Express, if possible, the vector a as a linear combination of the vectors e_1, e_2, e_3 of E , in each of the following cases

1. $E = \mathbb{R}, e_1 = 3$.
2. $E = \mathbb{R}^2, e_1 = (1, 1), e_2 = (-1, 2), e_3 = (1, 0), a = (2, 4)$.
3. $E = \mathbb{R}^2, e_1 = (1, 1), e_2 = (-1, -1), e_3 = (2, 2), a = (1, 0)$.
4. $E = \mathbb{R}^3, e_1 = (1, 1, 0), e_2 = (1, 0, 1), e_3 = (0, 1, 1), a = (1, 1, 1)$.
5. $E = \mathbb{R}_2[X], e_1 = 1 + 3X, e_2 = X^2 - X, e_3 = X^2 + 1, a = X^2 + X + 1, a = X^3$.
6. $E = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), e_1 : x \mapsto x, e_2 : x \mapsto \cos x, e_3 : x \mapsto \sin x, a : x \mapsto \cos^2 x$.

Exercise 5 In the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 , we consider the two families of vectors :

$$A = \{v_1(2, 0, -1), v_2(3, 2, -4)\}, \text{ and } B = \{w_1(1, 2, -3), w_2(0, 4, -5)\}.$$

— Show that $\text{span}(A) = \text{span}(B)$

Exercise 6 In the vector space \mathbb{R}^4 , we consider the vectors

$$v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1), v_2 = (0, 1, 2, 1), v_3 = (1, 0, -2, 3) \text{ and } v_4 = (1, 1, 2, -2).$$

1. Determine the rank of the family $A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Is the set A linearly independent?
2. Determine real numbers α and β so that the vector $u = (1, 1, \alpha, \beta) \in \text{span}(A)$.