

Math 117

Overview / Admin Stuff

- Look at syllabus for grades / hw details

• HW

- Small HW due ^{usually} Tuesday/Th
 - Larger HW due ^{usually} Tue (Monday)
- } think of these as "discussions"

• Glossary

- Final Problem Set

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OH : M : 3:45 - 4:45

Th : 11:45 - 12:45

Overview of Course

- More general vector spaces and fields

~ $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{F}_p$

- More advanced topics / in depth

~ quotient spaces, tensor products, wedge / exterior products, spectral theorem

- Prove things!!!!!!

Yiddish of the day

"Er halt az er
iz der pupik fun
der velt"

"ער האט אז ער
איז דער פופיק פון
דער וועלט"

"He thinks he is the
belly-button of
the world"

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Vector Spaces

• Math 21

Study the set $\mathbb{R}^n = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

• In this set we could

1) Add "vectors" ex) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}$

2) Scale "vectors" ex) $-2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -6 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

in some coherent way

$$\text{ex) } (a+b)\vec{x} = a\vec{x} + b\vec{x}$$

$$a(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) = a\vec{x} + a\vec{y}$$

$$(ab)\vec{x} = a(b\vec{x})$$

$$0(\vec{x}) = \vec{0}$$

$$1\vec{x} = \vec{x}$$

Such a structure can be axiomitized

(Q) What are the "essential notions" needed
in describing the structure of \mathbb{R}^n above?

First focus on these "Scalars" (or "numbers")

- how to generalize \mathbb{R} ? What can we do in \mathbb{R} ?

1) We can add/subtract

2) We can multiply/divide

Def: A field is a set \mathbb{F} with 2

"operations"

$$\mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{F}$$

$$(a, b) \longmapsto a+b$$

$$\mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathbb{F}$$

$$(a, b) \longmapsto a \cdot b$$

Such that

(A1) Associativity of + : For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ have

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

(A2) Commutativity of + : For $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ have

$$a+b = b+a$$

(A3) $\exists!$ element $0_{\mathbb{F}}$ such that, $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}$

$$a+0 = a$$

(A4) For $a \in F$, $\exists!$ $(-a)$ such that

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

(M1) Associativity of \cdot : For $a, b, c \in F$

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

(M2) Commutativity of \cdot : For $a, b \in F$

$$ab = ba$$

(M3) $\exists!$ element 1_F called the identity

such that $\forall a \in F \quad a \cdot 1 = a$

(M4) $\forall a \neq 0 \in F \quad \exists!$ a^{-1} called the (mult) inverse

such that $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

(D) Distributive law : For all $a, b, c \in F$

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

ex) 1) \mathbb{R}

2) \mathbb{Q}

check these satisfy the axioms above.

3) \mathbb{C} = complex #'s $\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

new one!

→ 4) $\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{F}_p =$ integers "mod p "
 $= \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ | $\overline{a} = \{b \mid a \equiv b \pmod{p}\}$
 $\overline{0} = \{b \mid b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}\}$

ex) $p=5$: $\overline{7} = \overline{2}$ $\overline{7} \equiv \underline{2} \pmod{5}$
 $\overline{8} = \overline{3}$

Pf) Define addition by $\overline{a} + \overline{b} = \overline{a+b}$

ex) $\overline{7} + \overline{8} = \overline{15} = \overline{0} \pmod{5}$

$$\overline{2+3} = \overline{5} = \overline{0} \pmod{5}$$

Turns out this addition rule does not depend on choice of coset.

$$\text{I.e. if } \overline{a} = \overline{a'} \text{ and } \overline{b} = \overline{b'}$$

$$\text{then } \overline{a+b} = \overline{a'+b'}$$

If $\overline{a} = \overline{a'}$ then $p \mid a - a'$ and $p \mid b - b'$

$$\text{Then } p \mid_1 = a - a', \text{ and } p \mid_2 = b - b'$$

$$\text{Then } a+b - (a'+b') = a - a' + b - b'$$

$$= p(l_1 + l_2)$$

i.e. $p \mid (a+b) - (a'+b')$

The 0 in \mathbb{F}_p is $\bar{0}$

Given $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{F}_p \exists$ element such that $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{0}$

ex) $p=5$: $-\bar{a} = ?$ for $\bar{a} = \bar{2}$
 $-\bar{a} = \bar{3}$

Define multiplication by $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \overline{ab}$ (check this is well-defined)

Lemma: let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let $d = \gcd(a, b)$
There exist integers n_1, n_2 such that
 $n_1 a + n_2 b = d$

Note: If p is prime then $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow \gcd(a, p) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \exists n_1, n_2$ such that

$$\underline{n_1 a + n_2 p = 1}$$

reduce mod p

$$\Rightarrow \text{in } \mathbb{F}_p \quad \bar{n}_1 \bar{a}_1 + \bar{0} = \bar{1} \Rightarrow \bar{n}_1 \bar{a}_1 = \bar{1}$$

This n_1 is the multiplicative inverse.

$$\text{ex) } p=5 \quad a^{-1}=? \quad \text{for } a=2 \quad a^{-1}=3$$

Non-examples:

1) \mathbb{Z}/n for n not prime

2) \mathbb{N} or \mathbb{Z}

Def: Something "different" about \mathbb{R} vs \mathbb{F}_p

• Note that $\mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{R}} + \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{R}} + \dots + \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{R}} \neq \mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{R}}$

• However! $\underbrace{1_{F_p} + \dots + 1_p}_{p\text{-times}} = 0$

\Rightarrow True in general: Only 1 of two things happens

1) Either $\exists n$ st $n \cdot 1_{\mathbb{R}} = 0$

2) $n \cdot 1_{\mathbb{R}} \neq 0$

Case 1: The smallest n st $\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{n\text{-times}}$ is
called the characteristic

Case 2: IF said to be of characteristic 0

$$\text{ex 7.1) } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Q} \longrightarrow \text{char } 0$$

$$\text{ii) } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_p \longrightarrow \text{char } p$$

Lemma: For any field \mathbb{F} , $0_{\mathbb{F}} a = 0_{\mathbb{F}} \quad \forall a$

$$\text{Pf) } 0_{\mathbb{F}} a = (0_{\mathbb{F}} + 0_{\mathbb{F}}) a = 0_{\mathbb{F}} a + 0_{\mathbb{F}} a$$

Subtract by $(0_{\mathbb{F}} a)$ to both sides

$$-\mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a + \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a = -\mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a + \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a + \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} &= \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} + \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a \\ &= \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} a \end{aligned}$$

HW Q: For $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$, if $ab = \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}}$ then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$

(show that if n not prime \mathbb{Z}/n is not a field)

Quick Detour on polynomials

• we will see, many questions in this class

really boil down to the existence of a

root for some polynomial p .

- Certain Fields are "better behaved" in this respect

Def: If a field, say \mathbb{F} is algebraically closed if
for any (monic) polynomial

$$p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0 \quad \text{with } a_i \in \mathbb{F}$$

$\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ (called a root of p

such that $p(\alpha) = 0_{\mathbb{F}}$ $x^2 - 1$

ex) \mathbb{Q} ? x^2+1 no roots

\mathbb{R} ? x^2+1 x^2-2 has a root in \mathbb{R} , not \mathbb{Q}

$\mathbb{C} = \checkmark$ yes alg closed

\mathbb{F}_p ? turns out not alg closed.

2nd Generalization

• Now we can ask for a generalization of the "vectors"

Def: Let \mathbb{F} be field, Then a Vector Space

over \mathbb{F} is a set V with 2 operations

$$V \times V \xrightarrow{+} V$$

$$(v, w) \mapsto v + w$$

$$\mathbb{F} \times V \xrightarrow{\cdot} V$$

$$(d, v) \mapsto d \cdot v$$

such that

(A1) For $u, v, w \in V$

$$u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

(A2) For $u, v \in V$

$$u + v = v + u$$

(A3) \exists element 0_V such that, $\forall v \in V$

$$v + 0_V = v$$

(A4) $\forall v, \exists$ $(-v)$ such that

$$v + (-v) = 0$$

$$(S1) \forall v \in V, \quad \mathbb{1}_F v = v$$

$$(S2) \forall a, b \in F, v \in V$$

$$(a +_F b) v = av +_v bv$$

$$(S3) \forall a \in F, v, w \in V$$

$$a (v +_v w) = av +_v aw$$

Lemma: A Vector-Space has a unique 0_V

Pf) Assume $\exists \tilde{0}$ ^{another} 0 -vector in V

$$0_V = \tilde{0} + 0_V = \tilde{0}$$

$$\text{So } 0_V = \tilde{0}_V$$

HW) 1) Additive inverses are unique

$$2) 0_{\mathbb{F}} \cdot v = 0_V \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$3) a \cdot 0_V = 0_V \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{F}$$

Examples

1) Let \mathbb{F} be any field, then the set

$$\underline{\mathbb{F}^n} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} : a_i \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$$

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is a vector space over \mathbb{F} with

$$a) \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n + b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b) c \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ca_1 \\ \vdots \\ ca_n \end{pmatrix} \quad c \in \mathbb{F}$$

2) Again, let IF be field, then

$$M_{m \times n}(IF) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} : a_{ij} \in IF \right\}$$

is a vector space over IF with

$$a) \quad M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m1} & \dots & b_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_1 + M_2 = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})$$

b)

$$cM_1 = (c a_{ij}) \quad \text{componentwise}$$

3) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The set

$$\mathbb{F}[t]_{\leq n} = \left\{ a_n t^n + a_1 t + a_0 \mid a_i \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$$

is a vector space over \mathbb{F}

4) Let S be any set and \mathbb{F} a field. The set

$$\text{Fct}(S, \mathbb{F}) = \left\{ f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \mid f \text{ function} \right\}$$

is a vector space over \mathbb{F} with

$$a) f_1: S \rightarrow \mathbb{F} \quad \text{and} \quad f_2: S \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

$$(f_1 + f_2)(s) := f_1(s) +_{\mathbb{F}} f_2(s)$$

Q: What is the 0 vector? A: $0: S \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$
 $0(s) = 0_{\mathbb{F}}$

$$b) \text{ Given } c \in \mathbb{F} \text{ and } f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

$$(cf)(s) := cf(s)$$

5) Variations on (4). Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$, consider $\text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{F})$.

• cts functions : $\text{CTS}(X, \mathbb{F}) = \mathcal{C}^0(X, \mathbb{F})$

• diff functions : $\text{Diff}(X, \mathbb{F}) = \mathcal{C}^1(X, \mathbb{F})$

• Smooth functions $S_m(X, \mathbb{F}) = C^\infty(X, \mathbb{F})$

→ these are all subsets . . .

$$S_m(X, \mathbb{F}) \subseteq \text{Diff}(X, \mathbb{F}) \subseteq \text{GLs}(X, \mathbb{F}) \subseteq \text{Fct}(X, \mathbb{F})$$

→ Leads to notion of Subspaces

Next time!