

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1.¹ Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$. For $(u_1, u_2), (v_1, v_2) \in V$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$ define vector addition by $(u_1, u_2) \boxplus (v_1, v_2) := (u_1 + v_1 + 2, u_2 + v_2 + 1)$ and scalar multiplication by $a \boxtimes (u_1, u_2) := (au_1 + 2a - 2, au_2 + a - 1)$. It can be shown that (V, \boxplus, \boxtimes) is a vector space over the scalar field \mathbb{R} . Find the following:

a. (1 mark) $(3, 3) \boxplus (-9, -6) = (3 + (-9) + 2, 3 + (-6) + 1) = (-4, -2)$

b. (1 mark) $-6 \boxtimes (3, 3) = ((-6)(3) + 2(-6) - 2, (-6)(3) + (-6) - 1) = (-32, -25)$

c. (2 marks) $\underline{0}$ since (V, \boxplus, \boxtimes) is a vector space we have shown in class that

$$\underline{0} = \underline{0} \boxtimes V$$

$$\underline{0} = \underline{0} \boxtimes (x, y) = (0x + 2(0) - 2, 0y + 0 - 1) = (-2, -1)$$

d. (2 marks) the additive inverse of (x, y)

since (V, \boxplus, \boxtimes) is a vector space we have shown in class that $(-1) \boxtimes (x, y)$ is the additive inverse of (x, y)

$$= ((-1)x + 2(-1) - 2, (-1)y + (-1) - 1)$$

$$= (-x - 4, -y - 2)$$

Question 2. (5 marks) In any vector space V , for any $\underline{v} \in V$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ prove that if $a\underline{v} = b\underline{v}$ and $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ then $a = b$. Justify every step!!!

$$a\underline{v} = b\underline{v}$$

$$a\underline{v} + (-1)b\underline{v} = b\underline{v} + (-1)b\underline{v} \quad \text{add the additive inverse of } b\underline{v} \text{ on both sides. Note we have shown that if } V \text{ is a vector space then the additive inverse of } \underline{v} \text{ is } (-1)\underline{v}$$

$$a\underline{v} + (-b)\underline{v} = b\underline{v} + (-b)\underline{v} \quad \text{by axiom 9}$$

$$(a-b)\underline{v} = (b-b)\underline{v} \quad \text{by axiom 8}$$

$$(a-b)\underline{v} = \underline{0}\underline{v}$$

$$(a-b)\underline{v} = \underline{0} \quad \text{by thm 1.1.1}$$

then by thm 1.1.4 $a-b=0$ or $\underline{v}=\underline{0}$ but since $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ then $a-b=0$
 $a=b$.

Question 3. (3 marks) Show that if set of all points in \mathbb{R}^3 lying in a plane is a vector space with respect to the standard operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication then the plane passes through the origin.

Let V be the set where $V = \{(x, y, z) \mid ax + by + cz = d\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

Suppose that the plane does not pass through the origin then $d \neq 0$. Let

$\underline{u} = (x_1, y_1, z_1), \underline{v} = (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in V$ then $\underline{u} + \underline{v} = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2) \notin V$ since

$$a(x_1 + x_2) + b(y_1 + y_2) + c(z_1 + z_2) = ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2$$

$$= d + d \quad \text{since } \underline{u}, \underline{v} \in V$$

$$= 2d \neq d \quad \text{since } d \neq 0 \text{ (axiom 1 fails)}$$

Contradicting the premise that V is a vector space. $\circ \circ d = 0$

Question 4. (2 marks) Determine whether the following is a vector space: $V = \{A \mid A \in M_{2 \times 2} \text{ and } A^T = A\}$ with the following operations:

$$A + B = AB \text{ and } kA = kA$$

That is, vector addition is matrix multiplication and scalar multiplication is the regular scalar multiplication. Justify.

Not a vector space since not closed under addition. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} +_V \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \notin V.$$

¹From WeBWorK.