

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531***. 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 $V = \{(a,b) \mid a,b \in \mathbb{R}, b > 0\}$. And the addition in V is defined by $(a,b) \oplus (c,d) = (ad + bc, bd)$ and scalar multiplication in V is defined by $t \odot (a,b) = (tab^{t-1}, b^t)$

a. (1 mark) $(4,2) \oplus (-5,1) = (4(1) + 2(-5), 2(1)) = (-6, 2)$

b. (1 mark) $-2 \odot (1,2) = (-2(1)(2)^{-2-1}, 2^{-2}) = \left(\frac{-2}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^2}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$

c. (3 marks) Demonstrate whether the 4th axiom of vector spaces holds. That is, does the zero vector exist in V .

Let $\underline{0} = (a,b)$ and $\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2)$

$\therefore \underline{0} = (0,1) \in V$ since $1 > 0$ and $0 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{0} = \underline{v}$$

$$(av_2 + bv_1, bv_2) = (v_1, v_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow av_2 + bv_1 = v_1 \text{ and } bv_2 = v_2$$

$$av_2 + 1v_1 = v_1$$

$$av_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0$$

d. (3 marks) Demonstrate whether the 5th axiom of vector spaces holds. That is, additive inverses in V exist for all vectors in V .

Let $\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2) \in V$ and $\underline{w} = (w_1, w_2)$

$$\underline{v} + \underline{w} = \underline{0}$$

$$(v_1, v_2) + (w_1, w_2) = (0, 1)$$

$$(v_1w_2 + v_2w_1, v_2w_2) = (0, 1)$$

$$w_1 = \frac{-v_1}{v_2^2} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ since } v_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\therefore \underline{w} \in V.$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1w_2 + v_2w_1 = 0 \quad v_2w_2 = 1$$

$$w_2 = \frac{1}{v_2} > 0 \text{ since } v_2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_1 \frac{1}{v_2} + v_2w_1 = 0$$

Question 2. (5 marks) Prove: If $a \neq 1$ and \underline{v} is any vector in a vector space V such that $a\underline{v} = \underline{v}$ then $\underline{v} = \underline{0}$. Show every step, justify every step, and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

Suppose $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$

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

$a\underline{v} + \underline{w} = \underline{v} + \underline{w}$ add the additive inverse of \underline{v} , existence by axiom 5

$$a\underline{v} + \underline{w} = \underline{0} \quad \text{axiom 6}$$

$$a\underline{v} + (-1)\underline{v} = \underline{0} \quad \text{by thm 1.1 seen in class}$$

$$(a-1)\underline{v} = \underline{0} \quad \text{axiom 7}$$

By thm 1.1 $\underline{v} = \underline{0}$ or $a-1 = 0$ but since $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ then $a-1 = 0$
 $a = 1$ ∇ $\therefore \underline{v} = \underline{0}$

Bonus Question. (3 mark) Show that the commutativity axiom can be shown using the other axioms by first calculating $(1+1)(\underline{v} + \underline{w})$ in two different ways.

¹From <http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~jmckinnon/Math225/Week1/Lecture1e.pdf>