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Question 1. (3 marks) Determine whether the set V of all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with addition $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and scalar multiplication $(af)(x) = f(ax)$ is a vector space.

$V = \{f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$, V is not a vector space since axiom ① fails,

that is $(r+s)\underline{u} = r\underline{u} + s\underline{u}$

Let $f(x) = x^2 \in V$ and $r=s=1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (1+1) \cdot v x^2 \\ &= 2 \cdot v x^2 \\ &= (2x)^2 \\ &= 4x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= 1 \cdot v x^2 + 1 \cdot v x^2 \\ &= (1 \cdot x)^2 + (1 \cdot x)^2 \\ &= x^2 + x^2 \\ &= 2x^2 \neq \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. (3 marks) Show that the $\underline{0}$ in any vector space is unique. Show every step, justify every step, and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

Suppose the $\underline{0}$ is not unique. That is $\exists \underline{z}_1$ and \underline{z}_2 where $\underline{z}_1 \neq \underline{z}_2$, $\underline{z}_i \in V$

and $\underline{v} + \underline{z}_i = \underline{v} \quad \forall \underline{v} \in V$

We then have $\underline{v} + \underline{z}_1 = \underline{v} + \underline{z}_2$

by axiom ⑤ $\exists \underline{w} \in W$ s.t. $\underline{w} + \underline{v} = \underline{z}_1$

$$\underline{w} + (\underline{v} + \underline{z}_1) = \underline{w} + (\underline{v} + \underline{z}_2) \quad \text{by axiom ③}$$

$$(\underline{w} + \underline{v}) + \underline{z}_1 = (\underline{w} + \underline{v}) + \underline{z}_2$$

$$\underline{z}_1 + \underline{z}_1 = \underline{z}_1 + \underline{z}_2 \quad \text{by axiom ⑤}$$

$$\underline{z}_1 = \underline{z}_2 \quad \text{by axiom ④}$$

$\therefore \underline{0}$ is unique.

Question 3.¹ 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. (2 marks) If V is a vector space find the zero vector of the vector space.

Since V is a vector space and by then 1.1 we have that

$$\underline{0} = 0 \odot \underline{v} = 0 \odot (a,b) = (0ab^{-1}, b^0) = (0,1)$$

b. (3 marks) Demonstrate whether the 3rd axiom of vector spaces holds. That is, vector addition is associative.

$$\underline{u} + (\underline{v} + \underline{w}) = (\underline{u} + \underline{v}) + \underline{w}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \underline{u} &= (u_1, u_2) \\ \underline{v} &= (v_1, v_2) \in V \\ \underline{w} &= (w_1, w_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \underline{u} \oplus (\underline{v} \oplus \underline{w}) \\ &= (u_1, u_2) \oplus ((v_1, v_2) \oplus (w_1, w_2)) \\ &= (u_1, u_2) \oplus (v_1 w_2 + v_2 w_1, v_2 w_2) \\ &= (u_1 v_2 w_2 + u_2 (v_1 w_2 + v_2 w_1), u_2 v_2 w_2) \\ &= (u_1 v_2 w_2 + u_2 v_1 w_2 + u_2 v_2 w_1, u_2 v_2 w_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= (\underline{u} \oplus \underline{v}) \oplus \underline{w} \\ &= ((u_1, u_2) \oplus (v_1, v_2)) \oplus (w_1, w_2) \\ &= (u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1, u_2 v_2) \oplus (w_1, w_2) \\ &= ((u_1 v_2 + u_2 v_1) w_2 + u_1 u_2 v_2, u_2 v_2 w_2) \\ &= (u_1 v_2 w_2 + u_2 v_1 w_2 + u_1 u_2 v_2, u_2 v_2 w_2) \\ &= \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

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