

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. (3 marks) Determine whether the set $V = \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$ of all 2×2 matrices with the usual addition and scalar multiplication defined as $a \cdot X = aX^T$ is a vector space.

V with the given operations is not a vector space since axiom 10 fails

$$\text{Let } X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in V \quad \text{but} \quad 1 \cdot X = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq X$$

Question 2. (3 marks) Show that $x = v$ is the only solution of the equation $x + x = 2v$ in a vector space V . Show every step, justify every step, and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

$$\begin{aligned} x + x &= 2v \\ 1 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x &= 2v && \text{axiom 10} \\ (1+1) \cdot x &= 2v && \text{axiom 7} \\ 2 \cdot x &= 2v \\ \frac{1}{2}(2 \cdot x) &= \frac{1}{2}(2v) \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot x &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot v && \text{axiom 9} \\ 1 \cdot x &= 1 \cdot v \\ x &= v && \text{axiom 10} \end{aligned}$$

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 and $v \in V$ find the additive inverse of v .

Since V is a vector space and by thm 1.1 the additive inverse of $u = (a, b) \in V$ is $(-1) \odot (a, b) = (-ab^{-2}, b^{-1})$.

b. (3 marks) Demonstrate whether the 7th axiom of vector spaces holds. That is, addition of scalars distributes over scalar multiplication, $(r+s) \odot v = r \odot v \oplus s \odot v$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (r+s) \odot (a, b) \\ &= ((r+s)ab^{r+s-1}, b^{r+s}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= r \odot (a, b) \oplus s \odot (a, b) \\ &= (rab^{r-1}, b^r) \oplus (sab^{s-1}, b^s) \\ &= (rab^{r-1}b^s + sab^{s-1}b^r, b^r b^s) \\ &= (rab^{s+r-1} + sab^{s+r-1}, b^{r+s}) \\ &= ((r+s)ab^{s+r-1}, b^{r+s}) \\ &= \text{LHS.} \end{aligned}$$

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

Bonus Question.

definition:² A *group* G is a set of elements satisfying the four conditions below, relative to some binary operation.

1. $\exists e \in G$ such that $\forall g \in G : e \cdot g = g \cdot e = g$. (Identity.)
2. $\forall x, y, z \in G : (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$. (Associativity.)
3. $\forall x \in G, \exists y \in G$ such that $x \cdot y = y \cdot x = e$. (Inverse.)
4. $\forall x, y \in G : x \cdot y \in G$. (Closure.)

where e is called the *identity*.

- a. (2 marks) Show that the identity is unique.
- b. (2 marks) Is a vector space a group?

²https://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmiller/public_html/mathlab/public_html/handouts/GroupTheoryIntro.tex