

\forall_3 > Again for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, we have -

$$\begin{aligned} \{(\alpha + \beta)f\}(x) &= (\alpha + \beta)f(x) \\ &= (\alpha f(x) + \beta f(x)) \\ &= (\alpha f)x + (\beta f)(x) \\ &= (\alpha f + \beta f)(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta)f = \alpha f + \beta f, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall f \in \mathcal{X}.$$

\forall_4 > Also we have -

$$\begin{aligned} ((\alpha\beta)f)(x) &= (\alpha\beta)f(x) \\ &= \alpha(\beta f(x)) \\ &= \alpha((\beta f)(x)) \\ &= (\alpha(\beta f))(x) \quad [(\alpha f)x \Leftrightarrow \alpha(f(x))] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha\beta)f = \alpha(\beta f), \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall f \in \mathcal{X}.$$

\forall_5 > we have -

$$\begin{aligned} (1 \cdot f)(x) &= 1 f(x) \\ &= f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 1f = f, \forall f \in \mathcal{X}$$

where 1 is the multiplicative identity of the field \mathbb{R} .

Hence $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space. //

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Q. Let M be the set of all $m \times n$ matrices with elements in a field F . Prove that M is a vector space over F under usual matrix addition and multiplication of a matrix by an element of the field.

Sol.ⁿ Given that, M is the set of all $m \times n$ matrices with elements of the field F . We now show that $M(F)$ is a vector space.

V_1 > (i) We know that sum of two $m \times n$ matrices is again a $m \times n$ matrix.

$$\therefore A+B \in M, \forall A, B \in M$$

(ii) Again we know that matrix addition satisfies associative property.

$$\therefore A+(B+C) = (A+B)+C, \forall A, B, C \in M.$$

(iii) Clearly a zero matrix of size $m \times n$ is the additive identity of M .

(iv) We know that every matrix has its additive inverse. Thus every element of M has its additive inverse.

(v) Also we know that matrix addition satisfies commutative law.

$$\therefore A+B = B+A, \forall A, B \in M.$$

Hence, M is an additive abelian group.

Moreover, for any $\alpha, \beta \in F$ & $A, B \in M$, we have -

$$V_2 > \alpha(A+B) = \alpha A + \alpha B$$

$$V_3 > (\alpha+\beta)A = \alpha A + \beta A$$

$$V_4 > (\alpha\beta)A = \alpha(\beta A)$$

$$V_5 > 1A = A$$

Hence, $M(F)$ is a vector space. \therefore

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Q. Let F be a field and $F[x]$ be the collection of all polynomials over F . Prove that $F[x]$ is a vector space.

Solⁿ Let, $F[x] = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ \& \ } a_i \in F\}$

we now show that $F[x]$ is a vector space over F .

Let us define vector addition & scalar multiplication as -

(i) Vector addition :-

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) + Q(x) &= (a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n) + (b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_mx^m) \\ &= (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n \text{ if } n=m \\ &= (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n + a_{n+1}x^{n+1} + \dots + a_r x^r \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{if } n > m \\ &= (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n + b_{m+1}x^{m+1} + \dots + b_s x^s \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{if } m > n \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Scalar multiplication :-

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha P(x) &= \alpha(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n) \\ &= (\alpha a_0) + (\alpha a_1)x + (\alpha a_2)x^2 + \dots + (\alpha a_n)x^n \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha \in F$ & $P(x) \in F[x]$

\forall (i) From the definition it is clear that,

$$P(x) + Q(x) \in F[x], \forall P(x), Q(x) \in F[x]$$

(ii) again we have,

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) + \{Q(x) + R(x)\} &= (a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) + \{(b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_mx^m) \\ &\quad + (c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_px^p)\} \\ &= (a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) + \\ &\quad \{(b_0 + c_0) + (b_1 + c_1)x + \dots + (b_m + c_p)x^m\} \text{ if } m=p \\ &= \{a_0 + (b_0 + c_0)\} + \{a_1 + (b_1 + c_1)\}x + \dots \\ &\quad + \{a_n + (b_m + c_p)\}x^n \text{ if } m=n=p \\ &= \{(a_0 + b_0) + c_0\} + \{(a_1 + b_1) + c_1\}x + \dots + \{(a_n + b_m) + c_p\}x^n \\ &= \{(a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_m)x^n\} + \\ &\quad (c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_px^p) \end{aligned}$$

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