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Unit - II  
Linear Vector Space

Vector space - Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $\mathbb{R}^n$  consists of all  $n$ -element sequences  $u = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  of real numbers called the components of  $u$ . The term vector is used for the elements of  $V$  and we denote them using the letters  $u, v$  and  $w$ , with or without a subscript. The real numbers we call scalars and we denote them using letters other than  $u, v$  or  $w$ .

Here two operations on  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ .

① Vector Addition - Given vectors  $u = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $v = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  in  $V$ , we define the vector sum  $u+v$  by

$$u+v = (a_1+b_1, a_2+b_2, \dots, a_n+b_n)$$

for this, we add corresponding components of the vectors.

② Scalar Multiplication -

Given a vector  $u = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and a scalar  $k$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define the scalar product  $ku$  by

$$ku = (ka_1, ka_2, \dots, ka_n)$$

That is, we multiply each component of  $u$  by the scalar  $k$ .

Subspaces - If  $V$  is a vector space over a field  $F$  and  $U$  is a subset of  $V$ . An operation on  $U$  is a function  $U \times U \rightarrow U$  it does so if and only if adding two elements of  $U$  always gives another element of  $U$ .

A subset  $U$  of a vector space  $V$  is said to be closed under addition and scalar multiplication if,

(i)  $u_1 + u_2 \in U$  for all  $u_1, u_2 \in U$

(ii)  $\lambda u \in U$  for all  $u \in U$  and all scalars  $\lambda$

A subset  $U$  of a vector space  $V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if  $U$  is itself a vector space relative to addition and scalar multiplication inherited from  $V$ .

Theorem-①. If  $V$  is a vector space and  $U$  a subset of  $V$  which is nonempty and closed under addition and scalar multiplication, then  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Proof  $\rightarrow$  let  $x, y, z \in U$ .

then  $x, y, z \in V$

for  $V$  it follows that

$$(x+y) + z = x + (y+z)$$

and this also holds in  $U$ .

let  $x, y \in U$ . Then  $x, y \in V$ .

$$\text{So } x+y = y+x$$

Now we would prove that  $U$  has a zero element.

Since  $V$  is a vector space we know that  $V$  has a zero element, which

we will denote by '0'.

Since  $U$  is nonempty there certainly exists at least one element in  $U$ . Let  $x$  be such an element.

By closure under scalar multiplication we have  $0x \in U$ .

$0x = \underline{0}$  (since  $x$  is an element of  $U$ ).

So it is necessarily true that  $\underline{0} \in U$ . It is trivial that  $\underline{0}$  is also a zero element for  $U$ , if  $y \in U$  is arbitrary, then  $y \in U$ , it gives  $\underline{0} + y = y$ .

$x \in U$  has a negative in  $U$ .

Since  $U$  guarantees that  $x$  has a negative in  $U$  and since the zero of  $U$  is the same as the zero of  $V$ .

It suffices that  $-x \in U$  but  $x \in U$  it gives  $(-1)x \in U$  which is closure under scalar multiplication.

$$-x = (-1)x$$