

ABSTRACT ALGEBRA-II

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Vector Space

Definition:

A non empty set V is said to be a vector space over a field F if

- 1) V is an abelian group under an operation called addition which we defined by $+$.
- 2) For every $\alpha \in F$ and $v \in V$, there is defined an element αv in V subject to the following conditions.
 - a) $\alpha(u+v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$ for all $u, v \in V$ and $\alpha \in F$.
 - b) $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$ for all $u \in V$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.
 - c) $\alpha(\beta u) = (\alpha\beta)u$ for all $u \in V$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.
 - d) $1u = u$ for all $u \in V$.

Remarks:

1. The elements of F are called scalars and the elements of V are called vectors.
2. The rule which associates with each scalar $\alpha \in F$ and a vector $v \in V$, a vector αv is called the scalar multiplication. Thus a scalar multiplication gives rise to a function from $F \times V \rightarrow V$ defined by $(\alpha, v) \rightarrow \alpha v$.

Examples:

- 1) Let F be any field

$$\text{Let } F^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) / x_i \in F\}$$

In F^n we define addition and scalar multiplication as in example.

Then F^n is a vector space over F and denote this vector space by $V_n(F)$.

- 2) Let F be a field. Then $F[x]$ the set of all polynomials over F is a vector space over F under the addition of polynomials and scalar multiplication defined by

$$\alpha(a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n) = \alpha a_0 + \alpha a_1x + \dots + \alpha a_nx^n$$

- 3) Let V be the set of all functions from R to R

Let $f, g \in V$ we define $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ and

$$(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha[f(x)]$$

V is a vector space over R .

Theorem:5.1

Let V be a vector space over a field F . Then

1. $\alpha 0 = 0$ for all $\alpha \in F$.
2. $0v = 0$ for all $v \in V$
3. $(-\alpha)V = \alpha(-V) = -(\alpha V)$ for all $\alpha \in F$ and $v \in V$.
4. $\alpha v = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 0$ or $v = 0$

Proof:

$$1) \alpha 0 = \alpha(0+0) = \alpha 0 + \alpha 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \alpha 0 = 0$$

$$2) 0v = (0+0)v = 0v + 0v$$

$$\text{Hence } 0v = 0$$

$$3) 0 = [\alpha + (-\alpha)]v$$

$$=av+(-a)v$$

$$\text{Hence } (-a)v=-(av)$$

$$\text{Similarly } a(-v)=-(av)$$

$$\text{Hence } (-a)v=a(-v)=-(av)$$

4) Let $uv=0$ if $a=0$ there is nothing to prove.

Let $a \neq 0$ Then $a^{-1} \in F$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } v=1v &= (a^{-1}a)v = a^{-1}(av) \\ &= a^{-1}0=0. \end{aligned}$$

Subspaces

Definition:

Let V be a vector space over a field F . A nonempty subset W of V is called a subspace of V if W itself is a vector space over F under the operation of V .

Theorem:5.2

Let V be a vector space over F . A nonempty subset W of V is a subspace of V iff W is closed with respect to vector addition and scalar multiplication in V .

Soln:

Let W be a subspace of V .

W itself is a vector space and W is closed with respect to vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Conversely, let W be a non-empty subset of V such that $u, v \in W$

$$\Rightarrow u + v \in W$$

Scalar multiplication

$$u \in W \text{ and } \alpha \in F \Rightarrow \alpha u \in W.$$

We prove that W is a subspace of V .

W is nonempty there exists an element $u \in W$

Identity :

$$0u = 0 \in W$$

Inverse:

$$v \in W \Rightarrow (-1)v$$

$$\Rightarrow -v \in W$$

Thus W contains 0 and the additive inverse of each of its elements

$\therefore (W, +)$ is an abelian group.

Hence W is an additive subgroup of V .

Also $u \in W$ and $\alpha \in F$

$\Rightarrow \alpha u \in W$.

Since the elements of W are the elements of V the other axioms of a vector space are true in W .

Hence W is a subspace of V

Theorem: 5.3

Let V be a vector space over a field F . Non empty subset W of V is a subspace of V iff $u, v \in W$.

And $\alpha, \beta \in F \rightarrow \alpha u + \beta v \in W$.

Proof:

Let W be a subspace of V . Let $u, v \in W$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$

Then by theorem 5.2 $\beta v \in W$ and hence $\alpha u + \beta v \in W$

Conversely let $u, v \in W$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$

$\Rightarrow \alpha u + \beta v \in W$.

Taking $\alpha = \beta = 1$ we get $u, v \in W$.

$$\Rightarrow u + v \in W$$

Taking $\beta = 0$ we get $\alpha \in F$ and $u \in W \Rightarrow \alpha u \in W$.

$\therefore W$ is a subspace of V

Example 1:

$\{0\}$ and V are subspaces of any vector space V . They are called the trivial subspaces of V .

Example2:

$W = \{ (a, 0, 0) / a \in \mathbb{R} \}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 , for let $u = (a, 0, 0)$,
 $v = (b, 0, 0) \in W$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

Soln:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \alpha u + \beta v &= \alpha (a, 0, 0) + \beta (b, 0, 0) \\ &= (\alpha a, 0, 0) + (\beta b, 0, 0) \\ &= (\alpha a, \beta b, 0, 0) \in W \end{aligned}$$

Hence W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Note :

Geometrically W Consists of all points on the x -axis in the Euclidean 3 space

Example : 3

In $\mathbb{R}^3 W = \{ (k_a, k_b, k_c) / k \in \mathbb{R} \}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Soln :

For if $u = (k_{1a}, k_{1b}, k_{1c})$ $v = (k_{2a}, k_{2b}, k_{2c}) \in W$

$u, v \in W$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then, } \alpha u + \beta v &= \alpha (k_{1a}, k_{1b}, k_{1c}) + \beta (k_{2a}, k_{2b}, k_{2c}) \\ &= (\alpha k_{1a}, \alpha k_{1b}, \alpha k_{1c}) + (\beta k_{2a}, \beta k_{2b}, \beta k_{2c}) \\ &= (\alpha k_1 + \beta k_2) a, (\alpha k_1 + \beta k_2) b + (\alpha k_1 + \beta k_2) c \end{aligned}$$

Hence W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Unit – 1

Subspaces

Problem – 1

Prove that the intersection of two subspaces of a vector space is a subspace.

Solution.

Let A and B be two subspace of a vector space V over a field F .

We claim that $A \cap B$ is a subspace of V .

Clearly $0 \in A \cap B$ and hence $A \cap B$ is non – empty.

Now ,let $u, v \in A \cap B$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.

Then $u, v \in A$ and $u, v \in B$.

$\alpha u + \beta v \in A$ and $\alpha u + \beta v \in B$.

(Since A and B are subspaces)

$\therefore \alpha u + \beta v \in A \cap B$.

Hence $A \cap B$ is a subspace of V .

Problem. 2

Prove that the union of two subspaces of a vector space need not be a subspace.

Solution.

Let $A = \{ (a, 0, 0) / a \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$B = \{ (0, b, 0) / b \in \mathbb{R} \}$

Clearly A and B are subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 (example 2 of 5.2)

However $A \cup B$ is a not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

For $(1,0,0)$ and $(0,1,0) \in A \cup B$.

But $(1,0,0) + (0,1,0) = (1,1,0) \notin A \cup B$.

Problem – 3.

Prove that the union of two subspaces of a vector space is a subspace iff one is contained in the other.

Solution.

Refer theorem

Let H and K be two subgroups of G such that one is contained in the other. Hence either $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$.

$\therefore H \cup K = K$ or $H \cup K = H$. Hence $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G .

Conversely, Suppose $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G . We claim that $H \subseteq K$ or $K \subseteq H$.

Suppose that H is not contained in K and K is not contained in H . Then there exist elements a, b such that

$$a \in H \text{ and } a \notin K \dots \dots (1)$$

$$b \in K \text{ and } b \notin H \dots \dots (2)$$

clearly $a, b \in H \cup K$. Since $H \cup K$ is a subgroup of G , $ab \in H \cup K$. Hence $ab \in H$ or $ab \in K$.

case (1) Let $ab \in H$. Since $a \in K$, $a^{-1} \in H$.

Hence $a^{-1}(ab) = b \in H$ which is a contradiction to (2).

Case(2)

Let $ab \in K$. Since $b \in K$, $b^{-1} \in K$.

Hence $(ab)b^{-1} = a \in K$ Which is a contradiction to (1).

Hence Our assumption that H is not contained in K and K is not contained in H is false.

$$H \subseteq K \text{ or } K \subseteq H.$$

Problem:

If A and B are subspaces of V prove that $A+B = \{v \in V \mid v = a+b, a \in A, b \in B\}$ is a subspace of V . Further show that $A+B$ is the smallest subspace containing A and B . (i.e) If W is any subspace of V containing A and B then W contains $A+B$.

Soln:

Let $v_1, v_2 \in A+B$ and $\alpha \in F$.

Then $v_1 = a_1 + b_1$, $v_2 = a_2 + b_2$ where $a_1, a_2 \in A$ and $b_1, b_2 \in B$.

Now, $v_1 + v_2 = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2)$

$$= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2) \in A+B.$$

Also, $\alpha(a_1 + b_1) = \alpha a_1 + \alpha b_1 \in A+B$

Hence $A+B$ is a subspace of V . Clearly $A \subseteq A+B$ and $B \subseteq A+B$.

Now, let W be any subspace of V containing A and B .

To Prove: $A+B \subseteq W$.

Let $v \in A+B$. Then $v = a+b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

$$a+b = v \in W.$$

$A+B \subseteq W$ so that $A+B$ is the smallest subspace of V containing A and B .

Problem: 5

Let A and B be subspaces of a vector space V . Then $A \cap B = \{0\}$ iff every vector $v \in A+B$ can be uniquely expressed in the form $v = a+b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

Soln:

Let $A \cap B = \{0\}$. Let $v \in A + B$.

Let $v = a_1 + b_1 = a_2 + b_2$ where $a_1, a_2 \in A$ and $b_1, b_2 \in B$.

Then $a_1 - a_2 = b_1 - b_2$.

But $a_1 - a_2 \in A$ and $b_1 - b_2 \in B$.

Hence $a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2 \in A \cap B$.

Since $A \cap B = \{0\}$, $a_1 - a_2 = 0$ and $b_1 - b_2 = 0$ so that $a_1 = a_2$ and $b_1 = b_2$. Hence the expression of v in the form $a + b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ is unique.

form $a + b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

We claim that $A \cap B = \{0\}$.

If $A \cap B \neq \{0\}$, let $v \in A \cap B$ and $v \neq 0$.

Then $0 = v - v = 0 + 0$. Thus 0 has expressed in the form $a + b$ in two different ways which is a contradiction. Hence $A \cap B = \{0\}$.

DEFINITION:

Let A and B be subspaces of a vector space V . Then V is called the **direct sum** of A and B if (i) $A + B = V$ (ii) $A \cap B = \{0\}$.

If V is the direct sum of A and B we write $V = A$ direct sum of B .

Note:

$V = A$ direct sum of B iff every element of V can be uniquely expressed in the form $a + b$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

EXAMPLE: 1

In $V_3(\mathbb{R})$ Let $A = \{(a, b, 0) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ $B = \{(0, 0, c) \mid c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Clearly A and B are subspace of V and $A \cap B = \{0\}$.

$$V = \{(a, b, c) \in V_3(\mathbb{R})\}$$

Then $V = (a, b, 0) + (0, 0, c)$

So that $A + B = V_3(\mathbb{R})$

Hence $V_3(\mathbb{R}) = A$ direct sum of B.

EXAMPLE: 2

In $M_2(\mathbb{R})$, let A be the set of all matrices of the form $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$\text{Let } u = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha u + \beta v = \alpha \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \beta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha a & \alpha b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \beta c & \beta d \end{pmatrix} \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \alpha a & \alpha b \\ \beta c & \beta d \end{pmatrix}$$

Clearly A and B are subspace of $M_2(\mathbb{R})$.

$$A + B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \right\} = M_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$A \cap B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Hence $M_2(\mathbb{R}) = A$ direct sum of B.

Theorem 5.4. Let V be a vector space over F and W Subspace of V . Let $V/W = \{W+v/v \in V\}$. Then V/W is a vector space over F under the following operations.

- 1) $(W+v_1) + (W+v_2) = W+v_1+v_2$.
- 2) $a(W+v_1) = W+av_1$

Proof.

Since W is a subspace of V it is a subgroup of $(V, +)$.

Since $(V, +)$ is abelian, W is a normal subgroup of $V, +)$ so that (i) is a well defined operation.

Now we shall prove that (ii) is a well defined operation.

$$W+v_1 = W+v_2$$

$$v_1 - v_2 \in W \text{ (since } W \text{ is a subspace)}$$

$$a(v_1 - v_2) \in W$$

$$av_1 \in W + av_2$$

$$W + av_1 = W + av_2$$

Hence (2) is well defined operation

Now, let

W is a group under $+$.

Further $(W + v_1) + (W + v_2) = W + v_1 + v_2 = W + v_2 + v_1$

$$(W + v_2) + (W + v_2)$$

Hence V/W is an abelian group.

Now, let $\alpha, \beta \in F$

$$\alpha(W + v_1) + (W + v_2) = \alpha(W + v_1 + v_2)$$

$$= W + \alpha(v_1 + v_2)$$

$$= W + \alpha v_1 + \alpha v_2$$

$$= (W + \alpha v_1) + (W + \alpha v_2)$$

$$= \alpha(W + v_1) + \alpha(W + v_2)$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)(W + v_1) = W + (\alpha + \beta)v_1$$

$$= W + \alpha v_1 + \beta v_1$$

$$= (W + \alpha v_1) + (W + \beta v_1)$$

$$= \alpha(W + v_1) + \beta(W + v_1)$$

$$\alpha[\beta(W + v_1)] = \alpha(W + \beta v_1)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)(W + v_1)$$

$$1[W + v_1] = W + 1v_1$$

$$= W + v_1$$

Hence V/W is a vector space .

The vector space V/W is called the quotient space of V and W



LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

Definition:

Let V and W be vector spaces over a field F . A mapping $T : V \rightarrow W$ is called a homomorphism if

- (a) $T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v)$ and
- (b) $T(\alpha u) = \alpha T(u)$ where $\alpha \in F$ and $u, v \in V$.

A homomorphism T of vector spaces is also called a linear transformation.

- (I) If T is 1-1 then T is called monomorphism.
- (II) If T is onto then T is called an epimorphism.
- (III) If T is 1-1 and onto T is called isomorphism.
- (IV) Two vector spaces V and W are said to be isomorphic if there exists an isomorphism $T : V \rightarrow W$ and we write V isomorphism to W .
- (V) A linear transformation $T : V \rightarrow F$ is called a linear functional.

Examples:

1. Let V be a vector space over a field F and W a subspace of V . Then $T : V \rightarrow V/W$ defined by $T(v) = W + v$ is a linear transformation, for,
$$\begin{aligned} T(v_1 + v_2) &= W + (v_1 + v_2) \\ &= (W + v_1) + (W + v_2) \\ &= T(v_1) + T(v_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } T(\alpha v_1) &= W + \alpha v_1 \\ &= \alpha(W + v_1) \\ &= \alpha T(v_1). \end{aligned}$$

This is called the natural homomorphism from V to V/W . Clearly T is onto and hence T is an epimorphism.

2. $T : V_3(R) \rightarrow V_3(R)$ defined by $T(a, b, c) = (a, 0, 0)$ is a linear transformation.
3. $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ defined by $T(a, b) = (2a - 3b, a + 4b)$ is a linear transformation.

Let $u = (a, b)$ and $v = (c, d)$ and $\alpha \in R$.

Therefore, $T(u + v) = T((a, b) + (c, d))$

$$\begin{aligned}
&=T(a+c, b+d) \\
&=(2(a+c)-3(b+d), (a+c)+4(b+d)) \\
&=(2a+2c-3b-3d, a+c+4b+4d) \\
&=(2a-3b+2c-3d, a+4b+c+4d) \\
&=(2a-3b, a+4b)+(2c-3d, c+4d) \\
&=T(a, b)+T(c, d) \\
&=T(u)+T(v).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Also, } T(\alpha u) &=T(\alpha(a, b)) \\
&=T(\alpha a, \alpha b) \\
&=(2\alpha a-3\alpha b, \alpha a+4\alpha b) \\
&=\alpha(2a-3b, a+4b) \\
&=\alpha T(a, b) \\
&=\alpha T(u).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence T is a linear transformation.

Theorem: 5.5

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Then $T(V) = \{T(v) / v \in V\}$ is a Subspace of W .

Proof:

Let w_1 and $w_2 \in T(V)$ and $\alpha \in F$. Then there exists $v_1, v_2 \in V$ such that $T(v_1) = w_1$ and $T(v_2) = w_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } w_1 + w_2 &= T(v_1) + T(v_2) \\ &= T(v_1) + T(v_2) \in T(V) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $\alpha w_1 = \alpha T(v_1) = T(\alpha v_1) \in T(V)$

Hence $T(V)$ is a subspace of W .

Definition:

Let V and W be a vector spaces over a field F and $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear Transformation. Then the kernel of T is defined to be $\{v / v \in V \text{ and } T(v)=0\}$ and is denoted by $\ker T$.

Thus $\ker T = \{v / v \in V \text{ and } T(v) = 0\}$

For example, in example 1, $\ker T = V$.

In example 2, $\ker T = \{0\}$

In example 5, $\ker T$ is the set of all constant polynomials.

Note:

Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation. Then T is a homomorphism iff $\ker T = \{0\}$

Theorem 5.6 : (Fundamental theorem of homomorphism)

Let V and W be vector spaces over a field F and $T : V \rightarrow W$ be an epimorphism.

Then (i) $\ker T = V_1$ is a subspace of V and

(ii) $\frac{V}{V_1} \cong W$

Proof:

(i) Given $V_1 = \ker T$

$$= \{v \in V \text{ and } T(v) = 0\}$$

Clearly $T(0) = 0$. Hence $0 \in \ker T = V_1$

$\therefore V_1$ is nonempty subset of V .

Let $u, v \in \ker T$ and $\alpha, \beta \in F$

$$\therefore T(u) = 0 \text{ and } T(v) = 0$$

$$\text{Now } T(\alpha u + \beta v) = T(\alpha u) + T(\beta v)$$

$$= \alpha T(u) + \beta T(v)$$

$$= \alpha 0 + \beta 0$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha u + \beta v \in \ker T$$

$\ker T$ is a subspace of V .

(ii) We define a map $\varphi: \frac{V}{V_1} \rightarrow W$ by $\varphi(V_1 + v) = T(v)$

φ is well defined.

$$\text{Let } V_1 + v = V_1 + w$$

$$v \in V_1 + w$$

$$v = v_1 + w \text{ where } v_1 \in V_1$$

$$T(v) = T(v_1 + w) = T(v_1) + T(w)$$

$$0 + T(w) = T(w)$$

$$\phi(V_1 + v) = \phi(V_1 + w)$$

ϕ is 1-1

$$\phi(V_1 + v) = \phi(V_1 + w)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(v) = T(w)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(v) - T(w) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T(v) + T(-w) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T(v - w) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v - w \in \ker T = V_1$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in V_1 + w$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 + v = V_1 + w$$

ϕ is onto

Let $w \in W$.

Since T is onto there exists $v \in V$ such that $T(v) = w$.

$$\therefore \phi(V_1 + v) = w$$

ϕ is a homomorphism.

$$\phi[(V_1 + v) + (V_1 + w)] = \phi(V_1 + (v + w))$$

$$= T(v + w)$$

$$= T(v) + T(w)$$

$$= \phi(V_1 + v) + \phi(V_1 + w)$$

THEOREM 5.7

Let V be a vector space over a field F . Let A and B be subspaces of V .

Then $A+B/A \cong B/A \cap B$

Proof :

We know that $A+B$ is a subspace of V containing A .

Hence $A+B/A$ is also a vector space over F .

An element of $A+B/A$ is of the form $A+(a+b)$ where $a \in A$ and $b \in B$.

But $A+a = A$.

Hence an element of $A+B/B$ is of the form $A+b$.

Now, consider $f: B \rightarrow A+B/A$ defined by

$$f(b) = A+b.$$

Clearly f is onto.

$$\text{Also } f(b_1+b_2) = A+(b_1+b_2)$$

$$= (A+b_1) + (A+b_2)$$

$$= f(b_1) + f(b_2)$$

$$\text{And } f(\alpha b_1) = A+\alpha b_1$$

$$= \alpha(A+b_1)$$

$$= \alpha f(b_1)$$

Hence f is a linear transformation.

Let K be the kernel of f .

$$\text{Then } K = \{b/b \in B, A+b, A+b = A\}.$$

Now , $A+b = A$ iff $b \in A$.

Hence $K = A \cap B$.

$B/A \cap B \cong A+B/A$.

THEOREM 5.8

Let V and W be vector spaces over a field F .let $L(V,W)$ represent the set of all linear transformation from V to W . Then $L(V,W)$ itself is a vector space over F under addition and scalar multiplication

Defined by $(f+g)(v) = f(v) + g(v)$ and $(\alpha f)(v) = \alpha f(v)$.

Proof:

Let $f, g \in L(V,W)$ and $v_1, v_2 \in V$

Then $(f+g)(v_1 + v_2) = f(v_1+v_2) + g(v_1+v_2)$

$= f(v_1) + f(v_2) + g(v_1) + g(v_2)$

$= f(v_1) + g(v_1) + f(v_2) + g(v_2)$

$= (f+g)(v_1) + (f+g)(v_2)$

Also $(f+g)(\alpha v) = f(\alpha v) + g(\alpha v)$

$= \alpha f(v) + \alpha g(v)$

$= \alpha[f(v) + g(v)]$

$= \alpha(f+g)(v)$.

Hence $(f+g) \in L(V,W)$

Now, $(\alpha f)(v_1+v_2) = (\alpha f)(v_1) + (\alpha f)(v_2)$

$= \alpha[f(v_1) + f(v_2)]$

$= \alpha f(v_1+v_2)$

Also $(\alpha f)(\beta v) = \alpha[f(\beta v)] = \alpha[\beta f(v)]$

Hence $\alpha f \in L(V,W)$

ABSTRACT ALGEBRA II
ASSIGNMENT

Addition defined on $L(V,W)$ is obviously commutative and associative .

The function $f : V \rightarrow W$ defined by $f(v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$ is clearly a linear transformation and is the additive identity of $L(V,W)$.

Further $(-f) : V \rightarrow W$ defined by

$(-f)(v) = -f(v)$ is the additive inverse of f .

Thus $L(V,W)$ is an abelian group under addition.

The remaining axioms for a vector space can be easily verified,

Hence $L(V,W)$ is a vector space over F .

