

## Algebra tutorial series 1

**Reminder**

Recall that  $(E, +, \cdot)$  is a  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space if

1.  $(E, +)$  is an abelian group,
2. (a)  $\forall x, y \in E, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \cdot (x + y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y,$   
 (b)  $\forall x \in E, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot x,$   
 (c)  $\forall x \in E, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot x) = (\alpha\beta) \cdot x,$   
 (d)  $1 \cdot x = x.$

**Exercise 1** Show that the sets below are vector spaces (on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) :

—  $E_1 = \mathbb{R}^2$  with addition " + " and multiplication "  $\cdot$  " by a real number, defined by :

$$\forall (x, y), (x', y') \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, (x, y) + (x', y') = (x + x', y + y'), \quad \alpha \cdot (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

- $E_2 = \{P \in \mathbb{R}_2[X] / \deg P \leq 2\}$  the set of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 2, with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ , with addition  $P + Q$  of polynomials and multiplication by a real number  $\lambda \cdot P$ .  
 $\forall P, Q \in E, P = aX^2 + bX + c, Q = a'X^2 + b'X + c', P + Q = (a + a')X^2 + (b + b')X + (c + c').$   
 and  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \quad \alpha \cdot P = (\alpha \cdot a)X^2 + (\alpha \cdot b)X + (\alpha \cdot c).$
- $E_3 = \{(u_n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  : the set of real sequences with the addition of the sequences defined by  $(u_n) + (v_n) = (u_n + v_n)$  and the multiplication by a real number  $\lambda \cdot (u_n) = (\lambda \times u_n)$
- $E_4 = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$  : the set of real-valued functions defined on the interval  $[0, 1]$ , with addition of the functions  $f + g$  and multiplication by a real number  $\lambda \cdot f$ .

**Exercise 2** Study in which cases  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a vector space on  $\mathbb{R}$  for the laws noted respectively  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  :

1.  $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x + y, s + t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

2.  $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x + s, y + t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, 0).$$

3.  $\forall (x, y), (s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y) \oplus (s, t) = (x.s, y.t); \quad \alpha \otimes (x, y) = (\alpha x, \alpha y).$$

**Exercise 3** In each of the following cases, say whether  $E_i$  is a subspace of  $E$ .

1.  $E = \mathbb{R}^2,$

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x + y = 1\}, & E_2 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / 2x + 3y = 0\}, \\ E_3 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / xy \leq 0\}, & E_4 &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x \leq y\} \\ E_5 &= \{(2x, 3x) / x \in \mathbb{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

2.  $E = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}),$

$$E_1 = \{f \in E / f(1) = f(0)\}, \quad E_2 = \{f \in E / f(1) - 2f(0) = 0\},$$

3.  $E = \mathbb{R}_2[X] = \{P = aX^2 + bX + c / a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$E_1 = \{P \in E / P'(0) = 2\}, \quad E_2 = \{P \in E / P'(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

## 2. Vector families

**Exercise 4** Specify whether the following vectors  $\{e_1, \dots\}$  form a free or generating family.

Express, if possible, the vector  $a$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  of  $E$ , in each of the following cases

1.  $E = \mathbb{R}, e_1 = 3$ .
2.  $E = \mathbb{R}^2, e_1 = (1, 1), e_2 = (-1, 2), e_3 = (1, 0), a = (2, 4)$ .
3.  $E = \mathbb{R}^2, e_1 = (1, 1), e_2 = (-1, -1), e_3 = (2, 2), a = (1, 0)$ .
4.  $E = \mathbb{R}^3, e_1 = (1, 1, 0), e_2 = (1, 0, 1), e_3 = (0, 1, 1), a = (1, 1, 1)$ .
5.  $E = \mathbb{R}_2[X], e_1 = 1 + 3X, e_2 = X^2 - X, e_3 = X^2 + 1, a = X^2 + X + 1, a = X^3$ .
6.  $E = \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), e_1 : x \mapsto x, e_2 : x \mapsto \cos x, e_3 : x \mapsto \sin x, a : x \mapsto \cos^2 x$ .

**Exercise 5** In the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we consider the two families of vectors :

$A = \{v_1(2, 0, -1), v_2(3, 2, -4)\}$ , and  $B = \{w_1(1, 2, -3), w_2(0, 4, -5)\}$ .

— Show that  $\text{span}(A) = \text{span}(B)$

**Exercise 6** In the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , we consider the vectors

$$v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1), v_2 = (0, 1, 2, 1), v_3 = (1, 0, -2, 3) \text{ et } v_4 = (1, 1, 2, -2).$$

1. Determine the rank of the family  $A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Is the set  $A$  free ?
2. Determine real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  so that the vector  $u = (1, 1, \alpha, \beta) \in \text{span}(A)$ .