

*Project report on some basic topics of  
mathematics*

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### **Abstract**

This is an project report about some basic concepts in mathematics including curve tracing, vector spaces, analysis which I studied under Dr. Shameek Paul of Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences(UM-DAE CBS), Mumbai as a guide during the period of time from 20 June 2014 to 20 July 2014. I would like to thank Dr. Shameek Paul by giving his valuable time to guide me.

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# Chapter 1

## Curve tracing

### 1.1 Some Basics

For  $f : I \rightarrow R$  if  $f'(c) > 0$  and  $f'$  is continuous at  $c$  for some  $c \in I$ , then  $f$  is increasing in some open interval containing  $c$  (not necessarily in  $I$ ). If  $f'(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  is decreasing in some open interval containing  $c$ . Not necessarily in  $I$  can be clear by the given example below.

Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$

$$f(x) = x^2 - \frac{x}{2}, f'(x) = 2x - \frac{1}{2}, c = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } f'(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

For  $f'(x) > 0$  we get an interval  $(\frac{1}{4}, 1)$  which is not equal to  $I$

It is important to note that we are writing  $f'(x) > 0$  i.e. function is increasing in  $(\frac{1}{4}, 1)$  not in  $[\frac{1}{4}, 1]$ . this is because our function is defined over  $[0, 1]$ . we do not know the behaviour of the function for some  $x > 1$  it may so happen that  $f(1) < f(x)$  for some open interval  $(1, 1 + \epsilon)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  which will suggest  $f$  is not increasing at  $x = 1$ .

Definition 1:

Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  be differentiable and  $c \in (a, b)$ . Let  $l(x) = f'(c)(x-c) + f(c)$  be the tangent line to  $f$  at point  $(c, f(c))$

Definition 2:

The graph of  $f$  is said to be convex or concave at  $(c, f(c))$  if there exists an open interval  $J$  containing  $c$  such that  $\forall x \in J$  and  $x \neq c$   $f(x) > l(x)$  or  $f(x) < l(x)$  respectively.

Definition 3:

The point  $(c, f(c))$  is said to be a point of inflection of  $f$  if there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$  such that either

$f''(x) < 0$  if  $x < c$  and  $f''(x) > 0$  if  $x > c$   
 or  
 $f''(x) > 0$  if  $x < c$  and  $f''(x) < 0$  if  $x > c$

## 1.2 Some Basic results from Analysis

Result 1:

Intermediate Value Theorem :- Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be continuous and let  $d$  be a real number in between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there exists a point  $c$  such that  $f(c) = d$ .

Result 2:

Mean Value Theorem :- Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and continuous at  $a$  and  $b$ , then there exists a point  $c$  in between  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ .

Result 3:

A function  $f : X \rightarrow R$  is said to be continuous at  $x$  if and only if for every sequence  $x_n : X \cap N \rightarrow R$  and  $\lim x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow \lim f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$

If there exists a sequence such that  $x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$  is not true then  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x$ .

If function  $f : X \rightarrow R$  is differentiable at some  $x \in X$  then it is continuous at  $x$ . But not necessarily the converse.

Proof :-  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = f'(x) (\text{exists})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x) - hf'(x)}{h} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(h)}{h} = 0$$

$$g(h) = f(x+h) - f(x) - hf'(x)$$

In order to have the limit exist  $g(h) = 0$

Now as  $x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow x_n - x \rightarrow 0$

By taking  $h = x_n - x$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(x_n - x) &= \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x} g(x_n - x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x} f(x_n) - f(x) - f'(x)(x_n - x) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{x_n \rightarrow x} f(x_n) - f(x) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

as  $x_n - x \rightarrow 0$  and  $f'(x)$  exists

$$\forall x_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x)$$

This shows that function is continuous at  $x$ . Note that the converse is not true i.e. if a function is continuous then it is necessary that it will be differentiable. we can take  $f : R \rightarrow R$  and  $f(x) = |x|$

Result 4:

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be continuous over  $[a, b]$  and  $c \in (a, b)$  and  $f(c) > 0$ , There exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$  such that  $\forall x \in I \Rightarrow f(x) > 0$

Proof :- Let us construct a sequence such that there exists an  $x_n$  such that  $f(x_n) \leq 0$ . Consider an open Interval  $(c - 1, c + 1)$  containing  $c$  such that it contains atleast one point  $x_1$  such that  $f(x_1) \leq 0$ . Now decrease the open interval to  $(c - \frac{1}{2}, c + \frac{1}{2})$  and there exists atleast one point  $x_2$  such that  $f(x_2) \leq 0$ . In similar manner we can take upto  $n$  intervals.

For  $x_1$  we have  $|x_1 - c| < 1$  similarly for  $x_2$  we have  $|x_2 - c| < \frac{1}{2}$  likewise  $0 < |x_n - c| < \frac{1}{n}$  we know  $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow x_n \rightarrow c$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by sandwich theorem.

As  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  for  $x_n \rightarrow c \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(c)$   
 $f(c) > 0$  implies that there exists an open interval  $I'$  such that for  $n > n_0$   $f(x_n) > 0$ . This contradicts that there exists an interval for which at least at one point in that interval  $f(x) \leq 0$ .

Result 5:

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , continuous at  $a$  and  $b$ , let  $g = f'$ ,  $c \in (a, b)$  and  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$  and  $f'(c) > 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is not a constant function and for some point  $x_1 < c$  and  $c < x_2$  inside some open interval  $I$  containing  $c$  we have  $f(x_1) < (f(c) = 0)$  and  $f(x_2) > (f(c) = 0)$ .

Proof :-  $g = f'$  and  $g$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  then we can say there exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$  such that  $\forall x \in I \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$ . Choose an interval  $I_1$  between  $I$  as  $[x_1, c]$ . On applying mean value theorem on  $[x_1, c]$  we have there exists a point  $a_1$  inside  $I_1$  such that  $\frac{f(c) - f(x_1)}{(c - x_1)} = f'(a_1)$   
 $f'(a_1) > 0$  as  $I_1$  is in between  $I$  and  $c - x_1 > 0 \Rightarrow f(c) - f(x_1) > 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x_1) < 0$  as  $f(c) = 0$ .

similarly by taking an interval  $I_2$  between  $I$  as  $[c, x_2]$  and applying mean value theorem to it we can show that  $f(x_2) > 0$ . Now on combining we can write  $f(x_1) < f(c) < f(x_2)$  for some  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  inside  $I_1$  which contradicts  $f(x_1) = f(c) = f(x_2)$  i.e.  $f$  is a constant function.

### 1.3 Theorem

Theorem 1:

Let  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow R$  be differentiable and  $f''$  is continuous. Assume that  $f''(c)$  exists at  $c \in (a, b)$ . Then

- (1) If  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  is convex at  $c$ .
- (2) If  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  is concave at  $c$ .
- (3) If  $c$  is a point inflection, then  $f''(c) = 0$ . Not necessarily the converse is true.

Proof :- In order to show  $f$  is convex at  $c$ , we need to show that  $f(x) > l(x) \forall x \neq c$  in an open interval containing  $c$ .

$$f(x) - l(x) = f(x) - f(c) - f'(c)(x - c) \quad (1.1)$$

We apply mean value theorem to  $f$  either on  $[c, x]$  if  $x > c$  or on  $[x, c]$  if  $x < c$ . In each case there exists a point  $x_1$  between  $x$  and  $c$  such that

$$f(x) - f(c) = f'(x_1)(x - c) \quad (1.2)$$

Substituting equation (1.2) in equation (1.1) we get

$$f(x) - l(x) = [f'(x_1) - f'(c)](x - c)$$

Now let  $g = f'$  and  $h = g'$  apply Result 4 for  $h$  interval  $(a, b)$ .  $h$  is continuous on this interval,  $h(c) > 0$  and  $c \in (a, b) \Rightarrow$  There exists an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$  such that  $\forall y \in I f(y) > 0$ .

Now apply Result 5 by taking  $g'(c) > 0$  for the open interval  $I$ . Lets take  $x < c$  we have  $g(c) > g(x_1)$  for  $c > x_1 \Rightarrow (f'(x_1) - f'(c)) < 0$  and  $x - c < 0$

$$\Rightarrow (f'(x_1) - f'(c))(x - c) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - l(x) > 0 \text{ or } f(x) > l(x)$$

for  $x > c$  we have  $g(c) < g(x_1)$  for  $c < x_1$  and in similar manner we can prove that  $f(x) > l(x)$ .

(2) is proved similarly. We will prove (3) shortly.

## Point of Inflection

- (1) Where  $f''$  changes sign
- (2) Geometrically the graph changes from convexity to concavity or vice versa at that point.
- (3) If  $x = f(t)$  where  $x$  is the position of a moving particle then point of inflection is the time at which the particle switches from acceleration to deceleration or vice versa.
- (4) At point of inflection tangent line at  $c$  crosses the graph of function. (loosely not equivalent to the definition of inflection point.

Let us try to prove Theorem part (3) by fourth point of point of inflection.  $c$  is a point of inflection then the graph of the function crosses the tangent at  $c$ . If  $f$  is concave at  $c$  then graph of  $f$  lies below the tangent line at  $c$  in an open interval around  $c$ . So  $f$  can not be concave at  $c$ .  $f''(c)$  not less than 0 (From theorem part-1). Similarly by taking convexity we can prove  $f''(c)$  is not greater than 0. This implies  $f''(c) = 0$

## 1.4 Asymptote

Definition 4:

An affine (called "linear" in analysis) function  $l(x) = ax + b$  is called asymptote for  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f(x) - l(x)) = 0$$

A vertical line  $x = a$  is an asymptote for  $f$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  is infinite or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  is infinite.

For  $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{(a_n x^n + \dots + a_0)}{(b_m x^m + \dots + b_0)}$  be a rational function with  $a_n$  and  $b_m$  non zero.

- (1) If degree of  $p(x) = n < m =$  degree of  $q(x)$ , then  $f$  has the  $x$ -axis as an asymptote.
- (2) If  $n = m$  then  $f$  has a horizontal asymptote  $l(x) = \frac{a_n}{b_m}$ .
- (3) If  $n = m + 1$ , we divide  $p$  and  $q$  and write  $f(x) = ax + b + c(x)$  where  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} c(x) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$ . Then the line  $l(x) = ax + b$  is a linear asymptote for  $f$ .
- (4) If  $n > m + 1$ , then  $f$  has no non-vertical linear asymptote.
- (5) The vertical asymptote for a rational function corresponds to the zeros of the denominator.

## 1.5 Tips for sketching the curve

- (1) Symmetry
  - (a) Odd function if  $\forall x \in \text{dom} f, f(-x) = -f(x)$ . Graph of  $f$  is symmetric about  $y = -x$ .
  - (b) Even function if  $\forall x \in \text{dom} f, f(-x) = f(x)$ . Graph of  $f$  is symmetric about



$x = 0$  i.e.  $y$ -axis.

(c) Periodic function if  $\forall x \in \text{dom} f$  and for a particular fundamental  $a$ . The look of graph remains the same as it appears inside the fundamental period.

(2) Placing the points

(a) Look for the point  $(0, f(0))$ .

(b) See the behaviour of  $f$  when  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $x \rightarrow \infty$

This is just like we are watching how the function behaves when  $x \rightarrow -\infty, 0, \infty$ . Just like when we have to sketch some function under some closed interval  $[a, b]$  we check the functional value at  $x = a, b, \frac{a+b}{2}$ .

(3) Values of  $x$  for which  $f$  is not defined. Study the behaviour of the function near those values of  $x$ .

(4) Locating the critical points

(a) Find out at which point  $f$  is having local maxima and minima. Obtain the interval for which  $f$  is decreasing or increasing.

(b) Find out point of inflection and interval for which  $f$  is concave or convex.

# Chapter 2

## Vector Spaces

### 2.1 Some basics

Definition 1:

A non-empty set  $V$  is said to be vector space over  $R$  (or a real vector space) if there exist maps  $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$ , defined by  $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$ , called *addition* and  $\cdot: R \times V \rightarrow V$ , defined by  $(\alpha, x) \mapsto \alpha \cdot x$ , called *scalar multiplication*, satisfying the following properties:

- (i)  $x + y = y + x$  (commutativity of addition).
- (ii)  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$  (associativity of addition).
- (iii) There exists  $\mathbf{0} \in V$  such that  $x + \mathbf{0} = x = \mathbf{0} + x$  (existence of additive identity).
- (iv) For every  $x \in V$  there exists  $y \in V$  such that  $x + y = \mathbf{0} = y + x$ . This  $y$  is denoted by  $-x$  (existence of additive inverse).
- (v)  $\alpha \cdot (x + y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y$ .
- (vi)  $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot x$ .
- (vii)  $(\alpha\beta) \cdot x = \alpha(\beta \cdot x)$ .
- (viii)  $1 \cdot x = x$ .

We will adopt the following standard notation:  $x + (-y)$  is written as  $x - y$   $\forall x, y \in V$  and for  $\alpha \in R$  and  $x \in V$  we write  $\alpha x$  for  $\alpha \cdot x$ .

Theorem 1: In a vector space  $V$ , we have

- (a)  $0 \cdot x = \mathbf{0} \forall x \in V$ .

Proof :-  $0 \cdot x = (0 + 0) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x$  equation(1)(by (iii) and (vi))

Adding  $-0 \cdot x$  (by (iv)) on both sides we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0} &= 0 \cdot x + (-0 \cdot x) \quad (\text{by (iv)}) \\ &= (0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x) + (-0 \cdot x) \quad (\text{by equation(1)}) \\ &= 0 \cdot x + (0 \cdot x + (-0 \cdot x)) \quad (\text{by (ii)}) \\ &= 0 \cdot x + \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{by (iv)}) = 0 \cdot x \quad (\text{by (iii)}) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) There is unique additive identity. It means, if  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{0}'$  are such that  $x + \mathbf{0} = x$  and  $x + \mathbf{0}' \forall x \in V$ , then  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}'$

Proof :-  $x + \mathbf{0} = x = x + \mathbf{0}' \forall x \in V$ . In particular we can write  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}' = \mathbf{0}$  as  $\mathbf{0}'$  is an additive identity. Also  $\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}' = \mathbf{0}'$  as  $\mathbf{0}$  is an additive identity.  
 $\Rightarrow +\mathbf{0}' = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}' = \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow +\mathbf{0}' = +\mathbf{0}$

(c) The additive inverse is unique. If for a given  $x$  there are  $y, y' \in V$  such that  $x + y = \mathbf{0}$  and  $x + y' = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $y = y'$ .

Proof :-  $x + y = \mathbf{0} = x + y'$ . Adding  $y'$  to the first two sides we have  
 $y' + (x + y) = y' + \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow (y' + x) + y = y' + \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{0} + y = y'$   
 $\Rightarrow y = y'$ .

(d)  $(-1 \cdot x) = -x$ , the negative element such that  $x + (-x) = \mathbf{0} \forall x \in V$

Proof :-  $(-1) \cdot x + x = (-1) \cdot x + 1 \cdot x = (-1 + 1) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = \mathbf{0}$  so that  $(-1) \cdot x = -x$ .

(e)  $\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \forall \alpha \in R$  and  $\mathbf{0} \in V$ .

Proof :- We have  $\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} = \alpha \cdot (\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}) = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}$   
Adding  $-\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}$  to both sides  
 $\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + (-\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}) = (\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}) + (-\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0})$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{0} = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + (\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + (-\alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}))$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{0} = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{0} = \alpha \cdot \mathbf{0}$ .

(f) If  $\alpha \cdot x = \mathbf{0} \forall \alpha \in R$  and  $x \in V$ , then either  $\alpha = 0$  or  $x = 0$ .

Proof :- If  $\alpha \cdot x = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\alpha \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then we can multiply both sides of  $\alpha \cdot x = \mathbf{0}$  by  $\alpha^{-1}$  to get  
 $\alpha^{-1} \cdot (\alpha \cdot x) = \alpha^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow (\alpha^{-1} \cdot \alpha) \cdot x = \alpha^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{0}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = \mathbf{0}$

Example :- Let  $X$  be a non-empty set. Let  $V = F(X, R) = \{f : X \rightarrow R\}$  be the set of all real valued functions on the set  $X$ . In order to show that  $V$  is a vector space we need to check that it should satisfy all the property. So for two real valued function  $f, g \in V$ , we need to define  $f + g$ .

We define it as follows  $(f + g)(x) := f(x) + g(x)$ .  $f : X \rightarrow R$  and  $g : X \rightarrow R \Rightarrow (f + g)(x)$  is defined for the common domain of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  i.e. on set  $X$ .  $f(x) \in R$  and  $g(x) \in R \forall x \in X \Rightarrow f(x) + g(x) \in R \forall x \in X$ . So  $f + g : X \rightarrow R$  real valued function. That is  $f + g \in V$ .

We define  $(\alpha f)(x) := \alpha f(x) \forall \alpha \in R$ . Domain of  $(\alpha f)(x)$  is same as that of  $f(x)$ .  $\alpha f(x) \in R \forall \alpha \in R$  and  $x \in X$ . So  $(\alpha f) : X \rightarrow R \Rightarrow \alpha f \in V$ .

The  $\mathbf{0}$  for the vector space  $V$  can be defined as  $\theta : X \rightarrow R, \theta(x) = 0$ .

Similarly we can prove those eight properties.

## 2.2 Subspaces

Definition 1:

Let  $W$  be a non empty subset of vector space  $V$ , then  $W$  is said to be a subspace of  $V$  if  $W$  itself is a vector space under the operation induced from  $V$ .

Definition 2:

Let  $S$  be a non empty subset of vector space  $V$ . We define  $L(S)$  to be the smallest subspace of  $V$  that contains  $S$ .

Result 1:  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces of vector space  $V$ .  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is also a subspace.

Proof :- Take  $x_1, x_2 \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

$\Rightarrow x_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_1 \in W_2$ ,  $x_2 \in W_1$  and  $x_2 \in W_2$

$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in W_1$  (as  $x_1, x_2 \in W_1$  and  $W_1$  is subspace) and  $x_1 + x_2 \in W_2$  (as  $x_1, x_2 \in W_2$  and  $W_2$  is a subspace).

Take  $x_1 \in W_1 \cap W_2 \Rightarrow x_1 \in W_1$  and  $x_1 \in W_2$

$\Rightarrow \alpha x_1 \in W_1$  and  $\alpha x_1 \in W_2$  (as  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces)

$\Rightarrow \alpha x_1 \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

Other eight properties can be verified similarly.

$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in W_1$  and  $x_1 + x_2 \in W_2 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in W_1 \cap W_2$ .

Result 2:

$W$  is a subspace of vector space  $V$ .  $S$  is a non empty subset of  $W \Rightarrow L(S) \subset W$ .

Proof :-  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace that contains  $S$ .  $W \cap L(S)$  is a subspace containing  $S$  (by using Result 1).  $W \cap L(S) \subset L(S)$  this implies we are having a subspace subset of  $L(S)$ . But  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace containing  $S$ . So the only possibility is  $W \cap L(S) = L(S)$ .

$W \cap L(S) \subset W \Rightarrow L(S) \subset W$

Result 3:

$W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces of vector space  $V$ .  $W_1 \subset W_2$  or  $W_2 \subset W_1$  if and only if  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace.

Proof :-  $W_1 \subset W_2 \Rightarrow W_1 \cup W_2 = W_2$  Now as  $W_2$  is a subspace this implies  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace.

$W_2 \subset W_1 \Rightarrow W_1 \cup W_2 = W_1$  Now as  $W_1$  is a subspace this implies  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace.

Let us try to prove the converse.

We proceed by contradiction method.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace. Let us assume that  $W_1$  is not a subset of  $W_2$  and  $W_2$  is not a subset of  $W_1$

$\Rightarrow \exists x \in W_1$  and  $x$  is not  $\in W_1$  and  $\exists y \in W_2$  and  $y$  is not  $\in W_1$ .

$x, y \in W_1 \cup W_2 \Rightarrow x + y \in W_1 \cup W_2$  as  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace.

$\Rightarrow x + y \in W_1$  or  $x + y \in W_2$ . Let us take the case when  $x + y \in W_1$ . As  $W_1$  is a subspace  $\Rightarrow x + y - x \in W_1$  or  $y \in W_1$  which is a contradiction.

When  $x + y \in W_2$ . As  $W_2$  is a subspace  $\Rightarrow x + y - y \in W_2$  or  $x \in W_2$  which is a contradiction.

Hence  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace  $\Rightarrow W_1 \subset W_2$  or  $W_2 \subset W_1$ .

Result 4:

Let  $S$  be a non-empty set of vector space  $V$  and  $L(S)$  be the smallest subspace that contains  $S$ .  $W$  be the set of all possible linear combinations of the elements of  $S$ . Then  $L(S) = W$ .

Proof :- Any element of  $W$  can be written as  $\alpha x + \beta y$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ .

Let  $x, y \in S$ . As  $L(S)$  is a subspace  $\alpha x \in L(S)$  and  $\beta y \in L(S) \Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y \in L(S)$   
 $\forall \alpha, \beta \in R. \Rightarrow W \subset L(S)$ .

Let  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  be two elements of  $W$ . Then we can write  $w_1 = \alpha_1 x + \beta_1 y$  and  $w_2 = \alpha_2 x + \beta_2 y$  where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in R$ .

$w_1 + w_2 = (\alpha_1 x + \beta_1 y) + (\alpha_2 x + \beta_2 y) \Rightarrow w_1 + w_2 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x + (\beta_1 + \beta_2)y$   
 $\Rightarrow w_1 + w_2 = \alpha x + \beta y$  where  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  and  $\beta = \beta_1 + \beta_2$ .

$\alpha \in R$  and  $\beta \in R$  as  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in R$

$\Rightarrow w_1 + w_2 \in W$ .

For  $w_1 \in W$  and  $\alpha' \in R \Rightarrow \alpha' w_1 = \alpha' \alpha_1 x + \alpha' \beta_1 y = \alpha x + \beta y$

So  $\alpha' w_1 \in W$ . Similarly we can prove other eight properties to show that  $W$  is a vector space.  $\Rightarrow L(S) \subset W$  as  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace containing  $S$ .

$W \subset L(S)$  and  $L(S) \subset W \Rightarrow L(S) = W$ .

Result 5:

Let  $V$  be a vector space  $S \subset V$ .  $s_i, t \in S$ ,  $t = s_j$  (for some  $i = j$ )  $S' = S \setminus \{t\}$ .  
 $L(S)$  and  $L(S')$  be the smallest subspace containing  $S$  and  $S'$  respectively.  
 If  $\alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n = 0$  (all  $s_i$  are different)  $\Rightarrow \alpha_i = 0 \forall i$ , then  $L(S') \neq L(S)$ .

Proof :-  $S' \subset S$  and  $L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V \Rightarrow L(S') \subset L(S)$  (By Result 2). Now we need to show that  $L(S') \neq L(S)$ . We proceed by contradiction. So let  $L(S') = L(S)$ .  $t \in S \Rightarrow t \in L(S)$  (By definition)  $\Rightarrow t \in L(S')$  (as  $L(S') = L(S)$ )

$t$  does not belong to  $S'$  but  $t \in L(S')$ . So we can write  $t$  as linear combination of element of  $S'$  (by Result 4)

$\Rightarrow t = \alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n$  ( $t = s_j$  (for some  $i = j$ ))

$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n - 1 \cdot t = 0$  ( $t = s_j$ )

$\Rightarrow \alpha_i \neq 0$  (for some  $s_i$ ) which is a contradiction.

Definition 3:

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $S \subset V$ .  $S$  is said to be linearly independent if  $\alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n = 0 \Rightarrow \forall i \alpha_i = 0$ .

Definition 4:

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $S \subset V$ .  $S$  is said to be linearly dependent if it is not linearly independent i.e.  $\alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n = 0 \Rightarrow \exists i$  such that  $\alpha_i \neq 0$ .

Result 6 :

$\forall t \in S$  and  $L(S \setminus \{t\}) \neq L(S) \Rightarrow S$  is a linearly independent set.

Proof : We will try to prove the converse of the Result. i.e. If  $S$  linearly dependent, then  $\exists t \in S$  such that  $L(S') = L(S)$ .

We know that  $L(S') \subset L(S)$ . We take  $t \in S \Rightarrow t \in L(S)$ . We can write  $t = \alpha_1 s_1 + \alpha_2 s_2 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n$  (as  $S$  is dependent) where  $\forall i s_i \in S' \Rightarrow t \in L(S')$  or  $L(S) \subset L(S')$ .

This completes the proof of converse.

Result 7:

From Result 6 and 7 we have  $S$  is linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow \forall t \in S L(S \setminus \{t\}) \neq L(S)$ .

Definition 5:

Let  $S$  be a non empty subset of vector space  $V$  is said to be the basis of  $V$  if any of the below statement is true.

(a)  $S$  is the maximal linearly independent set.

(b)  $S$  is the minimal spanning set.

( $S$  is said to be spanning set if  $L(S) = V$ )

(c)  $S$  is linearly independent and spanning set.

(d)  $\forall v \in V$   $v$  is unique linear combination of elements of  $S$ .

All these four statements are equivalent.

Let us try to prove that (a) and (b) are equivalent.

Proof((a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b)) :- Assume  $S$  is maximal linearly independent set, Let  $u \in V \setminus S$  and  $S' = S \cup \{u\} \Rightarrow S'$  is not linearly independent i.e. linearly dependent.

$S'$  is linearly dependent  $\Rightarrow \alpha v + \alpha_1 s_1 + \dots + \alpha_n s_n = 0 \exists \alpha, \alpha_i \neq 0$ .  $\alpha \neq 0$  because if  $\alpha = 0$  then it will contradict our assumption that  $S$  is linearly independent.

$v = -(\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha} s_1 + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha} s_n) \Rightarrow v \in L(S)$

$V \subset L(S) \Rightarrow L(S) = V$  or  $S$  is the spanning set.

$S$  is linearly dependent  $\Rightarrow \exists t \in S$  such that  $L(S') = L(S)$  (Result 7). This implies that  $L(S) = V$  is a minimal spanning set.

For converse spanning set implies maximal and minimal implies linear independence.

# Chapter 3

## Basics

### 3.1 Inverse of a function

Definition 1:

$f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $f$  is called injective or one-to-one if  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in X \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ .  
In terms of converse if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

Definition 2:

$f$  is said to be surjective or onto if  $\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X$  such that  $y = f(x)$ .

Definition 3:

$f$  is said to be bijective if  $f$  is injective and surjective.

Definition 4:

$f^{-1}$  exists means  $\exists g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \cdot f = x$  and  $f \cdot g = y$ , then we call  $g$  as the inverse of  $f$  or simply  $g = f^{-1}$ .

Result 1:

$f$  is said to be bijective iff  $f^{-1}$  exists.

Proof :- From definition of function it is easy to show that if  $f$  is bijective then  $f^{-1}$  exists. Let us try to prove the converse by Definition 4.

$f^{-1}$  exists means there exists  $g : Y \rightarrow X$  such that  $g \cdot f = x$  and  $f \cdot g = y$ .

Take  $g \cdot f = x$ . If  $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow g(f(x_1)) = g(f(x_2)) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$

Also we can try the converse which is as follows

If  $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow g(f(x_1)) \neq g(f(x_2)) \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$  (as  $g$  is a function)

This confirms that  $f$  is injective.

By the definition of  $f \forall x x \mapsto f(x)$ .  $x = g(f(x)) = g(y) \forall y \in Y$  there exists  $x \in X$  in away that  $x \mapsto f(x)$  such that  $x = g(y)$ .

This implies  $g$  is surjective.

Similarly by taking  $f \cdot g = y$  we can prove that  $f$  is surjective and  $g$  is injective. Hence it confirms that  $f$  is bijective.

Definition 5:

$f : X \rightarrow Y$  Fibre of (a point)  $y \in Y$  is denoted by  $f^{-1}(\{y\})$  and is defined as  $f^{-1}(\{y\}) = \{x \in X / f(x) = y\}$ .

Result 2:

(a) A function  $f$  is said to be injective if all the Fibre sets are either empty or singleton. or If any horizontal line intersect graph then it must intersect at only one point.

(b) A function  $f$  is said to be surjective if all the Fibre sets are non-empty. or Any horizontal line will intersect the graph of  $f$  at some point.

(c) A function  $f$  is said to be bijective if all the Fibre sets are singleton. or Any horizontal line intersect  $f$  at only one point.

### 3.2 Geometrical interpretation of solving three variable two homogeneous equation

Consider a system of two equations  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$  ( $P_1$ ) and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$  ( $P_2$ ) with  $c_2 \neq 0$  and  $P_1 \neq \alpha P_2$  for some  $\alpha \in R$ . We are interested in finding the solution of this system geometrically. By method of gauss elimination we multiply  $\frac{-c_1}{c_2}$  with  $P_2$  and add it with  $P_1$  to get the equation of another plane  $P'_1$ .  $P'_1 = d_1x + d_2y = 0$ . (With either  $d_1$  or  $d_2$  non zero). Firstly we have to show that the intersection of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is same as the intersection of  $P'_1 = P_1 + \lambda P_2$  (for some  $\lambda \in R$ ) and  $P_2$ . Algebraically it is easy to show that. Let us try geometrically.

$P_1$  and  $P_2$  both pass through origin. Let  $L$  be the intersection of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  which is a line (as possibility of these two planes to be identical we have eliminated by  $P_1 \neq \alpha P_2$  for some  $\alpha \in R$ ).

$\Rightarrow L$  passes through origin. Let  $L'$  be the intersection of  $P'_1$  and  $P_2$ .  $P'_1$  is a plane that contains the  $Z$ -axis as coefficient of  $z$  in its equation is 0. We can have a plane containing the  $Z$ -axis and  $L$  (as both pass through origin i.e. intersect).  $P'_1$  contains  $Z$ -axis. Now if we take  $L' = L$  then the required plane will be  $P'_1$  itself.

After we get the equation of  $P'_1$  we write  $y$  in terms of  $x$  ( $d_2 \neq 0$ ) . and back substitute this value of  $y$  and  $x$  in equation of  $P_2$  to get the value of  $z$ . Lets see what happens geometrically.

Equation of  $P'_1$  will look like a straight line with slope  $\frac{-d_1}{d_2}$  in  $XY$ - plane. This straight line is the projection of  $P'_1$  into  $XY$ - plane. Whenever we see projection of a plane into  $XY$ -plane we are supposed to get the whole  $XY$  plane. But by doing Gaussian elimination we get a line as the projection. Now this line is the protection of the line which is contained in  $P'_1$ . In Gaussian elimination when we back substitute the value of  $y$  and  $x$  we get the corresponding  $z$ .  $x$  and  $y$



satisfy the equation of  $P'_1$ . When we do back substitution we get the line  $L$  as we back substitute in the equation of  $P_2$  which contains  $L$ . Geometrically we re project the projected line to the original line  $L$ .

### 3.3 Lines

Definition 1:

Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $0 \neq d \in V$ . A line passing through  $p \in V$  and having *direction*  $d$ , is denoted by  $l(p; d)$  and defined as  $l(p; d) = \{v \in V / \text{there exists } t \in R, v = p + td\} = p + Rd$   $d$  is called the direction vector.as the Line is the unlimited extension of the line segment joining  $0$  and  $d$ .

Result 1:

$l(p; d) = l(q; d)$  iff  $(q - p)$  is a multiple of  $d$ .

Proof :- Let  $l(p; d) = l(q; d)$ . Take  $x \in l(p; d) \Rightarrow x \in l(q; d)$  as both the lines are same. Then there exists  $s, t \in R$  such that  $x = p + sd = q + td$ . So  $q - p = (s - t)d$ , that is,  $q - p$  is a multiple of  $d$ .

Conversely let  $q - p$  is a multiple of  $d$ . It means  $q - p = \alpha d$  for some  $\alpha \in R$ . Let  $v \in l(p; d)$ , then  $v = p + td = (q - \alpha d) + td = q + (t - \alpha)d$  for some  $t \in R$ . Therefore  $v \in l(q; d)$  and  $l(p; d) \subseteq l(q; d)$ . Similarly we can prove  $l(q; d) \subseteq l(p; d)$  and hence  $l(p; d) = l(q; d)$ .

Result 2:

$l(p; d) = l(p; \alpha d)$  for any  $\alpha \in R \setminus \{0\}$ .

Proof :-  $l(p; d) \subset l(p; \alpha d)$  for  $\alpha = 1$ . Take a point  $x \in l(p; \alpha d)$ , then there exists  $t \in R$  such that  $x = p + t\alpha d$ . We choose  $s = \alpha t$  for  $t \in R$  such that  $x = p + \frac{s}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha d$  or  $x = p + sd$ .  $\alpha \neq 0$  means for a particular  $t$  we can choose the corresponding  $s$  only (Our choice is a bijection map). It means for every existing  $t \in R$  we can find corresponding existing  $s \in R$  such that  $x = p + sd$ .  $\Rightarrow x \in l(p; d)$  or  $l(p; \alpha d) \subset l(p; d)$ . This completes the proof.

Result 3:

$l(p; d) = l(q; d)$  for any  $q \in l(p; d)$ .

Proof :-  $l(p; d) \subset l(q; d)$  by taking  $q = p \in l(p; d)$ . For  $q \in l(p; d)$  we can write there exists  $t \in R$  such that  $q = p + td$ ... (i). Take  $r \in l(q; d)$ . We can write that there exists  $s \in R$  such that  $r = q + sd$ ... (ii).

$\Rightarrow$  There exists  $t, s \in R$  such that  $r = p + (t + s)d$  (by adding (i) and (ii)). We choose  $u = t + s$  for  $t, s \in R$ . For any particular  $t$  and  $s$  we can choose the corresponding  $u$  only (Our choice is a bijection map). So for every existing  $t, s$  we can find corresponding  $u \in R$  such that  $r = p + ud$ .  $\Rightarrow r \in l(p; d)$  or  $l(q; d) \subset l(p; d)$ . This completes the proof.

Result 4:

Any two distinct point determine a unique line.

Proof :-Let  $l(p; d)$  be a line that passes through  $p$  and  $q$ . Then there exists  $t \in R$  such that  $q = p + td$ ..(i). Let  $l(r, d')$  be another line that contains  $p$  and  $q$ . Then there exists  $t_1, t_2 \in R$  such that  $p = r + t_1d'$ ..(ii) and  $q = r + t_2d'$  ..(iii). (iii)-(ii) yields  $q = p + (t_2 - t_1)d'$ ..(iv). As  $p$  and  $q$  are different we can not have  $t_2 - t_1 = 0$  So  $q \in l(p; d')$  . Now (iv)-(i) yields  $(t_2 - t_1)d' = td$  By dividing both sides by  $t_2 - t_1$  we have  $d' = \alpha d$  as multiple of  $d$  (Note  $t \neq 0$  as  $p$  and  $q$  are different  $\Rightarrow \alpha \neq 0$ ) . So  $p, q \in p(l; \alpha d) \Rightarrow p, q \in l(p; d)$  (by result 3) It is the same line.

Definition 2:

We say two lines  $l(p; d_1) = l(p, d_2)$  are parallel if  $d_1 = \alpha d_2$  for some  $\alpha \in R$ . ( $\alpha, d_1, d_2 \neq 0$ )

Result 5:

Given  $l$  and  $q$  not belonging to  $l$  there exists a unique line  $l(q; d)$  such that  $l(q; d)$  is parallel to  $l$ .

Proof :- Let  $d$  be the direction of  $l$ . Then  $l(q; d)$  is passing through  $q$  and parallel to  $l$ . Let there exists another line  $l(q; d_1)$  such that  $l(q; d_1)$  is parallel to  $l$ . Then  $d_1 = \alpha d$  for some  $\alpha \in R \setminus \{0\}$ . From Result 2 it follows that  $l(q; d_1) = l(q; d)$ .