

## AXIOMS

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ABSTRACT. Did I get it right?

**Definition 1.** A subset  $\mathbb{F}$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  is called a *scalar field* if the following five statements hold.

**SF1**  $0, 1 \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**SF2** If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $\alpha + \beta \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\alpha\beta \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**SF3** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $-\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**SF4** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**SF5** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $\bar{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 2.** A set  $\mathcal{V}$  is called a *commutative group* if the following five statements hold.

**CG1** There exists a mapping  $+$  :  $\mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ .

(The mapping in CG1 is called *addition* and its value on a pair  $(u, v) \in \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V}$  is denoted by  $u + v$ .)

**CG2** For all  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$ .

**CG3** For all  $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $u + v = v + u$ .

**CG4** There exists an element  $0_{\mathcal{V}} \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $v + 0_{\mathcal{V}} = v$  for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ .

**CG5** For each  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  there exists  $w \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $v + w = 0_{\mathcal{V}}$ .

It can be proved that for a given  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  the vector  $w \in \mathcal{V}$  whose existence is postulated by CG5 is unique. This vector is called the *opposite* of  $v$  and it is denoted by  $-v$ .

**Definition 3.** A commutative group  $\mathcal{V}$  with the addition  $+$  is called a *vector space over a scalar field*  $\mathbb{F}$  if the following five statements hold.

**VS1** There exists a mapping  $\cdot$  :  $\mathbb{F} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ .

(The mapping in VS1 is called *scaling* and its value on a pair  $(\alpha, v) \in \mathbb{F} \times \mathcal{V}$  is denoted by  $\alpha \cdot v$ , or simply  $\alpha v$ .)

**VS2** For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $\alpha(\beta v) = (\alpha\beta)v$ .

**VS3** For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $(\alpha + \beta)v = \alpha v + \beta v$ .

**VS4** For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$  and all  $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $\alpha(u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$ .

**VS5** For all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  we have  $1v = v$ .