

Isomorphic Vector Space : A vector space $U(F)$ is said to be isomorphic to a vector space $V(F)$, if there exists a mapping $T: U \rightarrow V$ such that

- (i) T is linear transformation i.e. $T(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha T(x) + \beta T(y)$
- (ii) T is one-to-one i.e. $T(x) = T(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ $x, y \in U$
- (iii) T is onto i.e. for each $v \in V$, there exists some $u \in U$ such that $T(u) = v$, T is onto iff $V = T(U)$

Also then the two vector spaces U and V are said to be isomorphic and symbolically write as $U(F) \cong V(F)$.

Theorem - Any two finite-dimensional vector spaces over the same field are isomorphic.

Proof - Let $U(F)$ and $V(F)$ be two finite dimensional vector spaces over field F such that $\dim U = \dim V = n$

Then prove that $U(F) \cong V(F)$

Let the sets of vectors $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and $\{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n\}$ be the bases of U and V respectively.

Any vector $u \in U$ can be expressed as

$$u = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n$$

$$u' = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

Let $T: U \rightarrow V$ be defined by as

$$T(u) = \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n$$

Since in the expression for u as a linear combination of $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ with the scalars $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$ are unique, therefore, the mapping T is well-defined i.e. $T(u)$ is a unique element of V .

(i) T is one-to-one. We have $T(u) = T(u') \Rightarrow u = u'$

$$T(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) = T(\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)$$

$$\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n = \beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_n y_n$$

$\alpha_i, \beta_i \in F$
 $x_i \in U$

$$(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) y_1 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2) y_2 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n) y_n = 0$$

$$\alpha_1 - \beta_1 = 0, \alpha_2 - \beta_2 = 0, \dots, \alpha_n - \beta_n = 0, \therefore y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \text{ are L.I.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \beta_1, \alpha_2 = \beta_2, \dots, \alpha_n = \beta_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n$$

$\therefore T$ is one-one

(ii) T is onto V

if $v = \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \alpha_3 y_3 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n$ is any element of V , then there exists ($\exists$) an element $u = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n \in U$ such that $Tu = v$

$$T(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) = \alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n$$

$\therefore T$ is onto V .

(iii) T is a linear transformation - We have

$$T\{\alpha(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) + \beta(\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)\}$$

$$T\{(\alpha\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha\alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha\alpha_n x_n) + (\beta\beta_1 x_1 + \beta\beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta\beta_n x_n)\}$$

$$T\{(\alpha\alpha_1 + \beta\beta_1)x_1 + (\alpha\alpha_2 + \beta\beta_2)x_2 + \dots + (\alpha\alpha_n + \beta\beta_n)x_n\}$$

$$(\alpha\alpha_1 + \beta\beta_1)y_1 + (\alpha\alpha_2 + \beta\beta_2)y_2 + \dots + (\alpha\alpha_n + \beta\beta_n)y_n$$

$$\alpha(\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n) + \beta(\beta_1 y_1 + \beta_2 y_2 + \dots + \beta_n y_n)$$

$$\alpha T(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n) + \beta T(\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)$$

$$\alpha T(u) + \beta T(u')$$

$\therefore T$ is a linear transformation.

Hence T is an isomorphism of U onto V

$$\therefore U \cong V$$

Definition - A linear transformation $T: U \rightarrow V$ is called an isomorphism if T is one-one and onto. i.e. $T(u) = T(u') \Rightarrow u = u'$, and $T(u) = v$ $\forall u \in U, v \in V$.