

Conventions, notation, terminology etc.

Unless stated otherwise (or even always):

\mathbb{R} the real line

All vector (in other words, linear) spaces are over \mathbb{R} and finite dimensional.

\mathbb{R}^n $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Thus, $\mathbb{R}^{m+n} = \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ up to canonical isomorphism.¹

$A \subset B$ $\forall x (x \in A \implies x \in B)$

Thus, $(A \subset B) \wedge (B \subset A) \iff (A = B)$.²

$(1, \dots, n)$ or (x_1, \dots, x_n) finite sequence

$(1, 2, \dots)$ or (x_1, x_2, \dots) infinite sequence

$f : A \rightarrow B$ $f \subset A \times B$ and $\forall x \in A \exists! y \in B (x, y) \in f$.³

Tx the same as $T(x)$ when a mapping T is linear.

[Sh:2.2] See also Sect. 2.2 of "Multivariable calculus" by J. Shurman.

[Sh:p.31], or [Sh:Ex.2.2.7] The same but page 31, or Exercise 2.2.7

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¹a rule of thumb: there is a canonical isomorphism between X and Y if and only if you would feel comfortable writing "X = Y" — Reid Barton, see Mathoverflow, What is the definition of "canonical"?

²Why " \subset " and " \subsetneq " rather than " \subseteq " and " \subset "? Since I need " \subset " several times a day, while " \subsetneq " hardly once a month.

³Here B is the codomain, generally not the image of f .