

## 100. On a Ranked Vector Space

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We show in this paper some relations between a ranked vector space and a linear topological space.

We suppose that a ranked vector space  $E$  satisfies the following conditions:

(M<sub>1</sub>) Let  $E$  be a ranked vector space, a sequence,  $\{u_n(x)\}$  any fundamental sequence of neighborhoods of an arbitrary point  $x \in E$ , and  $v(x)$  any neighborhood of  $x$  (we denote this fact by  $v(x) \in \mathfrak{B}(x)$ ), then there is a member  $u_m(x)$  in  $\{u_n(x)\}$  such that  $u_m(x) \subset v(x)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be two ranked vector spaces, and suppose that  $E_2$  satisfies Condition (M<sub>1</sub>). Let  $f: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  be continuous at a point  $x \in E_1$ , then for every neighborhood  $v\{f(x)\}$  of the point  $f(x) \in E_2$  there is a neighborhood  $u(x)$  of the point  $x \in E_1$  such that  $f\{u(x)\} \subset v\{f(x)\}$ .*

**Proof.** In order to show this, we proceed indirectly: i.e., assume that there is a neighborhood  $v\{f(x)\}$  of the point  $f(x)$  such that for any neighborhood  $u(x)$  of  $x$

$$f\{u(x)\} \not\subset v\{f(x)\}.$$

Let  $\{u_n(x)\}$  be a fundamental sequence of neighborhoods of the point  $x \in E_1$ ; i.e.,

$$u_0(x) \supset u_1(x) \supset u_2(x) \supset \cdots \supset u_n(x) \supset \cdots$$

and there is a sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  of non-negative integers such that

$$\alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \cdots \leq \alpha_n \leq \cdots$$

where  $\sup \{\alpha_n\} = \infty$ , and for each  $n$ ,  $u_n(x) \in \mathfrak{B}_{\alpha_n}$ . By assumption we have that for any  $n$

$$f\{u_n(x)\} \not\subset v\{f(x)\},$$

i.e., for each  $n$  there is an element  $x_n$  in  $u_n(x)$  such that  $f(x_n) \notin v\{f(x)\}$ .

Hence, it follows from the definition of convergence that  $\{\lim x_n\} \ni x$  and  $f(x_n) \notin v\{f(x)\}$  for every  $n$ . Since  $f: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  is continuous at  $x$ , by the definition of continuity it follows that

$$\{\lim f(x_n)\} \ni f(x).$$

Hence there is a fundamental sequence  $\{v_n\{f(x)\}\}$  such that

$$v_0\{f(x)\} \supset v_1\{f(x)\} \supset v_2\{f(x)\} \supset \cdots \supset v_n\{f(x)\} \supset \cdots$$

$$\beta_0 \leq \beta_1 \leq \beta_2 \leq \cdots \leq \beta_n \leq \cdots$$

$$\sup \{\beta_n\} = \infty \text{ and for every } n$$

$$v_n\{f(x)\} \in \mathfrak{B}_{\beta_n}, \quad f(x_n) \in v_n\{f(x)\}.$$