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## n-Refined Neutrosophic Vector Spaces

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### Abstract

This paper introduces the concept of n-refined neutrosophic vector spaces as a generalization of neutrosophic vector spaces, and it studies elementary properties of them. Also, this work discusses some corresponding concepts such as weak/strong n-refined neutrosophic vector spaces, and n-refined neutrosophic homomorphisms.

**Keywords:** n-Refined weak neutrosophic vector space, n-Refined strong neutrosophic vector space, n-Refined neutrosophic homomorphism.

### 1. Introduction

Neutrosophy as a part of philosophy founded by F. Smarandache to study origin, nature, and indeterminacies became a strong tool in studying algebraic concepts. Neutrosophic algebraic structures were defined and studied such as neutrosophic modules, and neutrosophic vector spaces, etc. See [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]. In 2013 Smarandache introduced a perfect idea, when he extended the neutrosophic set to refined [n-valued] neutrosophic set, i.e. the truth value T is refined/split into types of sub-truths such as  $(T_1, T_2, \dots)$  similarly indeterminacy I is refined/split into types of sub-indeterminacies  $(I_1, I_2, \dots)$  and the falsehood F is refined/split into sub-falsehood  $(F_1, F_2, \dots)$  [10,11]. Refined neutrosophic algebraic structures were studied such as refined neutrosophic rings, refined neutrosophic modules, and n-refined neutrosophic rings [4,12].

In this article authors try to define n-refined neutrosophic vector spaces, subspaces, and homomorphisms and to present some of their elementary properties.

For our purpose we use multiplication operation (defined in [12]) between indeterminacies  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n$  as follows:

$$I_m I_s = I_{\min(m,s)}.$$

This work is a continuation of the study on the n-refined neutrosophic structures that began in [12].

### 2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1: [12]

Let  $(R, +, \times)$  be a ring and  $I_k; 1 \leq k \leq n$  be  $n$  indeterminacies. We define  $R_n(I) = \{a_0 + a_1I + \dots + a_nI_n; a_i \in R\}$  to be an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic ring.

Definition 4.3: [12]

(a) Let  $R_n(I)$  be an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic ring and  $P = \sum_{i=0}^n P_i I_i = \{a_0 + a_1I + \dots + a_nI_n; a_i \in P_i\}$ , where  $P_i$  is a subset of  $R$ , we define  $P$  to be an AH-subring if  $P_i$  is a subring of  $R$  for all  $i$ . AHS-subring is defined by the condition  $P_i = P_j$  for all  $i, j$ .

(b)  $P$  is an AH-ideal if  $P_i$  are two-side ideals of  $R$  for all  $i$ , the AHS-ideal is defined by the condition  $P_i = P_j$  for all  $i, j$ .

(c) The AH-ideal  $P$  is said to be null if  $P_i = R$  or  $P_i = \{0\}$  for all  $i$ .

Definition 2.3 : [5]

Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a vector space over the field  $K$ ; then  $(V(I), +, \cdot)$  is called a weak neutrosophic vector space over the field  $K$ , and it is called a strong neutrosophic vector space if it is a vector space over the neutrosophic field  $K(I)$ .

Definition 2.4 : [5]

Let  $V(I)$  be a strong neutrosophic vector space over the neutrosophic field  $K(I)$  and  $W(I)$  be a non empty set of  $V(I)$  then  $W(I)$  is called a strong neutrosophic subspace if  $W(I)$  is itself a strong neutrosophic vector space.

Definition 2.6 : [5]

Let  $U(I), W(I)$  be two strong neutrosophic subspaces of  $V(I)$  and let  $f: V(I) \rightarrow W(I)$ , we say that  $f$  is a neutrosophic vector space homomorphism if

(a)  $f(I) = I$ ,

(b)  $f$  is a vector space homomorphism.

We define the kernel of  $f$  by  $\text{Ker}(f) = \{x \in V(I); f(x) = 0_{W(I)}\}$ .

Definition 2.7 : [5]

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s \in V(I)$  and  $x \in V(I)$ ; we say that  $x$  is a linear combination of  $\{v_i; i = 1, \dots, s\}$  if

$x = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_s v_s$  such that  $a_i \in K(I)$ .

The set  $\{v_i; i = 1, \dots, s\}$  is called linearly independent if  $a_1v_1 + \dots + a_s v_s = \mathbf{0}$  implies  $a_i = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $i$ .

### 3. Main concepts and results

Definition 3.1:

Let  $(K, +, \cdot)$  be a field, we say that  $K_n(I) = K + KI_1 + \dots + KI_n = \{a_0 + a_1I_1 + \dots + a_nI_n; a_i \in K\}$  is an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field.

It is clear that  $K_n(I)$  is an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field, but not a field in the classical meaning.

Example 3.2 :

Let  $K = Q$  be the field of rationals. The corresponding 3-refined neutrosophic field is

$$Q_3(I) = \{a + bI_1 + cI_2 + dI_3; a, b, c, d \in Q\}.$$

Definition 3.3 :

Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a vector space over the field  $K$ . Then we say that  $V_n(I) = V + VI_1 + \dots + VI_n = \{x_0 + x_1I_1 + \dots + x_nI_n; x_i \in V\}$  is a weak  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $K$ . Elements of  $V_n(I)$  are called  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vectors, elements of  $K$  are called scalars.

If we take scalars from the  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ , we say that  $V_n(I)$  is a strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space over the  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ . Elements of  $K_n(I)$  are called  $n$ -refined neutrosophic scalars.

Remark 3.4:

If we take  $n=1$  we get the classical neutrosophic vector space.

Addition on  $V_n(I)$  is defined as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i I_i + \sum_{i=0}^n b_i I_i = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_i + b_i) I_i.$$

Multiplication by a scalar  $m \in K$  is defined as:

$$m \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n a_i I_i = \sum_{i=0}^n (m \cdot a_i) I_i.$$

Multiplication by an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic scalar  $m = \sum_{i=0}^n m_i I_i \in K_n(I)$  is defined as:

$$(\sum_{i=0}^n m_i I_i) \cdot (\sum_{i=0}^n a_i I_i) = \sum_{i,j=0}^n (m_i \cdot a_j) I_i I_j,$$

where  $a_i \in V, m_i \in K, I_i I_j = I_{\min(i,j)}$ .

Theorem 3.5 :

Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a vector space over the field  $K$ . Then a weak  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space  $V_n(I)$  is a vector space over the field  $K$ . A strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space is not a vector space but a module over the  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ .

Proof:

It is similar to that of Theorem 2.3 in [5].

Example 3.6:

Let  $V = Z_2$  be the finite vector space of integers modulo 2 over itself:

(a) The corresponding weak 2-refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $Z_2$  is

$$V_n(I) = \{0, 1, I_1, I_2, I_1 + I_2, 1 + I_1 + I_2, 1 + I_1, 1 + I_2\}.$$

Definition 3.7:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a weak n-refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $K$ ; a nonempty subset  $W_n(I)$  is called a weak n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$  if  $W_n(I)$  is a subspace of  $V_n(I)$  itself.

Definition 3.8:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a strong n-refined neutrosophic vector space over the n-refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ ; a nonempty subset  $W_n(I)$  is called a strong n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$  if  $W_n(I)$  is a submodule of  $V_n(I)$  itself.

Theorem 3.9:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a weak n-refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $K$ ,  $W_n(I)$  be a nonempty subset of  $V_n(I)$ . Then  $W_n(I)$  is a weak n-refined neutrosophic subspace if and only if:

$$x + y \in W_n(I), m \cdot x \in W_n(I) \text{ for all } x, y \in W_n(I), m \in K.$$

Proof:

It holds directly from the condition of subspace.

Theorem 3.10:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a strong n-refined neutrosophic vector space over an n-refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ ,  $W_n(I)$  be a nonempty subset of  $V_n(I)$ . Then  $W_n(I)$  is a strong n-refined neutrosophic subspace if and only if:

$$x + y \in W_n(I), m \cdot x \in W_n(I) \text{ for all } x, y \in W_n(I), m \in K_n(I).$$

Proof:

It holds directly from the condition of submodule.

Example 3.11:

Let  $V = R^2$  be a vector space over the field  $R$ ,  $W = \langle (0,1) \rangle$  is a subspace of  $V$ ,  $R_2^2(I) = \{(a, b) + (m, s)I_1 + (k, t)I_2; a, b, m, s, k, t \in R\}$  is the corresponding weak/strong 2-refined neutrosophic vector space.

$W_2(I) = \{a_0 + a_1I_1 + a_2I_2\} = \{(0, x) + (0, y)I_1 + (0, z)I_2; x, y, z \in R\}$  is a weak 2-refined neutrosophic subspace of the weak 2-refined neutrosophic vector space  $R_2^2(I)$  over the field  $R$ .

$W_2(I) = \{a_0 + a_1I_1 + a_2I_2\} = \{(0, x) + (0, y)I_1 + (0, z)I_2; x, y, z \in R\}$  is a strong 2-refined neutrosophic subspace of the strong 2-refined neutrosophic vector space  $R_2^2(I)$  over the n-refined neutrosophic field  $R_2(I)$ .

Definition 3.12:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a weak n-refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $K$ ,  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $V_n(I)$ , we say that  $x$  is a linear combination of  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \subseteq V_n(I)$ , or  $x = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_mx_m$ :  $a_i \in K, x_i \in V_n(I)$ .

Example 3.13:

Consider the weak 2-refined neutrosophic vector space in Example 3.11,

$x = (0,2) + (1,3)I \in R_2^2(I)$ ,  $x = 2(0,1) + 1(1,0)I_1 + 3(0,1)I_2$ , i.e  $x$  is a linear combination of the set  $\{(0,1), (1,0)I_1, (0,1)I_2\}$  over the field  $R$ .

Definition 3.14:

Let  $V_n(I)$  be a strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space over an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ ,  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $V_n(I)$ , we say that  $x$  is a linear combination of  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \subseteq V_n(I)$  is  $x = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_mx_m$ :  $a_i \in K_n(I), x_i \in V_n(I)$ .

Example 3.15:

Consider the strong 2-refined neutrosophic vector space  $R_2^2(I) = \{(a, b) + (m, s)I_1 + (k, t)I_2; a, b, m, s, k, t \in R\}$  over the 2-refined neutrosophic field  $R_2(I)$ ,

$x = (0,2) + (3,3)I_1 + (-1,0)I_2 = (2 + I_1) \cdot (0,1) + (1 + I_2) \cdot (1,1)I_1 + (I_1 - I_2) \cdot (1,0)I_2$ , hence  $x$  is a linear combination of the set  $\{(0,1), (1,1)I_1, (1,0)I_2\}$  over the 2-refined neutrosophic field  $R_2(I)$ .

Definition 3.16:

Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  be a subset of a weak  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space  $V_n(I)$  over the field  $K$ ,  $X$  is a weak linearly independent set if  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i x_i = 0$  implies  $a_i = 0$ ;  $a_i \in K$ .

Definition 3.17:

Let  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  be a subset of a strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space  $V_n(I)$  over the  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ ,  $X$  is a weak linearly independent set if  $\sum_{i=1}^m a_i x_i = 0$  implies  $a_i = 0$ ;  $a_i \in K_n(I)$ .

Definition 3.18:

Let  $V_n(I), W_n(I)$  be two strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space over the  $n$ -refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ , let  $f: V_n(I) \rightarrow W_n(I)$  be a well defined map. It is called a strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic homomorphism if:

$$f(a \cdot x + b \cdot y) = a \cdot f(x) + b \cdot f(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in V_n(I), a, b \in K_n(I).$$

A weak  $n$ -refined neutrosophic homomorphism can be defined as the same.

We can understand the strong  $n$ -refined homomorphism as a module homomorphism, weak  $n$ -refined neutrosophic homomorphism can be understood as a vector space homomorphism.

Remark:

The previous definition of  $n$ -refined homomorphism between two strong/weak  $n$ -refined vector spaces is a classical homomorphism between two modules/spaces. We can not add a similar condition to the concept of neutrosophic homomorphism ( $f(I_i) = I_i$ ), since  $I_i$  is not supposed to be an element of  $V_n(I)$  if  $V$  has more than one dimension for example. According to our definition,  $\text{Ker}(f)$  will be a subspace (which is different from classical neutrosophic vector space case) since  $f$  was defined as a classical homomorphism without any additional condition.

Definition 3.19:

Let  $f: V_n(I) \rightarrow W_n(I)$  be a weak/strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic homomorphism, we define:

$$(a) \text{Ker}(f) = \{x \in V_n(I); f(x) = 0\}.$$

(b)  $Im(f) = \{y \in U_n(I); \exists x \in V_n(I) \text{ and } y = f(x)\}$ .

Theorem 3.20:

Let  $f: V_n(I) \rightarrow U_n(I)$  be a weak n-refined neutrosophic homomorphism. Then

(a)  $Ker(f)$  is a weak n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$ .

(b)  $Im(f)$  is a weak n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $U_n(I)$ .

Proof:

(a)  $f$  is a vector space homomorphism since  $V_n(I), U_n(I)$  are vector spaces, hence  $Ker(f)$  is a subspace of the vector space  $V_n(I)$ , thus  $Ker(f)$  is a weak n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$ .

(b) It holds by similar argument.

Theorem 3.21:

Let  $f: V_n(I) \rightarrow U_n(I)$  be a strong n-refined neutrosophic homomorphism. Then

(a)  $Ker(f)$  is a strong n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$ .

(b)  $Im(f)$  is a strong n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $U_n(I)$ .

Proof:

(a)  $f$  is a module homomorphism since  $V_n(I), U_n(I)$  are modules over the n-refined neutrosophic field  $K_n(I)$ , hence  $Ker(f)$  is a submodule of the vector space  $V_n(I)$ , thus  $Ker(f)$  is a strong n-refined neutrosophic subspace of  $V_n(I)$ .

(b) Holds by similar argument.

Example 3.22:

Let  $R_2^2(I) = \{x_0 + x_1I_1 + x_2I_2; x_0, x_1, x_2 \in R^2\}$ ,  $R_2^3(I) = \{y_0 + y_1I_1 + y_2I_2; y_0, y_1, y_2 \in R^3\}$  be two weak 2-refined neutrosophic vector space over the field  $R$ . Consider  $f: R_2^2(I) \rightarrow R_2^3(I)$ , where

$f[(a, b) + (m, n)I_1 + (k, s)I_2] = (a, 0, 0) + (m, 0, 0)I_1 + (k, 0, 0)I_2$ ,  $f$  is a weak 2-refined neutrosophic homomorphism over the field  $R$ .

$Ker(f) = \{(0, b) + (0, n)I_1 + (0, s)I_2; b, n, s \in R\}$ .

$Im(f) = \{(a, 0, 0) + (m, 0, 0)I_1 + (k, 0, 0)I_2; a, m, k \in R\}$ .

Example 3.23:

Let  $W_2(I) = \langle (0, 0, 1)I_1 \rangle = \{q \cdot (0, 0, a)I_1; a \in R, q \in R_2(I)\}$ ,  $U_2(I) = \langle (0, 1, 0)I_1 \rangle = \{q \cdot (0, a, 0)I_1; a \in R; q \in R_2(I)\}$  be two strong 2-refined neutrosophic subspaces of the strong 2-refined neutrosophic vector space  $R_2^3(I)$  over 2-refined neutrosophic field  $R_2(I)$ . Define  $f: W_2(I) \rightarrow U_2(I); f[q(0, 0, a)I_1] = q(0, a, 0)I_1; q \in R_2(I)$ .

$f$  is a strong 2-refined neutrosophic homomorphism:

Let  $A = q_1(0, 0, a)I_1, B = q_2(0, 0, b)I_1 \in W_2(I); q_1, q_2 \in R_2(I)$ , we have

$$A + B = (q_1 + q_2)(0,0, a + b)I_1, f(A + B) = (q_1 + q_2).(0, a + b, 0)I_1 = f(A) + f(B).$$

Let  $m = c + dI_1 + eI_2 \in R_2(I)$  be a 2-refined neutrosophic scalar, we have

$$m \cdot A = c \cdot q_1(0,0, a)I_1 + d \cdot q_1(0,0, a)I_1I_1 + e \cdot q_1(0,0, a)I_2I_1 = q_1(0,0, c \cdot a + d \cdot a + e \cdot a)I_1,$$

$f(m \cdot A) = q_1(0, c \cdot a + d \cdot a + e \cdot a, 0)I_1 = m \cdot f(A)$ , hence  $f$  is a strong 2-refined neutrosophic homomorphism.

$$\text{Ker}(f) = (0,0,0) + (0,0,0)I_1 + (0,0,0)I_2.$$

$$\text{Im}(f) = U_2(I).$$

Remark 3.24:

A union of two  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector spaces  $V_n(I)$  and  $W_n(I)$  is not supposed to be an  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space, since the addition operation can not be defined. For example consider  $V = R^3, W = R^2, n = 2$ .

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper we have introduced the concept of weak/strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic vector space. Also, some related concepts such as weak/strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic subspace, weak/strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic homomorphism have been presented and studied.

### Future research

Authors hope that some corresponding notions will be studied in future such as weak/strong  $n$ -refined neutrosophic basis, and AH-subspaces.

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