

# Difference of Function on Vector Space over $\mathbb{F}^1$

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**Summary.** In [11], the definitions of forward difference, backward difference, and central difference as difference operations for functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  were formalized. However, the definitions of forward difference, backward difference, and central difference for functions on vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$  have not been formalized. In cryptology, these definitions are very important in evaluating the security of cryptographic systems [3], [10]. Differential cryptanalysis [4] that undertakes a general purpose attack against block ciphers [13] can be formalized using these definitions. In this article, we formalize the definitions of forward difference, backward difference, and central difference for functions on vector spaces over  $\mathbb{F}$ . Moreover, we formalize some facts about these definitions.

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The notation and terminology used in this paper have been introduced in the following articles: [12], [15], [5], [6], [16], [1], [2], [7], [19], [20], [17], [14], [18], [9], [21], and [8].

From now on  $C$  denotes a non empty set,  $G_1$  denotes a field,  $V$  denotes a vector space over  $G_1$ ,  $v$ ,  $u$  denote elements of  $V$ ,  $W$  denotes a subset of  $V$ , and  $f$ ,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$  denote partial functions from  $C$  to  $V$ .

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Let us consider  $C, G_1$ , and  $V$ . Let  $f$  be a partial function from  $C$  to  $V$  and  $r$  be an element of  $G_1$ . The functor  $r \cdot f$  yielding a partial function from  $C$  to  $V$  is defined by

(Def. 1)  $\text{dom } it = \text{dom } f$  and for every element  $c$  of  $C$  such that  $c \in \text{dom } it$  holds  $it_c = r \cdot f_c$ .

Let  $f$  be a function from  $C$  into  $V$ . One can check that  $r \cdot f$  is total.

Let us consider  $v$  and  $W$ . The functor  $v \oplus W$  yielding a subset of  $V$  is defined by the term

(Def. 2)  $\{v + u : u \in W\}$ .

Let  $F, G$  be fields,  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W$  be a vector space over  $G$ ,  $f$  be a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$ , and  $h$  be an element of  $V$ . The functor  $\text{Shift}(f, h)$  yielding a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$  is defined by

(Def. 3)  $\text{dom } it = -h \oplus \text{dom } f$  and for every element  $x$  of  $V$  such that  $x \in -h \oplus \text{dom } f$  holds  $it(x) = f(x + h)$ .

Now we state the proposition:

(1) Let us consider an element  $x$  of  $V$  and a subset  $A$  of  $V$ . If  $A =$  the carrier of  $V$ , then  $x \oplus A = A$ .

PROOF: For every object  $y, y \in x \oplus A$  iff  $y \in A$  by [17, (29), (15), (13)].  $\square$

Let  $F, G$  be fields,  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W$  be a vector space over  $G$ ,  $f$  be a function from  $V$  into  $W$ , and  $h$  be an element of  $V$ . One can verify that the functor  $\text{Shift}(f, h)$  yields a function from  $V$  into  $W$  and is defined by

(Def. 4) for every element  $x$  of  $V, it(x) = f(x + h)$ .

Let  $f$  be a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$ . The functor  $\Delta_h[f]$  yielding a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$  is defined by the term

(Def. 5)  $\text{Shift}(f, h) - f$ .

Let  $f$  be a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . Observe that  $\Delta_h[f]$  is quasi total.

Let  $f$  be a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$ . The functor  $\nabla_h[f]$  yielding a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$  is defined by the term

(Def. 6)  $f - \text{Shift}(f, -h)$ .

Let  $f$  be a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . Let us note that  $\nabla_h[f]$  is quasi total.

Let  $f$  be a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$ . The functor  $\delta_h[f]$  yielding a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$  is defined by the term

(Def. 7)  $\text{Shift}(f, (2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h) - \text{Shift}(f, -(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h)$ .

Let  $f$  be a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . One can check that  $\delta_h[f]$  is quasi total.

The forward difference of  $f$  and  $h$  yielding a sequence of partial functions from the carrier of  $V$  into the carrier of  $W$  is defined by

(Def. 8)  $it(0) = f$  and for every natural number  $n, it(n + 1) = \Delta_h[it(n)]$ .

We introduce  $\vec{\Delta}_h[f]$  as a synonym of the forward difference of  $f$  and  $h$ .

From now on  $F, G$  denote fields,  $V$  denotes a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W$  denotes a vector space over  $G$ ,  $f, f_1, f_2$  denote functions from  $V$  into  $W$ ,  $x, h$  denote elements of  $V$ , and  $r, r_1, r_2$  denote elements of  $G$ .

Now we state the propositions:

(2) Let us consider a partial function  $f$  from  $V$  to  $W$ . If  $x, x+h \in \text{dom } f$ , then  $(\Delta_h[f])_x = f_{x+h} - f_x$ .

(3) Let us consider a natural number  $n$ . Then  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(n)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(\$1)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . For every natural number  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$ . For every natural number  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(4)  $(\Delta_h[f])_x = f_{x+h} - f_x$ . The theorem is a consequence of (2).

(5)  $(\nabla_h[f])_x = f_x - f_{x-h}$ .

(6)  $(\delta_h[f])_x = f_{x+(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h} - f_{x-(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h}$ .

From now on  $n, m, k$  denote natural numbers.

Now we state the propositions:

(7) If  $f$  is constant, then for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(n+1)_x = 0_W$ .

PROOF: For every  $x$ ,  $f_{x+h} - f_x = 0_W$  by [17, (15)]. For every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(n+1)_x = 0_W$  by (3), (4), [17, (15)].  $\square$

(8)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[r \cdot f])(n+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[r \cdot f])(\$1+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(\$1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (3), (4), [9, (23)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (4), [9, (23)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(9)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1 + f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1 + f_2])(\$1+1)_x = (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1])(\$1+1)_x + (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_2])(\$1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (3), (4), [17, (27), (28)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (4), [17, (27), (28)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(10)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1 - f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x - (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1 - f_2])(\$1+1)_x = (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1])(\$1+1)_x - (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_2])(\$1+1)_x$ .  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (4), [17, (29), (27)]. For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (3), (4), [17, (29)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(11)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[r_1 \cdot f_1 + r_2 \cdot f_2])(n+1)_x = r_1 \cdot (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + r_2 \cdot (\vec{\Delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

The theorem is a consequence of (3), (9), and (8).

(12)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(1)_x = (\text{Shift}(f, h))_x - f_x$ . The theorem is a consequence of (4).

Let  $F, G$  be fields,  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $h$  be an element of  $V$ ,  $W$  be a vector space over  $G$ , and  $f$  be a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . The backward difference of  $f$  and  $h$  yielding a sequence of partial functions from the carrier of  $V$  into the carrier of  $W$  is defined by

(Def. 9)  $it(0) = f$  and for every natural number  $n$ ,  $it(n+1) = \nabla_h[it(n)]$ .

The backward difference of  $f$  and  $h$  yielding a sequence of partial functions from the carrier of  $V$  into the carrier of  $W$  is defined by

(Def. 10)  $it(0) = f$  and for every natural number  $n$ ,  $it(n+1) = \nabla_h[it(n)]$ .

We introduce  $\vec{\nabla}_h[f]$  as a synonym of the backward difference of  $f$  and  $h$ .

Now we state the propositions:

(13) Let us consider a natural number  $n$ . Then  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(n)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(\$_1)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . For every natural number  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$ . For every natural number  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(14) If  $f$  is constant, then for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(n+1)_x = 0_W$ .

PROOF: For every  $x$ ,  $f_x - f_{x-h} = 0_W$  by [17, (15)]. For every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(n+1)_x = 0_W$  by (13), (5), [17, (15)].  $\square$

(15)  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[r \cdot f])(n+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[r \cdot f])(\$_1+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(\$_1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (13), (5), [9, (23)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (5), [9, (23)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(16)  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1 + f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1 + f_2])(\$_1+1)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1])(\$_1+1)_x + (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_2])(\$_1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (13), (5), [17, (27), (28)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (5), [17, (27), (28)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(17)  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1 - f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x - (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1 - f_2])(\$_1+1)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1])(\$_1+1)_x - (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_2])(\$_1+1)_x$ .  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (5), [17, (29), (27)]. For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (13), (5), [17, (29), (27)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(18)  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[r_1 \cdot f_1 + r_2 \cdot f_2])(n+1)_x = r_1 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + r_2 \cdot (\vec{\nabla}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

The theorem is a consequence of (16) and (15).

(19)  $(\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(1)_x = f_x - (\text{Shift}(f, -h))_x$ . The theorem is a consequence of (5).

Let  $F, G$  be fields,  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $h$  be an element of  $V$ ,  $W$  be a vector space over  $G$ , and  $f$  be a partial function from  $V$  to  $W$ . The central

difference of  $f$  and  $h$  yielding a sequence of partial functions from the carrier of  $V$  into the carrier of  $W$  is defined by

(Def. 11)  $it(0) = f$  and for every natural number  $n$ ,  $it(n+1) = \delta_h[it(n)]$ .

We introduce  $\vec{\delta}_h[f]$  as a synonym of the central difference of  $f$  and  $h$ .

Now we state the propositions:

(20) Let us consider a natural number  $n$ . Then  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f])(n)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(\$_1)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ . For every natural number  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$ . For every natural number  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(21) If  $f$  is constant, then for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f])(n+1)_x = 0_W$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f])(\$_1+1)_x = 0_W$ . For every  $x$ ,  $f_{x+(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h} - f_{x-(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h} = 0_W$  by [17, (15)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (20), (6), [17, (13)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(22)  $(\vec{\delta}_h[r \cdot f])(n+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\delta}_h[r \cdot f])(\$_1+1)_x = r \cdot (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(\$_1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (20), (6), [9, (23)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (6), [9, (23)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(23)  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f_1 + f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + (\vec{\delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f_1 + f_2])(\$_1+1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f_1])(\$_1+1)_x + (\vec{\delta}_h[f_2])(\$_1+1)_x$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (20), (6), [17, (27), (28)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (6), [17, (27), (28)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(24)  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f_1 - f_2])(n+1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x - (\vec{\delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f_1 - f_2])(\$_1+1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f_1])(\$_1+1)_x - (\vec{\delta}_h[f_2])(\$_1+1)_x$ .  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by (6), [17, (29), (27), (28)]. For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (20), (6), [17, (29), (27), (28)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(25)  $(\vec{\delta}_h[r_1 \cdot f_1 + r_2 \cdot f_2])(n+1)_x = r_1 \cdot (\vec{\delta}_h[f_1])(n+1)_x + r_2 \cdot (\vec{\delta}_h[f_2])(n+1)_x$ .  
The theorem is a consequence of (23) and (22).

(26)  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f])(1)_x = (\text{Shift}(f, (2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h))_x - (\text{Shift}(f, -(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h))_x$ . The theorem is a consequence of (6).

(27)  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(n)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(n)_{x+n \cdot h}$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(\$_1)_x = (\vec{\nabla}_h[f])(\$_1)_{x+\$_1 \cdot h}$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by (3), [15, (13), (15)], [17, (4), (15), (28)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by [17, (4)], [15, (12)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

Let us assume that  $1_F \neq -1_F$ . Now we state the propositions:

$$(28) \quad (\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n)_{x+n \cdot h}.$$

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{X}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$ ,  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot \$_1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot \$_1)_{x+\$_1 \cdot h}$ . For every  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{X}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{X}[k+1]$  by [15, (13), (15)], [17, (27), (28), (15)].  $\mathcal{X}[0]$  by [17, (4)], [15, (12)]. For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{X}[n]$  from [1, Sch. 2].  $\square$

$$(29) \quad (\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n + 1)_x = (\vec{\delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n + 1)_{x+n \cdot h+(2 \cdot 1_F)^{-1} \cdot h}.$$

PROOF:  $2 \cdot 1_F \neq 0_F$  by [15, (13), (15)].  $(\vec{\delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ .  $(\vec{\Delta}_h[f])(2 \cdot n)$  is a function from  $V$  into  $W$ .  $\square$

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