

### Tutorial sheet 3

① Find all the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Solution: Subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$  —  $\{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$\mathbb{R}^2$  —  $\{0\}$ , line passes through the origin,  
 $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\mathbb{R}^3$  —  $\{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .  
 $\{0\}$ , line passes through the origin,  
plane passes through the origin,  
 $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

2) Is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

Ans —  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is not closed under scalar multiplication, as  
 $\alpha = \beta = 1$  Then  $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$  &  $(\alpha + \beta)u = 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $\alpha u + \beta u = u + u = \frac{2}{1}u \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (Addition in vector not in scalar)

3)  $V = \mathbb{R}$ .  $x+y = x-y$ ,  $\alpha x = -\alpha x$ .  
which vector space axioms are not satisfied here.

Sol:  $V$  is closed under addition, as  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\Rightarrow x+y = x-y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

commutative —  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x+y = y+x$

$$x+y = x-y$$

$$y+x = y-x = -(x-y) = -(x+y)$$

Thus, commutative law does not hold.

Associative law:-  $(x+y)+z \neq x+(y+z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(x+y)+z = (x-y)+z = x-y-z.$$

$$x+(y+z) = x+(y-z) = x-y+z$$

Identity:-  $x+0 = 0+x = x$ .

Now  $x+0 = x-0 = x$

$$0+x = 0-x = -x.$$

No identity element exist.

Inverse:- does not exist.

Scalar Multiplication:-  $\alpha x = -\alpha x.$

$V$  is closed under scalar multiplication as  $-\alpha x \in \mathbb{R}.$   
 $\rightarrow (\alpha\beta)x \neq \alpha(\beta x)$  As  $(\alpha\beta)x = -\alpha\beta x$ ,  $\alpha(\beta x) = -\alpha(\beta x) = +\alpha\beta x$

$$\rightarrow 1 \cdot x = -x \neq x.$$

$$\rightarrow (\alpha+\beta)x \neq \alpha x + \beta x \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, x \in V.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (\alpha+\beta)x &= -(\alpha+\beta)x \\ &= -\alpha x - \beta x \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha x + \beta x = \alpha x - \beta x = -\alpha x + \beta x$$

$$\# \quad \alpha(x+y) \neq \alpha x + \alpha y \quad \forall \alpha \in F, x, y \in V.$$

$$\alpha(x+y) = \alpha(x-y) = -\alpha(x-y) = -\alpha x + \alpha y$$

$$\alpha x + \alpha y = \alpha x - \alpha y = -\alpha x + \alpha y$$

(4)  $V = \mathbb{R}^+$  = set of all positive real numbers.

(a) Show that  $V$  is not a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  w.r.t. usual addition & scalar multiplication.

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $V$  is closed under addition, as sum of two positive real no's is again a true real no.

but  $V$  is not closed under scalar multiplication as  $\alpha = -1, x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  Then  $\alpha x = -x$  is a negative no. which does not belong to  $V$ .

(b) For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Define  $u+v = uv$   
 $\alpha u = u^\alpha$

Then  $V$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: For  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow u+v = uv \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

For  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have

1)  $u+v = uv = vu = v+u$  (Commutative property holds)

2)  $(u+v)+w = (uv)+w = uvw$   
 $u+(v+w) = u(vw) = uvw$  (Associative property holds)

$$3) \quad 1+u = 1 \cdot u = u$$

$$u+1 = u \cdot 1 = u$$

$$\therefore 1+u = u+1 = u$$

i.e. 1 is the additive identity.

4) Inverse,  $u \in \mathbb{R}^+$  Then  $\frac{1}{u}$  is the inverse of  $u$ .

$$u + \frac{1}{u} = u \cdot \frac{1}{u} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{u} + u = \frac{1}{u} \cdot u = 1.$$

Scalar Multiplication

$$\alpha u = u \alpha \quad \forall \quad u \in \mathbb{R}^+, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

(V) It is closed under scalar multiplication.

$$(\alpha\beta)u = u^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\alpha(\beta u) = \alpha u^\beta = u^{\beta\alpha} = u^{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\text{i.e. } (\alpha\beta)u = \alpha(\beta u)$$

$$1 \cdot u = u^1 = u.$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot u = u.$$

Distributive law:-

$$(\alpha+\beta)u = u^{\alpha+\beta} = u^\alpha \cdot u^\beta = u^\alpha + u^\beta = \alpha u + \beta u =$$

$$\alpha(u+v) = \alpha(uv) = (uv)^\alpha = u^\alpha v^\alpha =$$

$$\alpha u + \alpha v = u^\alpha + v^\alpha = u^\alpha v^\alpha$$

$$\text{Thus } \alpha(u+v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$$

Thus all the properties of vector space are satisfied.

⑤ (a)  $S_n = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : \text{trace}(A) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $S_n \neq \emptyset$   $\because A = \text{Zero matrix} \in S_n$   $\text{trace}(A) = 0$ .

Let  $A \in S_n$ ,  $B \in S_n \Rightarrow \text{trace}(A) = 0$ ,  $\text{trace}(B) = 0$

To show:  $A+B \in S_n$

$$\text{trace}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) = 0 + 0 = 0 \text{ (a real no.)}$$

To show:  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $A \in S_n$  Then  $\alpha A \in S_n$ .

$$\text{trace}(\alpha A) = \alpha \text{trace}(A) = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Thus  $S_n$  is a subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

(b)  $W = \text{Sym}_n = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : A = A^0 = \overline{A}^t\}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $W$  is not a subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$

$$A \in W, B \in W \Rightarrow A = A^0, B = B^0$$

$$(A+B)^0 = A^0 + B^0 = A+B \Rightarrow A+B \in W$$

$$\text{But } \alpha = i \in \mathbb{C} \text{ Then } (iA)^0 = -iA^0 = -iA \notin W$$

$$\therefore \alpha A \notin W.$$



$$(c) W = \text{skew}_n = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : A^T = -A \}$$

$$\text{Sol:}^n \text{ Let } A, B \in W \Rightarrow A^T = -A, B^T = -B.$$

$$\text{To show: } A+B \in W \text{ i.e. } (A+B)^T = -(A+B).$$

$$\text{Consider, } (A+B)^T = A^T + B^T = -A - B = -(A+B)$$

$$\text{i.e. } A+B \in W.$$

Scalar multiplication does not hold in  $W$ , as

$$\text{let } \alpha = i \in \mathbb{C}, A \in W \text{ Then}$$

$$(\alpha A)^T = (iA)^T = -iA^T = -i(-A) = iA = \alpha A$$

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha A \notin W.$$

(d) Is the set of all invertible matrices subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\text{Sol:}^n \text{ No,}$$

$$\text{As } A = \text{Identity.}$$

$$B = -\text{Identity}$$

$$A \text{ is invertible, } \det A = 1$$

$$B \text{ is invertible as } \det B = -1$$

$$A+B = \text{Zero matrix.}$$

$$\det(A+B) = 0 \Rightarrow A+B \text{ is not invertible.}$$

$\therefore$  Set of all invertible matrices does not form a subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

6 Let  $C([-1, 1])$  be the set of all real valued continuous functions on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Let

$$W_1 = \left\{ f \in C([-1, 1]) : f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \right\}$$

$$\text{and } W_2 = \left\{ f \in C([-1, 1]) : f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 5 \right\}$$

Are  $W_1, W_2$  subspaces of  $C([-1, 1])$ .

Solution:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Here } W_1 = \left\{ f \in C([-1, 1]) : f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \right\}.$$

(i) ~~(Since zero)~~  
 $0$  (zero function)  $\in W_1$  as  $0\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$  (Here  $0 \rightarrow$  zero function)

(ii) Let  $f, g \in W_1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\text{then } (\alpha f + \beta g)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \alpha f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \beta g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \alpha \cdot 0 + \beta \cdot 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \because f, g \in W_1 \\ \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \\ \quad \& g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha f + \beta g)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha f + \beta g \in W_1$$

$$\Rightarrow W_1 \text{ is a subspace of } C([-1, 1]).$$

Consider  $W_2 = \left\{ f \in C([-1, 1]) : f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 5 \right\}.$

$$\text{Since } 0\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 0 \neq 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \text{ (zero function)} \notin W_2$$

$$\Rightarrow W_2 \text{ is not a subspace of } C([-1, 1]).$$

7) To show:  $U \cap W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if  $U$  &  $W$  are subspace of  $V$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $S = U \cap W = \{u : u \in U \text{ \& } u \in W\}$ .

To show:  $S$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Let  $u, v \in S \Rightarrow u \in U, u \in W$   
 $v \in U, v \in W$

i.e  $u, v \in U$  and  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$\therefore u+v \in U$  and  $\alpha u \in U \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}; u \in U.$  ①

Similarly,  $u, v \in W$  and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$

$\therefore u+v \in W$  &  $\alpha u \in W \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, u \in W$  ②

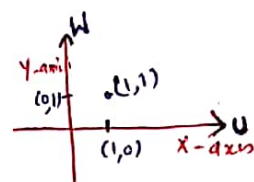
Thus, ① & ②  $\Rightarrow u+v \in U \cap W, \alpha u \in U \cap W.$

(ii)  $U \cup W$  may (need) not be a subspace.

Let  $U = \{(x, 0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Also  $W = \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$S = U \cup W = \{(x, 0) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$   
 is not a subspace.



As,  $u_1 = (1, 0) \in S, u_2 = (0, 1) \in S \Rightarrow u_1 + u_2 = (1, 1) \notin S.$



(ii)  $U \cup W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if either  $U \subseteq W$  or  $W \subseteq U$ .

Pf:-  $S = U \cup W$ .

Let  $u, v \in S = U \cup W$

$\Rightarrow$  either  $u \in W$  or  $u \in U$ ,  $\forall$  either  $v \in U$  or  $v \in W$ .

Thus, we have the following cases. and suppose  $U \subseteq W$

(i)  $u \in U$ ,  $v \in U \Rightarrow u, v \in U$

(ii)  $u \in U$ ,  $v \in W \Rightarrow u, v \in W$  as  $u \in U \subseteq W$

(iii)  $u \in W$ ,  $v \in U \Rightarrow u, v \in W$  as  $v \in U \subseteq W$

(iv)  $u \in W$ ,  $v \in W \Rightarrow u, v \in W$

Since  $U$  &  $W$  are subspace of  $V$ ,  $\therefore u+v \in U$  or  $W$

and  $U, W \subseteq U \cup W$

Thus  $u+v \in U \cup W$

$\forall \alpha \in F$ ,  $\alpha u \in U \cup W$

Thus  $U \cup W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

8 Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Define  $U+W = \{u+w : u \in U, w \in W\}$ . Show that  $U+W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Also show that  $L(U \cup W) = U+W$ .

Solution:

Since  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ ,

$$\Rightarrow 0 \in U$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \in U \cup W$$

$$\Rightarrow U \cup W \neq \emptyset.$$

Let  $x, y$  be two elements of  $U+W$ .

Then by definition of  $U+W$ ,

$$x = u_1 + w_1, \quad u_1 \in U, \quad w_1 \in W.$$

$$y = u_2 + w_2, \quad u_2 \in U, \quad w_2 \in W.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \alpha, \beta \in F \Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y &= \alpha(u_1 + w_1) + \beta(u_2 + w_2) \\ &= (\alpha u_1 + \beta u_2) + (\alpha w_1 + \beta w_2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ ,

$$\therefore \alpha u_1 + \beta u_2 \in U \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha w_1 + \beta w_2 \in W.$$

$$\text{Thus } \alpha x + \beta y \in U+W.$$

Hence  $U+W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Now, to show that  $L(U \cup W) = U+W$ .

$$\text{Since } U \subseteq U+W \quad \text{and} \quad W \subseteq U+W$$

$$\Rightarrow U \cup W \subseteq U+W$$

Since  $L(U \cup W)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$ , containing  $U \cup W$

and  $U+W$  is a subspace containing  $U \cup W$ , therefore

$$L(U \cup W) \subseteq U+W$$

————— (1)

Let  $x = u + w$  be any element of  $U + W$ , where  $u \in U$ ,  $w \in W$ ,

$$\therefore u, w \in U \cup W$$

$$\text{Now, } u + w = 1 \cdot u + 1 \cdot w$$

$\Rightarrow x = u + w$  is a linear combination of the elements  $u, w \in U \cup W$ .

$$\Rightarrow x \in L(U \cup W)$$

$$\therefore U + W \subseteq L(U \cup W) \quad \text{————— } \textcircled{2}$$

Thus from  $\textcircled{1}$  &  $\textcircled{2}$ , we get

$$\boxed{U + W = L(U \cup W)}$$

9) Is  $(4, 5, 5)$  a linear combination of  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(1, 1, 4)$  &  $(3, 3, 2)$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$(4, 5, 5) = \alpha(1, 2, 3) + \beta(1, 1, 4) + \gamma(3, 3, 2)$ , we obtain

$$\alpha + \beta + 3\gamma = 4$$

$$2\alpha + \beta + 3\gamma = 5$$

$$3\alpha + 4\beta + 2\gamma = 5$$

$$[A|b] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 5 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array} \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -7 & -7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -10 & -10 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{Thus, } \gamma = +1, \quad \beta + 3\gamma = 3 \Rightarrow \beta = 0, \quad \alpha = 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } \alpha = 1, \quad \beta = 0 \text{ and } \gamma = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (4, 5, 5) = 1(1, 2, 3) + 0(1, 1, 4) + 1(3, 3, 2)$$

Ans.

10 Find the linear span of  $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (2, 1, 3)\}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $\text{Span}(S) = \{ \alpha(1, 1, 1) + \beta(2, 1, 3) : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \}$   
 $= \{ (\alpha + 2\beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 3\beta) : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$$= \{ (x, y, z) : \begin{array}{l} x = \alpha + 2\beta \\ y = \alpha + \beta \\ z = \alpha + 3\beta \end{array} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 2y - x \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = x - y$$

$$\text{Thus } \text{span}(S) = \{ (2y - x)(1, 1, 1) + (x - y)(2, 1, 3) : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$