Section V.1

Remark V.1.1 Last time, we defined a **vector space** V to be any collection of mathematical objects with associated addition and scalar multiplication operations that satisfy the following eight properties for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ in V, and all scalars (i.e. real numbers) a, b.

- **Addition is associative.**

  $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$.

- **Addition is commutative.**

  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$.

- **Additive identity exists.**

  There exists some $\mathbf{z}$ where $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v}$.

- **Additive inverses exist.**

  There exists some $-\mathbf{v}$ where $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{z}$.

- **Scalar multiplication is associative.**

  $a(b\mathbf{v}) = (ab)\mathbf{v}$.

- **1 is a scalar multiplicative identity.**

  $1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$.

- **Scalar multiplication distributes over vector addition.**

  $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$.

- **Scalar multiplication distributes over scalar addition.**

  $(a + b)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{v}$.

Remark V.1.2 The following sets are examples of vector spaces, with the usual/natural operations for addition and scalar multiplication.

- $\mathbb{R}^n$: Euclidean vectors with n components.
- $\mathbb{R}^\infty$: Sequences of real numbers $(v_1, v_2, \dots)$.
- $M_{m,n}$: Matrices of real numbers with m rows and n columns.
- $\mathbb{C}$: Complex numbers.
- $\mathcal{P}^n$: Polynomials of degree n or less.
- $\mathcal{P}$: Polynomials of any degree.
- $C(\mathbb{R})$: Real-valued continuous functions.

Activity V.1.3 *($\sim$20 min)* Consider the set $V = \{(x, y) \,|\, y = e^x\}$ with operations defined by

$$(x, y) \oplus (z, w) = (x + z, yw) \qquad c \odot (x, y) = (cx, y^c)$$

Part 1: Show that V satisfies the vector distributive property

$$(a + b) \odot \mathbf{v} = (a \odot \mathbf{v}) \oplus (b \odot \mathbf{v})$$

by letting $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$ and showing both sides simplify to the same expression.
Part 2: Show that V contains an additive identity element by choosing $\mathbf{z} = (\ ?\ ,\ ?\ )$ such that $\mathbf{v} \oplus \mathbf{z} = (x, y) \oplus (\ ?\ ,\ ?\ ) = \mathbf{v}$ for any $\mathbf{v} = (x, y) \in V$.

Remark V.1.4 It turns out $V = \{(x, y) \,|\, y = e^x\}$ with operations defined by

$$(x, y) \oplus (z, w) = (x + z, yw) \qquad c \odot (x, y) = (cx, y^c)$$

satisifes all eight properties.

- **Addition associativity.**
  $\mathbf{u} \oplus (\mathbf{v} \oplus \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v}) \oplus \mathbf{w}$.
- **Addition commutivity.**
  $\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \oplus \mathbf{u}$.
- **Addition identity.**
  There exists some $\mathbf{z}$ where $\mathbf{v} \oplus \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v}$.
- **Addition inverse.**
  There exists some $-\mathbf{v}$ where $\mathbf{v} \oplus (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{z}$.
- **Scalar multiplication associativity.**
  $a \odot (b \odot \mathbf{v}) = (ab) \odot \mathbf{v}$.
- **Scalar multiplication identity.**
  $1 \odot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$.
- **Scalar distribution.**
  $a \odot (\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v}) = (a \odot \mathbf{u}) \oplus (a \odot \mathbf{v})$.
- **Vector distribution.**
  $(a + b) \odot \mathbf{v} = (a \odot \mathbf{v}) \oplus (b \odot \mathbf{v})$.

Thus, V is a vector space.

Activity V.1.5 *($\sim$15 min)* Let $V = \{(x, y) \,|\, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ have operations defined by

$$(x, y) \oplus (z, w) = (x + y + z + w, x^2 + z^2) \qquad c \odot (x, y) = (x^c, y + c - 1).$$

Part 1: Show that the scalar multiplication identity holds by simplifying $1 \odot (x, y)$ to (x, y).
Part 2: Show that the addition identity property fails by showing that $(0, -1) \oplus \mathbf{z} \neq (0, -1)$ no matter how $\mathbf{z} = (z_1, z_2)$ is chosen.
Part 3: Can V be a vector space?

Definition V.1.6 A **linear combination** of a set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_m\}$ is given by $c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_m\mathbf{v}_m$ for any choice of scalar multiples $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_m$.

For example, we can say $\begin{bmatrix}3\\0\\5\end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\2\end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix}$ since

$$\begin{bmatrix}3\\0\\5\end{bmatrix} = 2\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\2\end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

Definition V.1.7 The **span** of a set of vectors is the collection of all linear combinations of that set:

$$\operatorname{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_m\} = \{c_1\mathbf{v}_1 + c_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \cdots + c_m\mathbf{v}_m \,|\, c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

For example:

$$\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\} = \left\{a\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\2\end{bmatrix} + b\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\1\end{bmatrix} \,\middle|\, a, b \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$$

Activity V.1.8 *(∼10 min)* Consider $\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Part 1: Sketch $1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}$, $3\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}$, $0\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}$, and $-2\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}$ in the xy plane.

Part 2: Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to $\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right\} = \left\{a\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} \,\middle|\, a \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$ in the xy plane.

Activity V.1.9 *(∼10 min)* Consider $\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Part 1: Sketch the following linear combinations in the xy plane.

$$1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} + 0\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix} \qquad 0\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix} \qquad 1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

$$-2\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} + 1\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix} \qquad -1\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix} + -2\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

Part 2: Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to $\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ in the xy plane.

Activity V.1.10 *(∼5 min)* Sketch a representation of all the vectors belonging to $\operatorname{span}\left\{\begin{bmatrix}6\\-4\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}-3\\2\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ in the xy plane.