

# Linear Algebra

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# 1 Brief Review

## Commonly Used Sets

- $\mathbb{N}$ : set of **natural numbers**  
could be *positive* integers  
could be *nonnegative* integers
- $\mathbb{Z}$ : set of **integers**
- $\mathbb{Q}$ : set of **rational numbers**
- $\mathbb{R}$ : set of **real numbers**

## Set Building

To denote sets too large to just list, we use **set builder** notation:

$$\{\text{candidate} : \text{condition}\}$$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x \text{ is a fruit} : x \text{ is of yellow color}\} \\ &\{x \text{ is a human being} : x \text{ is a president of the U.S.}\} \\ &\{x \text{ is a city} : x \text{ is a capitol of a country}\} \end{aligned}$$

## Other Notations

- $\forall$  : for all
- $\exists$  : there exists
- s.t.: such that
- $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ : contradiction
- WTS: want to show

## 2 Real Vector Spaces

A **real vector space** is simply a *nonempty set* that satisfies 10 properties called **10 axioms of a real vector space**.

- $\vec{v} \in$  vector space  $V$  can be *anything*
- **Never** assume that an element  $\vec{v} \in V$  is an ordered pair

### Addition

- denoted by  $\oplus$
- simply a map

$$\oplus : V \times V \rightarrow V$$

Example of a definition of  $\oplus$  for  $V = \{\text{apple, orange, banana}\}$ :

$\oplus$	apple	orange	banana
apple	banana	<b>banana</b>	apple
orange	orange	apple	banana
banana	banana	orange	orange

$$\oplus(\text{apple, orange}) = \text{banana} = \text{apple} \oplus \text{orange}$$

### Scalar Multiplication

- denoted by  $\odot$
- simply a map
- *must* be  $r \times \vec{v}$  for  $r \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v} \in V$

$$\odot : \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$$

Example of a definition of  $\odot$  for  $V = \{\text{apple, orange, banana}\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} k \odot \text{apple} &= \text{orange}, \forall k \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \odot \text{orange} &= \begin{cases} \text{orange}, & \text{if } k \leq 2, \\ \text{banana}, & \text{if } k > 2, \end{cases} \\ k \odot \text{banana} &= \begin{cases} \text{banana}, & \text{if } k < -5\sqrt{2}, \\ \text{apple}, & \text{if } -5\sqrt{2} \leq k < 1.2, \\ \text{banana}, & \text{if } k = 1.2, \\ \text{orange}, & \text{if } k > 2, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\odot(3, \text{orange}) = \text{banana} = 3 \odot \text{orange}$$

### 10 Good Properties of Addition and Scalar Multiplication

1. **Closed Under Addition**  $\forall \vec{v}, \vec{u} \in V$ ,

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} \in V$$

2. **Commutativity Under Addition**  $\forall \vec{v}, \vec{u} \in V$ ,

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} = \vec{v} \oplus \vec{u}$$

3. **Associativity Under Addition**  $\forall \vec{v}, \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in V$ ,

$$\vec{u} \oplus (\vec{v} \oplus \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v}) \oplus \vec{w}$$

4. **Additive Identity Exists**  $\exists \vec{u} \forall \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} = \vec{v} \oplus \vec{u} = \vec{v}$$

$\vec{u}$  is called the additive identity, **id**

5. **Additive Inverse Always Exists**  $\forall \vec{v} \exists \vec{w} \in V$ ,

$$\vec{v} \oplus \vec{w} = \vec{w} \oplus \vec{v} = \mathbf{id}$$

$\vec{w} = -\vec{v}$  and is pronounced as *bar- $\vec{v}$*

6. **Closed Under Scalar Multiplication**  $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$k \odot \vec{v} \in V$$

7. **Distributivity Over  $\oplus$**   $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$k \odot (\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v}) = k \odot \vec{u} \oplus k \odot \vec{v}$$

8. **Distributivity Over  $+$**   $\forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$(k + \ell) \odot \vec{v} = k \odot \vec{v} \oplus \ell \odot \vec{v}$$

9. **Associativity Over Scalar Multiplication**  $\forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$(k \cdot \ell) \odot \vec{v} = k \odot (\ell \odot \vec{v})$$

10. **1 Fixes Every Element In V By  $\odot$**   $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ ,

$$1 \odot \vec{v} = \vec{v}$$

## Tips To Remember The 10 Axioms

- first 5 axioms deal with addition ONLY, the next 5 axioms involve scalar multiplication
- first of the 5 axioms for addition and scalar multiplication deal with closure
- axioms 4 and 5 are about the existence of something
- axioms 8 and 9 are the only axioms that involve 2 real numbers

## Verifying the 10 Axioms

- axioms (1) and (6): proof of closure
- axioms (4) and (5): show existence
- axioms (2), (3), (7), (8), (9), (10): proof for all elements

## Standard Addition and Scalar Multiplication for $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\forall \vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n), \vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \in V$  and  $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

$$k \odot \vec{u} = (ku_1, ku_2, \dots, ku_n)$$

### 3 Axiom-Based Theorems

Given that  $V$  is a real vector space, there are a number of theorems that are always true, because they are built upon the axioms.

#### Theorem A

Let  $V$  be a vector space.  $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ :

$$0 \odot \vec{v} = \mathbf{id}$$

#### Theorem B

Let  $V$  be a vector space.  $\forall k \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$k \odot \mathbf{id} = \mathbf{id}$$

#### Theorem C

Let  $V$  be a vector space.  $\forall \vec{v} \in V$ :

$$(-1) \odot \vec{v} = -\vec{v}$$

#### Theorem D

Let  $V$  be a vector space. If  $k \odot \vec{v} = \mathbf{id}$ , then:

$$k = 0 \quad \text{and/or} \quad \vec{v} = \mathbf{id}$$

## 4 Subspaces

Let  $V$  be a vector space, with  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  denoting its addition and scalar multiplication operations respectively. A *nonempty set*  $W$  is a **subspace** of  $V$  if these three properties are satisfied.

1.  $W \subseteq V$
2. Addition and scalar multiplication operations in  $W$  are *inherited* from  $V$ :  $\oplus_W = \oplus_V$  and  $\odot_W = \odot_V$
3.  $W$  is a vector space

### Theorem 3: Needed Axioms for a Subspace

Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $W$  be a nonempty subset  $V$  such that the addition and scalar multiplication are inherited from  $V$ . Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if Axioms 1 and 6 hold for  $W$ .

### Linear Combination and Span

Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \subseteq V$ . A **linear combination** of  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is

$$k_1\vec{v}_1 + k_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + k_n\vec{v}_n, \text{ where } k_i \text{ are scalars}$$

The **span** of  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\}$  is the set of ALL linear combinations of  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n$ , which is

$$\text{span}(S) = \{\vec{v} \in V : \vec{v} = k_1\vec{v}_1 + k_2\vec{v}_2 + \dots + k_n\vec{v}_n, \text{ where } k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

If  $S = \emptyset$ , then we define  $\text{span}(S) = \{\mathbf{id}\}$

### Theorem 16: Smallest Subspace of a Vector Space

Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n\} \subseteq V$ . Then  $\text{span}(S)$  is the **smallest** subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ .

### Theorem 19: Span Equality

Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $S$  and  $T$  be two finite subsets of  $V$ . Then

$$\text{span}(S) = \text{span}(T) \iff S \subseteq \text{span}(T) \text{ and } T \subseteq \text{span}(S)$$

### Gauss-Jordan Elimination