

# 1C Exercises

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- 1 For each of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{F}^3$ , determine whether it is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$ .

- (a)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0\}$
- (b)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 4\}$
- (c)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 x_2 x_3 = 0\}$
- (d)  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x_1 = 5x_3\}$

Let  $V$  denote the candidate subspace for a), b), c), d)

$$a) 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in V$$

$$\cdot \text{let } u, v \in V, u = (x_1, x_2, x_3), v = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$

$$u+v = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3)$$

$$x_1 + y_1 + 2(x_2 + y_2) + 3(x_3 + y_3)$$

$$= \underbrace{x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3}_{= 0 \text{ ( } u \in V \text{)}} + \underbrace{y_1 + 2y_2 + 3y_3}_{= 0 \text{ ( } v \in V \text{)}} = 0 \Rightarrow u+v \in V$$

$$= 0 \text{ ( } u \in V \text{)} \quad = 0 \text{ ( } v \in V \text{)}$$

$$\cdot \text{let } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}, v \in V$$

$$\lambda \cdot v = (\lambda x_1, \lambda x_2, \lambda x_3)$$

$$\lambda x_1 + 2\lambda x_2 + 3\lambda x_3 = \lambda(\underbrace{x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3}_{= 0}) = \lambda 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda v \in V \quad = 0 \text{ ( } v \in V \text{)}$$

$\Rightarrow V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$

$$b) 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 = 0 \neq 4 \Rightarrow 0 \notin V$$

$\Rightarrow V$  not a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$

$$c) u = (1, 0, 0) \in V \text{ as } 1 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$v = (0, 1, 1) \notin V \text{ as } 0 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$u+v = (1, 1, 1) \notin V \text{ as } 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow V$  not a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^3$

$$d) \cdot 0 \in V$$

$$\cdot x_1 + y_1 = 5x_3 + 5y_3 = 5(x_3 + y_3) \in V$$

$$\cdot \lambda x_1 = \lambda 5x_3 = 5\lambda x_3 \in V$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda x_1 = \lambda s x_3 = s \lambda x_3 \in V \\ \implies & V \text{ is a subspace of } \mathbb{F}^3 \end{aligned}$$

2 Verify all assertions about subspaces in Example 1.35.

| 1.35 example: subspaces

(a) If  $b \in \mathbb{F}$ , then

$$\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : x_3 = 5x_4 + b\}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^4$  if and only if  $b = 0$ .

(b) The set of continuous real-valued functions on the interval  $[0, 1]$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$ .

(c) The set of differentiable real-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^\mathbb{R}$ .

(d) The set of differentiable real-valued functions  $f$  on the interval  $(0, 3)$  such that  $f'(2) = b$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{(0,3)}$  if and only if  $b = 0$ .

(e) The set of all sequences of complex numbers with limit 0 is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^\infty$ .

a) " $\Leftarrow$ " : some reasoning or (1. d) to show  $V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^4$   
 $\Rightarrow$ :  $V$  subspace  $\Rightarrow 0 \in V$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = s \cdot 0 + b$   
 $\Rightarrow b = 0$  ■

b)  $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$  is defined as:  $\forall x \in [0,1], 0(x) = 0$

- $0$  is a constant function, hence continuous  $\Rightarrow 0 \in V$
- The sum of two continuous functions is a continuous function
- The product of a scalar with a continuous function is a continuous function

 $\Rightarrow V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$

c)  $\cdot 0(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable in  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $0'(x) = 0$ ) hence  $0 \in V$   
 $\cdot$  If  $f, g \in V$ , then  $f + g$  is diff. fct on  $\mathbb{R}$  in diff. on  $\mathbb{R}$  and of derivative  
 $(f+g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $\cdot$  See with  $\overset{\rightarrow}{f}(x) = (\overset{\rightarrow}{f})'(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$

d) " $\Rightarrow$ " :  $V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{(0,3)} \Rightarrow 0 \in V$   
 $\Rightarrow 0'(2) = b$ , but  $0'(2) = 0$  (constant fct)  
 $\Rightarrow b = 0$

" $\Leftarrow$ ". A.  $\therefore b = 0$

" $\leq$ ": Assume  $b = 0$ .

•  $0$  differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  is differentiable on  $(0, 3)$ ,  
and if derivative  $0'(x) = 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , hence  $0'(2) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in V$

• let  $f, g \in V$ . Sum is diff on  $(0, 3)$ , and

$$(f+g)'(2) = f'(2) + g'(2) = 0 + 0 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (f+g)' \in V$$

• let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in V$ . If diff on  $(0, 3)$ , and

$$(\lambda f)'(2) = \lambda f'(2) = \lambda 0 = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow (\lambda f)' \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \text{V subspace of } \mathbb{R}^{(0,3)} \Leftrightarrow b = 0 \right)$$

c) •  $0 \in C^\infty$  is  $(0, 0, \dots)$

$(0, 0, \dots)$  is a sequence of convergent  $(0_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  s.t.

$$0_n = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0_n = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in V$$

• let  $u, v \in V$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u+v)_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n \text{ as } u_n, v_n \text{ converge}$$
$$= 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow u+v \in V$$

• let  $v \in V, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda v)_n = \lambda \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n = \lambda 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda v \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow V \text{ subspace of } \mathbb{C}^\infty$$

- 3 Show that the set of differentiable real-valued functions  $f$  on the interval  $(-4, 4)$  such that  $f'(-1) = 3f(2)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{(-4,4)}$ .

- $0'(-1) = 0 = 3 \cdot 0(2) \Rightarrow 0 \in V$
- Let  $f, g \in V$  i.e.  $f$  is differentiable and real-valued on  $(-4, 4)$   
 $(f+g)'(-1) = f'(-1) + g'(-1) = 3f(2) + 3g(2)$   
 $= 3(f(2) + g(2)) = 3(f+g)(2)$   
 $\Rightarrow f+g \in V$
- Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in V$  i.e.  $f$  is differentiable and real-valued on  $(-4, 4)$   
 $(\lambda f)'(-1) = \lambda f'(-1) = \lambda \cdot 3f(2) = 3\lambda f(2)$   
 $= 3(\lambda f)(2) \Rightarrow \lambda f \in V$

$\Rightarrow V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{(-4,4)}$

- 4 Suppose  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the set of continuous real-valued functions  $f$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\int_0^1 f = b$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$  if and only if  $b = 0$ .

"  $\Rightarrow$  "  $V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_0^1 0 = b \Rightarrow [c]_0^1 = b \Rightarrow 0 = b$  ( $c$  some constant)

"  $\Leftarrow$  "  $b = 0 \quad \forall c \in [0,1]$   
 $0(c) = 0$  is a continuous real-valued fn on  $[0,1]$   
 $\int_0^1 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 0 \in V$

- Let  $f, g \in V$ . Sum of  $f$  and  $g$  is continuous and real-valued on  $[0,1]$   
 $\int_0^1 (f+g) = \int_0^1 f + \int_0^1 g = 0 + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow f+g \in V$

- Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in V$ . Product is continuous and real-valued on  $[0,1]$   
 $\int_0^1 (\lambda f) = \lambda \int_0^1 f = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda f \in V$

on  $[0,1]$   
 $\{(\lambda f)_{\text{real}}\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda f \in V \\ f \in [0,1] \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}$

5 Is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a subspace of the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ?

Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\lambda = b + i$  with  $b \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $v = (v_1, 0)$ ,  $v_1 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\lambda v = (\lambda v_1, 0) = (b v_1, 0)$$

Since  $b, v_1 \neq 0$ ,  $b v_1$  is complex, s.t.  $\lambda v \notin \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, v \in \mathbb{R}^2, \text{s.t. } \lambda v \notin \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is not a subspace of the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$

6 (a) Is  $\{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a^3 = b^3\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(b) Is  $\{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : a^3 = b^3\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ ?

a)  $0 = (0, 0, 0) \in V$   
 $a^3 = b^3 \Rightarrow a = b$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (if it needs to be proven,  
 $a \mapsto a^3$  is strictly increasing, as  $3a^2 > 0 \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
hence injective)

Let  $u = (a_1, b_1, c_1), v = (a_2, b_2, c_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} u + v &= (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2) \\ &= (\underbrace{a_1 + b_2}_{=}, \underbrace{a_1 + b_2}_{=}, c_1 + c_2) \\ &\Rightarrow u + v \in V \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda u &= \lambda(a_1, b_1, c_1) = (\underbrace{\lambda a_1}_{=}, \underbrace{\lambda a_1}_{=}, c_1) \Rightarrow \lambda u \in V \\ &\Rightarrow V \text{ subspace of } \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

b) In  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a^3 = b^3 \nRightarrow a = b$ , as  $a^3$  has 3 roots

$$z_1, z_2, z_3 \text{ s.t. } z_1 \neq z_2 \neq z_3$$

For instance  $z^3 = -1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z = -1 \\ z = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \\ z = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \end{cases}$

$$u = (-1, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, 0) \in V$$

$$v = \left(-1, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, 0\right) \in V \quad |z| = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$v_2 = \left(-1, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, 0\right) \in V$$

$$v + v_2 = (-2, 1, 0) \notin V \quad (\text{as } -2^3 \neq 1^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow V \text{ is not a subspace of } \mathbb{C}^3$$

- 7 Prove or give a counterexample: If  $U$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under addition and under taking additive inverses (meaning  $-u \in U$  whenever  $u \in U$ ), then  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $U = \mathbb{Z}^2$

$U$  is closed under addition:

Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (\underbrace{a+c}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}, \underbrace{b+d}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$U$  is closed under additive inverse:

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$(-a, -b) + (a, b) = (0, 0) \text{ and } (-a, -b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

However,  $U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Indeed,  $U$  is not necessarily closed under scalar multiplication. If the field is  $\mathbb{Q}$  (or  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ):

$$\underbrace{0 \cdot 1}_{\in \mathbb{Q}} \underbrace{(1, 0)}_{\in U} = (\underbrace{0 \cdot 1}_{\notin \mathbb{Z}}, 0) \notin \mathbb{Z}^2$$

- 8 Give an example of a nonempty subset  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $U$  is closed under scalar multiplication, but  $U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \underbrace{x}_{(1)} = y \vee \underbrace{x}_{(2)} = 2y\}$$

Let  $v \in U$ .  $\lambda v = (\lambda x, \lambda y)$

If  $v$  satisfies (1):  $\lambda x = \lambda y \Rightarrow \lambda v \in U$

If  $v$  satisfies (2):  $\lambda x = \lambda 2y = 2(\lambda y) \Rightarrow \lambda v \in U$   
 $\rightarrow$   $U$  is closed under scalar multiplication

If  $U$  satisfies (2):  $\lambda u = \lambda \langle x - cy \rangle = \lambda x - \lambda cy$ ,  $\dots$   
 $\Rightarrow U$  closed under scalar multiplication

However,  $U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Indeed, let  $u, v \in U$  s.t.  $u = (1, 1)$ ,  $v = (1, 2)$

$$u + v = (1+1, 1+2) = (2, 3) \notin U$$

$\Rightarrow U$  is not closed under addition

$\Rightarrow U$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

- 9 A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *periodic* if there exists a positive number  $p$  such that  $f(x) = f(x+p)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Is the set of periodic functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ? Explain.

The sum of periodic functions is not necessarily periodic, which makes addition not closed on  $V$ .

Example:  $[\sin(x) + \sin(\pi x), x \in \mathbb{R}]$

(There is a proof for this, easier/more straightforward proves)  
 may exist ...

Suppose  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R}^*$  s.t.:

$$\sin(x+c) + \sin(\pi(x+c)) = \sin(x) + \sin(\pi x)$$

$$\text{For } x=0: \sin(c) + \sin(\pi c) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(c) = -\sin(\pi c) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{For } x=1: \sin(1+c) - \sin(\pi c) = \sin(1) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{For } x=-1: \sin(c-1) - \sin(\pi c) = \sin(-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(c-1) + \sin(c) = -\sin(1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \sin(1+c) + \sin(c) = \sin(1) \\ \sin(c-1) + \sin(c) = -\sin(1) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sin(1+c) + \sin(c-1) + 2\sin(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\sin(1)} \cos(c) + \cos(1) \sin(c) + \sin(c) \cos(1) - \cancel{\cos(1)} \sin(1) + 2\sin(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(c) + \cos(1) \sin(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(c) \underbrace{(1 + \cos(1))}_{\neq 0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(c) = 0$$

$$\therefore \sin(c) = 0 \quad \forall n + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(c) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c \in \{0 + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(x + k\pi) + \sin(\pi x + k\pi^2) = \sin(x) + \sin(\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)^k (\sin x) - \sin(x) + \sin(\pi x + k\pi^2) - \sin(\pi x) = 0$$

$$= 0 : \sin(k\pi^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists k' \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } k\pi^2 = k'\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{k\pi}_{\substack{\text{odd} \\ \text{if } k \neq 0}} = \underbrace{k'}_{\substack{\text{odd} \\ (\in \mathbb{Z})}} \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k=0}$$

$\Rightarrow c = 0$ , which contradicts the initial ~~assumption~~.

Hence  $\sin x + \sin \pi x$  is not periodic.

- 10 Suppose  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ . Prove that the intersection  $V_1 \cap V_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

•  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  subspaces  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \in V_1 \\ 0 \in V_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 0 \in V_1 \cap V_2$

• let  $u, v \in V_1 \cap V_2$ .

$u \in V_1 \cap V_2 \Rightarrow u \in V_1, v \in V_2$  (use for  $v$ )

$\begin{cases} u \in V_1 \\ v \in V_1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow u + v \in V_1$  ( $V_1$  subspace)  $\Rightarrow u + v \in V_1 \cap V_2$

$\begin{cases} v \in V_2 \\ u \in V_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow u + v \in V_2$  ( $V_2$  subspace)

• let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V_1 \cap V_2$

$\lambda v \in V_1$  ( $V_1$  subspace),  $\lambda v \in V_2$  ( $V_2$  subspace)

$\Rightarrow \lambda v \in V_1 \cap V_2$

$\Rightarrow V_1 \cap V_2$  subspace

- 11 Prove that the intersection of every collection of subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Same reasoning as 10.

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- 12 Prove that the union of two subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if one of the subspaces is contained in the other.

Let  $U_1, U_2$  be subspaces of  $V$

" $\Leftarrow$ " Suppose wlog  $U_1 \subset U_2$

Then  $U_1 \cup U_2 = U_2$  which is a subspace of  $V$

$\Rightarrow U_1 \cup U_2$  subspace of  $V$

" $\Rightarrow$ " By contradiction: suppose  $U_1 \not\subset U_2$  and  $U_2 \not\subset U_1$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \exists v_1 \in U_1 \text{ s.t. } v_1 \notin U_2 \\ \exists v_2 \in U_2 \text{ s.t. } v_2 \notin U_1 \end{cases} (*)$$

$v_1 + v_2 \in U_1 \cup U_2$  (as we supposed  $U_1 \cup U_2$  subspace)

If  $v_1 + v_2 \in U_1$ :

$(\underbrace{v_1 + v_2} - v_1) = v_2 \in U_1$ , as  $U_1$  subspace, contradiction  
 $v_2 \in U_1$   $\in U_1$  with ( $\Leftarrow$ )

The symmetric contradiction can be found if  $v_1 + v_2 \in U_2$ .

- 13 Prove that the union of three subspaces of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if one of the subspaces contains the other two.

This exercise is surprisingly harder than Exercise 12, possibly because this exercise is not true if we replace  $\mathbb{F}$  with a field containing only two elements.

(I hope it is correct I am pretty happy with this proof!)

" $\Leftarrow$ " Same reasoning as " $\Leftarrow$ " of Ex. 12.

" $\Rightarrow$ " Let  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

Suppose  $U_1 \not\subset U_2, U_3$  and  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  subspace of  $V$

$$U_2 \not\subset U_1, U_3 \quad (*)$$

$$U_2 \not\subset U_1, U_3 \quad (*)$$

$$U_3 \not\subset U_1, U_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists v_1 \in U_1 \text{ s.t. } v_1 \notin U_2, U_3$$

$$\exists v_2 \in U_2 \text{ s.t. } v_2 \notin U_1, U_3 \quad (**)$$

$$\exists v_3 \in U_3 \text{ s.t. } v_3 \notin U_1, U_2$$

We can show that  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3\}, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ :

$$\lambda v_i \in U_i \text{ s.t. } \lambda v_i \notin U_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, 2, 3\} \setminus \{i\} \quad (1)$$

Indeed, if  $\lambda v_i \in U_j$  for some  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\} \setminus \{i\}$ ,

then as  $U_j$  is a subspace we would have:

$$\lambda v_i \in U_j \Rightarrow v_i \in U_j$$

which contradicts assumption  $(*)$

We can also show that  $\forall i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  with  $i \neq j, j \neq k, i \neq k$ :

$$v_i + v_j \in U_k \text{ and } v_i + v_j \notin U_i, U_j \quad (2)$$

Indeed if  $v_i + v_j \in U_i$ , then  $(v_i + v_j) - v_i = v_j \in U_i$

which contradicts assumption  $(**)$ . Same reasoning for  $U_j$ .

Let us consider  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3$ .

Since  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  subspace,  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 \in U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$ .

Since  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  subspace,  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3 = U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$

However,  $\underline{U_1 + U_2 + U_3} \in U_3$ , and the same reasoning  
 $\in U_3$  (by (1))  $\in U_3$

can be made to show  $U_1 + U_2 + U_3 \in U_1 \cup U_2$ .

Thus  $\underline{U_1 + U_2 + U_3} \in U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3$ ,

(let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . We showed in (1) that

$\lambda v_1 \in U_1$  and  $\lambda v_1 \notin U_2, U_3$ . We can

thus apply (2) with  $\lambda v_1$  instead of  $v_1$ .

$\Rightarrow \underline{\lambda v_1 + U_2 + U_3} \in U_3$ . With the same  
 $\in U_3 \quad \in U_3$

reasoning, we find that:

$\lambda v_1 + U_2 + U_3 \in U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3$

As  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  subspace of  $V$ ,

$-\lambda v_1 - U_2 - U_3 \in U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3$

thus  $(v_1 + U_2 + U_3) - (\lambda v_1 - U_2 - U_3) \in U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$

$= v_1(1 - \lambda) \in U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3$

$= \mu v_1 \in U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$ , with  $\mu \neq 0$  as  $\lambda \neq 1$

∴  $\lambda = 1$   $\rightarrow$  That since  $U_1 \subsetneq U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$ ,

But we showed in (1) that since  $U_1 \subset U_1 \setminus U_2, U_3$ ,  
 $\nu_U, \in U_1 \setminus U_2, U_3 \quad \forall \nu \in \bar{F} \setminus \{0\}$ .

This (\*) and  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  subspace leads to a contradiction.  
 We can conclude that  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3 \Rightarrow \neg(*)$ , meaning that  
 one of the subspaces must include the two others for  
 $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  to be a subspace of  $V$  (*at least when*  
 $\exists \lambda \in F$  s.t.  $\lambda \neq 0, \lambda \neq 1$ , meaning  $F$  has more than two  
 elements).

14 Suppose

$$U = \{(x, -x, 2x) \in F^3 : x \in F\} \quad \text{and} \quad W = \{(x, x, 2x) \in F^3 : x \in F\}.$$

Describe  $U + W$  using symbols, and also give a description of  $U + W$  that uses no symbols.

$$\begin{aligned} U + W &= \{u + w, u \in U, w \in W\} \\ &= \{(x, -x, 2x) + (y, y, 2y), x \in F, y \in F\} \\ &= \{(\nu x + y, -\nu x + y, 2(\nu x + y)), \nu \in F, y \in F\} \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \{(\nu x, y, 2\nu x) : \nu \in F, y \in F\} = U \end{aligned}$$

$U + W$  is the set of elements of  $F^3$  such that  
 the first coordinate is half the third one.

To prove (1) :

" $\subseteq$ :  $(\nu x + y, -\nu x + y, 2(\nu x + y))$  can be written  
 $(= \dots)$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha + y, -\alpha - y, \lambda z)$  can be written  
 $(z, -\alpha - y, \lambda z) \in U$

" "  $\exists$ : Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$ .

$$\text{Then } (x, y, \lambda x) = \left( \frac{x-y}{2}, \frac{y-x}{2}, x-y \right) \quad (\in U)$$

$$+ \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{x+y}{2}, x+y \right) \quad (\in W)$$

- 15 Suppose  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . What is  $U + U$ ?

$$U + U = \{u+v, u, v \in U\}$$

- Let  $w \in U + U$ .  $w = u+v, u, v \in U$ . As  $U$  subspace,  $w \in V$ .
- Let  $u \in U$ .  $u = u+0 \in U + U$  ( $0 \in U$  as  $U$  subspace).

$$\text{Thus, } U + U = U$$

- 16 Is the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  commutative? In other words, if  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V$ , is  $U + W = W + U$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } v \in U + W, v = u + w, u \in U, w \in W \\ & \Rightarrow v = w + u \quad (\text{commutativity of } + \text{ in a vector field}) \\ & \Rightarrow v \in W + U \Rightarrow U + W \subseteq W + U \end{aligned}$$

Same reasoning for the other side of the equality.

- 17 Is the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  associative? In other words, if  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  are subspaces of  $V$ , is

$$(V_1 + V_2) + V_3 = V_1 + (V_2 + V_3)?$$

$$\text{Let } v \in (V_1 + V_2) + V_3, v = (u_1 + u_2) + v_3, u_i \in V_i \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = u_1 + (u_2 + v_3) \quad (\text{associativity of } V)$$

$$\Rightarrow v \in V_1 + (V_2 + V_3) \Rightarrow (V_1 + V_2) + V_3 \subseteq V_1 + (V_2 + V_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow v + V_1 + (V_2 + V_3) \Rightarrow (V_1 + V_2) + V_3 \subseteq V_1 + (V_2 + V_3)$$

Same reasoning for the other side of the equality.

- 18 Does the operation of addition on the subspaces of  $V$  have an additive identity? Which subspaces have additive inverses?

An additive identity  $O$  in the subspaces of  $V$  would be a subspace s.t. if  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then  $U + O = U$  ( $= O + U$  by commutativity).

The subspace  $O = \{O\}$  consisting of the additive identity in  $V$  is such a subspace. Indeed:

- Let  $u \in U + O$ .  $u = u + O$ ,  $u \in U \Rightarrow U + O \subseteq U$
- Let  $u \in U$ .  $u = u + O \in U + O \Rightarrow U \subseteq U + O$

$$\Rightarrow U = U + O$$

Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $V$ .

Suppose  $\exists W$  s.t.  $U + W = O$

Let  $v \in U + W$ .  $v = u + w$ ,  $u \in U$ ,  $w \in W$

$$u + w = O \Rightarrow u = -w$$

This should hold  $\forall v, \forall w$ .

For a fixed  $v$ ,  $\exists! w$  s.t.  $v = -w$  and reciprocally, implying  $U$  and  $W$  should hold only one element (1).

However, if one element  $x$  is present and different than  $O$ , since  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces -  $x$  should also be in  $U$  and  $W$ , which contradicts (1).

Therefore, subspaces can have an additive

Therefore, only  $\{0\}$  can have an additive inverse, itself (we can easily check that  $\{0\} + \{0\} = \{0\}$ ).

- 19 Prove or give a counterexample: If  $V_1, V_2, U$  are subspaces of  $V$  such that

$$V_1 + U = V_2 + U,$$

then  $V_1 = V_2$ .

Counterexample:

$$V_1 = \{(0, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \text{ (subspace of } \mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$V_2 = \{(\alpha, 2\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \text{ (subspace of } \mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$U = \{(\alpha, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \text{ (subspace of } \mathbb{R}^2)$$

$$\text{We can show } V_1 + U = V_2 + U = \mathbb{R}^2$$

It is obvious that  $V_1 + U = \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\cdot \forall (\alpha, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, (\alpha, y) = \underbrace{(\alpha, 0)}_{\in V_1} + \underbrace{(0, y)}_{\in U} \in V_1 + U \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq V_1 + U$$

$$\cdot V_1 + U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ (num of subspaces)}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_1 + U = \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\text{We can also show that } V_2 + U = \mathbb{R}^2:$$

$$\cdot \forall (\alpha, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, (\alpha, y) = \underbrace{(2y, y)}_{\in V_2} + \underbrace{(\alpha - 2y, 0)}_{\in U} \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \subseteq V_2 + U$$

$$\cdot \text{Same as for } V_1 + U$$

$$\text{Thus we have } V_1 + U = V_2 + U = \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ and } V_1 \neq V_2$$

- 20 Suppose

$$U = \{(x, x, y, y) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

Find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{F}^4$  such that  $\mathbb{F}^4 = U \oplus W$ .

$$\{(\alpha, y, 2y, z) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : \alpha, y \in \mathbb{F}\} = W \text{ (subspace of } \mathbb{F}^4)$$

$$\{(x, y, 2y, y) \in \mathbb{F}^4 : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\} = W \text{ (subspace of } \mathbb{F}^4 \text{)}$$

$$\text{Let } (a, b, c, d) \in U \cap W, \quad \begin{aligned} (a, b, c, d) &= (x, y, 2y, y) \\ (a, b, c, d) &= (w, z, 2z, z) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = x \\ b = y \\ c = y \\ d = y \\ a = w \\ b = z \\ c = 2z \\ d = z \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d = y = z \\ c = y = 2z \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} z = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (a, b, c, d) = (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \Rightarrow U \cap W = \{0\} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{F}^4 = U \oplus W \end{array}$$

21 Suppose

$$U = \{(x, y, x+y, x-y, 2x) \in \mathbb{F}^5 : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

Find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{F}^5$  such that  $\mathbb{F}^5 = U \oplus W$ .

$$W = \{(0, x, x, x, x) \in \mathbb{F}^5\}$$

$$\text{Let } (a, b, c, d, e) \in W \cap U$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = x \\ b = y \\ c = x+y \\ d = x-y \\ e = 2x \\ a = 0 \\ b = z \\ c = z \\ d = z \\ e = z \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = x = 0 \\ e = 2x = 0 \\ e = b = c = d = 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow (a, b, c, d, e) = (0, 0, 0, 0) \\ \Rightarrow W \cap U = \{0\} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{F}^5 = W \oplus U$$

22 Suppose

$$U = \{(x, y, x+y, x-y, 2x) \in \mathbb{F}^5 : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}.$$

Find three subspaces  $W_1, W_2, W_3$  of  $\mathbb{F}^5$ , none of which equals  $\{0\}$ , such that  $\mathbb{F}^5 = U \oplus W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3$ .

$$W_1 = \{(0, x, 0, 0, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(0, 0, x, 0, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$W_3 = \{(0, 0, 0, x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

$$(a, b, c, d, e) \in U \cap W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a = x \\ b = y \\ c = x+y \\ d = x-y \\ e = 2x \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a = 0 \\ b = w \\ c = 0 \\ d = 0 \\ e = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \\ c = z \\ d = 0 \\ e = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \\ c = 0 \\ d = v \\ e = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b, c, d, e) = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow V \cap W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3 - \{0\} \Rightarrow$$

$$V \oplus W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3 = \mathbb{F}^5$$

23 Prove or give a counterexample: If  $V_1, V_2, U$  are subspaces of  $V$  such that

$$V = V_1 \oplus U \quad \text{and} \quad V = V_2 \oplus U,$$

then  $V_1 = V_2$ .

*Hint: When trying to discover whether a conjecture in linear algebra is true or false, it is often useful to start by experimenting in  $\mathbb{F}^2$ .*

Our counterexample in Ex. 19 can be used here,  
as we chose  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  s.t.  $V = V_1 \oplus U$  and  
 $V = V_2 \oplus U$ .

24 A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *even* if

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *odd* if

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $V_e$  denote the set of real-valued even functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $V_o$  denote the set of real-valued odd functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $\mathbb{R}^\mathbb{R} = V_e \oplus V_o$ .

Easy to check  $V_e$  and  $V_o$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}^\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f \in V_e, V_o$ .

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \begin{cases} f(-x) = f(x) & (f \in V_e) \\ f(-x) = -f(x) & (f \in V_o) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = -f(x) \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f = 0 \quad (\text{additive identity for } \mathbb{R}^\mathbb{R})$$

$$\Rightarrow V_e \cap V_o = \{0\}$$

$\mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}$

$$\implies V_e \cap V_\sigma = \emptyset$$

$$\implies V_e \oplus V_\sigma = R^n$$