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SUBSPACES

Let V be vector space over field F , Let W be subset of V , Then W is subspace of V if V is vector space over F , with operation of addition and scalar multiplⁿ defined on V .

$\{0\}$ and V are the subspaces for - vector space V .

$$\begin{aligned} x+y &\in W & \forall x, y \in W \\ cx &\in W & c \in F, x \in W \end{aligned}$$

W has zero vector

Each vector in W has an additive inverse in W .

Theorem Let V be vector space, W be subset of V then W is subspace of V iff the foll. three condition hold true.

- (a) $0 \in W$
 - (b) $x+y \in W \quad \forall x, y \in W$
 - (c) $cx \in W \quad c \in F, x \in W.$
- for operation defined in V

Proof Suppose W is subspace of V , Then (b) and (c) must hold, because W is vector space. TP (a) holds.

Since ~~some~~ W is a vector space over F .

\therefore By VS3 $\exists 0' \in W$ such that
 $x+0' = x \rightarrow (i) \forall x \in W$
 $(\forall x \exists x \in V)$

Also $x+0 = x$

$$\begin{aligned} x+0' &= x+0 \\ 0' &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence $0' \in W$.

Hence, statement is true.

Converse

IP W is a subspace of V , i.e. W is a subspace itself

By (b) and (c) addition and scalar multiplication is well defined in W

As W is a subset of V ; \therefore (VS1), (VS2), (VS5-VS8) all hold true.

Also by (a) $0 \in W$, i.e. additive identity exists.

Now To prove (VS4).

Let $a \in W$, $-1 \in F$

$(-1)a \in W$ [scalar mult.]

$-a \in W$.

Also $a - a = 0$.

Hence inverses exist \forall elements in W .

Hence W is a subspace of V .

Examples of subspaces:

Consider $n \times n$ matrices in $M_{n \times n}(F)$. Let W be the set of all symm. matrices in $M_{n \times n}(F)$ then W is a subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

Consider the $n \times n$ zero matrix.

Clearly $0^t = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in W$.

Now let $A, B \in W \Rightarrow A^t = A, B^t = B$

As A, B are $n \times n$ square matrices; $A+B$ is $n \times n$ square matrix

∴ $A+B$ is also a $(n \times n)$ square matrix.

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

⇒ W is closed under addition

Also Consider

$$(CA)^T = CA^T = CA \in W.$$

Hence W is closed under scalar multiplication

Hence, By Thm 1.3, W is subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

(2) $P(F) =$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \dots$$

$$\text{If } a_i = 0 \quad \forall i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then $f(x)$ is a zero polynomial

$$\text{By convent}^n \quad \deg f(x) = -1$$

Consider the vector space $P(F)$ of all polynomials over the field ' F ' and let n be non-negative integer and $P_n(F)$ be set of all polynomials in $P(F)$ having degree less than or equal to n .

We will prove that $P_n(F)$ is subspace of $P(F)$.

Consider zero polynomial, denote it by 0 . Then by conventⁿ $\deg 0 = -1 < n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$\text{Hence } 0 \in P_n(F)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x), g(x) \in P_n(F)$$

$$\deg(f(x)) \text{ and } \deg(g(x)) < n$$

$$f(x) + g(x) = h(x) \Rightarrow \deg(h(x)) < n$$

$$\text{Hence } h(x) \in P_n(F).$$

Coz,

Also sum of two poly with degree $\leq n$ is an another polynomial of degree $\leq n$

Hence, operation of addition is closed.

Also, product of scalar & poly. of degree $\leq n$ is a polynomial of degree $\leq n$.

Hence, $P_n(F)$ is closed under scalar multiplication.

Hence, $P_n(F)$ is subspace of $P(F)$.

Ex (3)

Let $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ be set of all real valued functions
Let $C(\mathbb{R})$ denote the set of all continuous real valued function defined on \mathbb{R} .

Then $C(\mathbb{R})$ is subset of $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ & in particular it forms a subspace in $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

Clearly, the zero of $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ is $f(t) = 0 \forall t$
as a constant funⁿ is always continuous funⁿ.

\therefore

$$f \in C(\mathbb{R})$$

Also, sum of 2 continuous function is continuous
& product of scalar & continuous function is conti

$C(\mathbb{R})$ is closed under addition & scalar multi.
Hence,

$C(\mathbb{R})$ is subspace of $F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

Example 4 : Consider vector space $M_{n \times n}(F)$ of $n \times n$ square matrices over the field F .

Let X be the set of diagonal matrices in $n \times n$.

$$X = \{ A = [a_{ij}] \in M_{n \times n}(F); a_{ij} = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j \}$$

Then X is subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

(a) Clearly the zero matrix is a diagonal matrix. Hence $0 \in X$.

(b), (c) Also sum of 2 diagonal matrices is a diagonal matrix and product of a scalar and diagonal matrix is a diagonal matrix.

Hence, X is subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

Example -5 For a $n \times n$ matrix A , trace of A denoted by $\text{tr} A$ is the sum of its principal diagonal axis entries.

$$\text{ie } A = [a_{ij}]$$

$$\text{tr} A = a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn}$$

For vector space $M_{n \times n}(F)$ consider the set of $n \times n$ matrices having trace = 0. then set of such matrices form subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

Let $S = \{ A = [a_{ij}] \in M_{n \times n}(F) : \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = 0 \}$

Clearly,

0 matrix $\in S$

Let $A, B \in S$

$$\Rightarrow A = [a_{ij}]; \sum a_{ii} = 0$$

$$\& B = [b_{ij}]; \sum b_{ii} = 0$$

$$\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B) = 0$$

$$\text{tr}(cA) = c \text{tr}(A) = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

Hence, S forms subspace of $M_{n \times n}(F)$.

Eg 6 Consider $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, having non negative entries is not subspace of $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$, because it is not closed under scalar multiplication

for $c = -1$ & $X \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

$cX \notin M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$

As cX has negative entries.

Hence $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ with non negative entries is not a subspace of $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$.

Theorem 1.4

Any intersection of subspaces of vector space V is a subspace of V .

Let C be the collection of subspaces of V .
Let W denote the intersection of subspaces in C .

$$C = \{V_i, i \in I \mid V_i \text{ is a subspace of } V \forall i \in I\}$$

$$\& W = \bigcap_{i \in I} V_i$$

Since $0 \in V_i \quad \forall i \in I$ [V_i is subspace of V]
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in \bigcap V_i$
 $\Rightarrow 0 \in W$.

Let $x, y \in W$ and $c \in F$

i.e. $x, y \in \bigcap V_i$

$\Rightarrow x, y \in V_i \quad \forall i \in I$

Also $x+y \in V_i \quad \forall i$ [$\because V_i$ is subspace]

$\Rightarrow x+y \in \bigcap V_i$

$\Rightarrow x+y \in W$, Hence W is closed under (+).

As $x \in W \Rightarrow x \in \bigcap V_i \Rightarrow x \in V_i \quad \forall i$

Now for $c \in F$

$cx \in V_i \quad \forall i$ [V_i is subspace]

$\Rightarrow cx \in \bigcap V_i$

$cx \in W$. Hence, W is closed under scalar multiplⁿ

Hence W is subspace of V .

REMARK :

1. Union of 2 subspaces may/may not be subspace of V .

2. Union of 2 subspaces of V is a subspace of V iff one of the subspace contains the other

Ex. Let $W = \{(a_1, a_2, 0) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Let $u = (a_1, a_2, 0)$, $v = (b_1, b_2, 0) \in W$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$u + v = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, 0) \in W$$

$$\alpha u = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, 0) \in W$$

$\therefore W$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex. Let $W = \{(a_1, a_2, 1) : a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Let $u = (a_1, a_2, 1)$, $v = (b_1, b_2, 1) \in W$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$u + v = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, 1 + 1)$$

$$= (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, 2) \notin W$$

$$\alpha u = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \alpha) \notin W$$

$\therefore W$ is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex. Let $W = \{\alpha(1, 1, 1) : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha) : \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Let $u = (a, a, a)$, $v = (b, b, b) \in W$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$u + v = (a + b, a + b, a + b) \in W \text{ as } a + b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\alpha u = (\alpha a, \alpha a, \alpha a) \in W \text{ as } \alpha a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore W$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Ex. Let $W = \{(a_1, a_2) : a_1 + a_2 = 0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

Let $u = (a_1, a_2)$, $v = (b_1, b_2) \in W$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$u + v = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) &= a_1 + a_2 + b_1 + b_2 \\ &= 0 + 0 \text{ as } a_1 + a_2 = 0, b_1 + b_2 = 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore u + v \in W$$

$$\alpha u = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha a_1 + \alpha a_2 = \alpha(a_1 + a_2) = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha u \in W$$

Hence W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .