

## MAT185 Linear Algebra Assignment 1

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1. A *vector space* is a set  $V$  together with two operations called *vector addition* and *scalar multiplication* such that the following nine *axioms* hold:

- (i) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ ,  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in V$
- (ii) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$ ,  $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$
- (iii) There exists a vector  $\mathbf{0} \in V$  with the property that  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$  for all vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in V$
- (iv) For each vector  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , there exists a vector  $-\mathbf{x} \in V$  with the property that  $\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$
- (v) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , and scalars  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c\mathbf{x} \in V$
- (vi) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , and scalars  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(cd)\mathbf{x} = c(d\mathbf{x})$
- (vii) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V$ , and scalars  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = c\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{y}$
- (viii) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ , and scalars  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(c + d)\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{x}$
- (ix) For all vectors  $\mathbf{x} \in V$ ,  $c\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$  implies that either  $c = 0$  or  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$

Prove that a *vector space* is a vector space.

<i>v</i>	$y = 1x$
<i>Sub</i>	$1x = 1x$
$\mathbb{R}$	$(1 \cdot 1)x = 1x$
<i>vi</i>	$1(1x) = 1x$
<i>Sub</i>	$1y = 1x$
<i>Cancellation</i>	$1y - 1x = 1x - 1x$
<i>vii</i>	$1(y - x) = 1(x - x)$
<i>iv</i>	$1(y - x) = 1(0)$
<i>ix</i>	$1(y - x) = 1(0)$
<i>ix</i>	$1 \neq 0 \implies y - x = 0$
<i>Cancellation</i>	$y - x + x = 0 + x$
$-u + u = 0$	$y + 0 = 0 + x$
<i>iii</i>	$y = 0 + x$
$0 + u = u$	$y = x$
<i>Sub</i>	$1x = x$

2. Let  $V = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0 > 0\}$ . Define vector addition in  $V$  by

$$(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) + (b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2) = (a_0b_0) + (a_1 + b_1 + 4)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2$$

and scalar multiplication in  $V$  by

$$c(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_0^c + (ca_1 + 4(c - 1))x + ca_2x^2$$

Verify that axiom MIII. (Medici, pp104) holds in  $V$ .

MIII a:

$$\begin{aligned} (c + d)(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) &= a_0^{c+d} + ((c + d)a_1 + 4(c + d - 1))x + (c + d)a_2x^2 \\ &= a_0^c a_0^d + (ca_1 + da_1 + 4c + 4d - 4)x + (ca_2 + da_2)x^2 \\ &= a_0^c a_0^d + (ca_1 + 4c - 4 + da_1 + 4d - 4 + 4)x + (ca_2 + da_2)x^2 \\ &= a_0^c a_0^d + (ca_1 + 4(c - 1) + da_1 + 4(d - 1) + 4)x + (ca_2 + da_2)x^2 \\ &= (a_0^c + (ca_1 + 4(c - 1))x + ca_2x^2) + (a_0^d + (da_1 + 4(d - 1))x + da_2x^2) \\ &= c(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) + d(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) \end{aligned}$$

MIII b:

$$\begin{aligned} c((a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) + (b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2)) &= c((a_0b_0) + (a_1 + b_1 + 4)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2) \\ &= (a_0b_0)^c + (c(a_1 + b_1 + 4) + 4(c - 1))x + c(a_2 + b_2)x^2 \\ &= (a_0^c b_0^c) + (ca_1 + cb_1 + 4c + 4c - 4)x + (ca_2 + cb_2)x^2 \\ &= (a_0^c b_0^c) + (ca_1 + 4c - 4 + cb_1 + 4c - 4 + 4)x + (ca_2 + cb_2)x^2 \\ &= (a_0^c b_0^c) + (ca_1 + 4(c - 1) + cb_1 + 4(c - 1) + 4)x + (ca_2 + cb_2)x^2 \\ &= (a_0^c + (ca_1 + 4(c - 1))x + ca_2x^2) + (b_0^c + (cb_1 + 4(c - 1))x + cb_2x^2) \\ &= c(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) + c(b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2) \end{aligned}$$

3. We asked ChatGPT if  $V = \{f \mid f' \text{ is constant}\}$  is a vector space. It's response is given below.



**You**

Is  $V = \{f \mid f' \text{ is constant}\}$  a vector space?



**ChatGPT**

To determine if the set  $V = \{f \mid f' \text{ is constant}\}$  is a vector space, we need to check the three vector space properties:

1. **Zero vector:** The constant function  $f(x) = c$  has a derivative of  $f'(x) = 0$ , which is a constant. Therefore, the zero function is in  $V$ .
2. **Closure under addition:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions in  $V$  with constant derivatives. Consider the function  $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$ . The derivative of  $h$  is the sum of the derivatives of  $f$  and  $g$ , which are constants. So,  $h$  also has a constant derivative, and  $V$  is closed under addition.
3. **Closure under scalar multiplication:** Let  $f$  be a function in  $V$  with a constant derivative. If we multiply  $f$  by a scalar  $c$ , the derivative of  $cf$  is  $cf'$ , which is still a constant. Thus,  $V$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

Since  $V$  satisfies all three vector space properties, it is indeed a vector space.



Identify *two* errors in ChatGPT's response and write *two* paragraphs, one for each error, each of which clearly identifies an error, and how you would correct them.

The first error in ChatGPT's response was that it used the three conditions of the subspace test by assuming that  $V$  is a subset of a vector space, but it did not without stating the reasoning behind this assumption. To correct this error, one could first state the reason that since  $f'$  is constant, then  $f$  would be in the form  $f = ax + b, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore  $V \subset \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{R})$ , or  $V$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{F}(\mathbb{R})$ .

The second error in ChatGPT's response was that it wrongly determined the zero vector in  $V$ . The zero vector in  $V$  should be  $f(x) = 0$ , but ChatGPT determined that the zero vector in  $V$  is  $f(x) = c, c \in \mathbb{R}$ . To correct this error, one could first state that the zero vector in  $V$  is  $f(x) = 0$ , and then prove that  $f(x) = 0$  is in  $V$  by stating  $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$ .

4. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , and consider the subset  $W_c = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = c|z|\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Determine *all* values of  $c$  such that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Your answer should clearly demonstrate that you've found *all* values of  $c$  such that  $W_c$  is a subspace. This includes demonstrating why  $W_c$  is not a subspace for certain values of  $c$ , if you think no such  $c$  exists.

Since  $W_c$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a vector space,  $W_c$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if  $W_c$  satisfies the conditions of the subspace test ( $W_c$  is non-empty and contains the zero vector,  $W_c$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication).

The zero vector:

$$\begin{aligned}\forall c \in \mathbb{R}, 0 + 0 + 0 &= c|0| = 0 \\ \forall x \in W_c, x + 0 &= (x_1, x_2, x_3) + (0, 0, 0) = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3) = x \\ \therefore (0, 0, 0) &\in W_c\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $W_c$  is non-empty and contains the zero vector for all  $c$ .

Inverse: Since the inverse of a vector  $-v = (-1)v$ , the inverse of a vector should also exist in a vector space due to closure of scalar multiplication.

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in W_c, \exists -x &= (-x_1, -x_2, -x_3) \in W_c \mid x + (-x) = 0 \\ (x_1 + (-x_1), x_2 + (-x_2), x_3 + (-x_3)) &= 0 \\ \therefore x \in W_c, x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= c|x_3| \\ \therefore -x \in W_c, -x_1 + -x_2 + -x_3 &= c|-x_3| = c|x_3| \\ \therefore x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= -x_1 + -x_2 + -x_3 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= -(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ \therefore x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ \therefore c|x_3| &= 0 \\ \therefore \forall x_3 \in \mathbb{R} \\ \therefore c &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore only  $c = 0$  satisfies the inverse condition. If  $c \neq 0$ , then  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \neq -x_1 + -x_2 + -x_3$ .

Since only  $c = 0$  satisfies the inverse condition, only  $W_0$  will be checked for closure under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) \in W_0, \forall c \in \mathbb{R} \\ cx + y &= (cx_1 + y_1, cx_2 + y_2, cx_3 + y_3) \\ (cx_1 + y_1) + (cx_2 + y_2) + (cx_3 + y_3) &= cx_1 + cx_2 + cx_3 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \\ &= c(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + (y_1 + y_2 + y_3) \\ \therefore x \in W_0, x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ \therefore y \in W_0, y_1 + y_2 + y_3 &= 0 \\ \therefore (cx_1 + y_1) + (cx_2 + y_2) + (cx_3 + y_3) &= c(0) + (0) = 0 \\ \therefore cx + y &\in W_0\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $W_0$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication.

Therefore  $W_c$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if and only if  $c = 0$ .