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# Vector Spaces

Let  $F$  be a field. A vector space  $V$  over  $F$  is a set equipped with

$$+ : V \times V \rightarrow V \quad \rightarrow \text{vector addition}$$

$$\cdot : F \times V \rightarrow V \quad \rightarrow \text{scalar mult}$$

St  $(V, +)$  is an abelian grp (we have a 0 vector)

AND,  $\forall c_1, c_2 \in F, \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$

$$\bullet \quad c(v_1 + v_2) = cv_1 + cv_2$$

$$\bullet \quad (c_1 + c_2)v_1 = c_1v_1 + c_2v_1$$

$$\bullet \quad (c_1 \cdot c_2) \cdot v_1 = c_1(c_2 v_1)$$

$$\bullet \quad 1_F v = v \quad \forall v \in V$$

} some form of  
distribution &  
associativity

eg)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $\mathbb{R}[x]$  over  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $F\{\alpha\}_{\leq \omega}$  over  $F$   
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Sequences of reals over  $\mathbb{R}$   
( $\hookrightarrow$  bdd  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Cauchy  
 $\hookrightarrow$  conv  $\Rightarrow$  ...)

} let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an interval  
 $C^0(I)$ ,  $C^1(I)$  ...  $C^\infty(I)$   
set of integrable func  
set of bdd func  
 $F^n$  over  $F$  generally  
 $\text{Mat}_{m,n}(F)$  over  $F$

Defn) A vector is an element of a vector space!

Lemma) Let  $v \in V, c \in F$

$$c \cdot v = \vec{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad c = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad v = \vec{0}$$

Pf)  $\Leftarrow$  suppose  $c = 0$

$$c \cdot v = 0 \cdot v = (0+0)v = 0v + 0v$$

$$0 \cdot v = 0v + 0v \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 = 0 \cdot v$$

↓  
since we are an abelian grp

Suppose  $\forall \vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$$c\vec{v} = c \cdot \vec{0} = c(0+0) = c\vec{0} + c\vec{0}$$

$$c \cdot \vec{0} = c\vec{0} + c \cdot \vec{0} \Rightarrow c \cdot \vec{0} = c$$

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $c \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0}$  if  $c \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists c'$

$$\text{So, } c \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow (c \cdot c') \cdot \vec{v} = c \cdot \vec{0} \xrightarrow{\text{by above}} 0 \xrightarrow{\text{by axiom}} \vec{v} = \vec{0} \xrightarrow{\text{by axiom}}$$

Lemma Let  $V$  be a vs over  $F$

①  $\vec{0}$  is unique and additive inv are unique

$$\textcircled{2} (-1_F) \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} = \vec{0} \quad \forall v \in V$$

P&J ① follows as  $(V, +)$  is a grp

$$\textcircled{2} (-1) \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} = (v)(-1+1) = (v)(0) = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{by above}} \text{D}$$

## Vector Subsp

Defn Let  $V$  be a vs /  $F$

A subset  $W \subseteq V$  is a vector subspace of  $V$  p.t.

•  $(W, +)$  is a subgroup of  $V$

•  $W$  is closed wrt scalar mult

$$\hookrightarrow \text{im}(\cdot|_W) \subseteq W$$

Lemma If  $V$  is vs /  $F$ . If  $W$  is a vspace of  $V$ , it is a vs /  $F$ .

P&J ① By def

② Immediate as  $W \subseteq V$

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- Def) If  $V$  be a VS / F. If  $w_1, w_2$  are subsp of  $V$
- $w_1 + w_2 := \{ \bar{w}_1 + \bar{w}_2 \mid w_1 \in w_1, w_2 \in w_2 \}$
  - $w_1 \cap w_2$
- are VS / F (and subsp of  $V$ )
- But,  $w_1 \cup w_2$  is not.  $\Rightarrow$  Closure w.r.t addition doesn't work if they're disjoint!

Note: for now, sums are finite (unable to take limits)

So, if  $J$  is an indexing set and  $v_j \in V \forall j \in J$   
 $\sum_{j \in J} a_j v_j$  is a sum where abstr.

Defn) Indexing set and indexed families

Let  $I$  be a set (possibly empty). An indexed family is vect in VS  $V$  (F is a function)

$$\begin{aligned} f: I &\rightarrow V \\ i &\mapsto \bar{v}_i \end{aligned}$$

$(v_i \mid i \in I) \rightarrow$  is the indexed family

Note,  $I$  need not be injective as

$$(v_1, v_1, v_2) \neq (v_1, v_2)$$

by abusing notation

$$(v_i \mid i \in I) \subseteq V$$

$$\text{if } J \subseteq I \quad (v_j \mid j \in J) \subseteq (v_i \mid i \in I)$$

↳ subfamily

Note:

$$\textcircled{1} \sum_{k \in K} b_k v_k = 0 \quad \textcircled{2} \sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i + \sum_{i \in I} b_i v_i = \sum_{i \in I} (a_i + b_i) v_i \quad \textcircled{3} c \sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i = \sum_{i \in I} (ca_i v_i)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \text{ if } I = I' \sqcup I'' \quad \sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i = \sum_{i \in I'} a_i v_i + \sum_{i \in I''} a_i v_i$$

Defn] Let  $V$  be a vs /F.

An indexed family  $(v_i : i \in I)$  is linearly ind if

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i = 0 \implies a_i = 0, \forall i \in I$$

Eg. Standard Family

Singleton fam of nonzero vect.

If a family has  $\vec{0}$  it is linearly dep

Any fam with repeats  $\Rightarrow$  immediate from above  
 $\hookrightarrow$  scaled repeats?

Defn] An indexed family  $(v_i : i \in I)$  is linearly dep if it isn't lin ind

Note: Empty family is lin ind (vacuously)

( $\hookrightarrow$  Any subfam of a lin ind fam is lin ind!)

Lemma] Let  $V$  be a vs /F.

The family  $(v_i : i \in I)$  is

lin dep  $\iff \exists k \in I$ , scalars  $b_i \in F$  s.t

$$v_k = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} b_i v_i$$

$\hookrightarrow v_k$  is a linear comb of other vects!

Pf)  $\Rightarrow$  space  $(v_i : i \in I)$  is lin dep

so,  $\exists$  scalars  $a_i \in F$  not all zero s.t

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i v_i = 0 \quad \exists k \in I \text{ s.t } a_k \neq 0.$$

$$\text{So, } a_k v_k = - \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} a_i v_i \quad \text{as } a_k \neq 0 \exists a_k^{-1}$$

$$v_k = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} \frac{-a_i}{a_k} \bar{v}_i$$

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$\Leftarrow \exists k \in I$  s.t.  $\exists b_j \in F$

$$v_k = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} b_i \vec{v}_i \quad \text{note } b_i \neq 0 \text{ in } F. \text{ So,}$$

$$0 = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} b_i \vec{v}_i + (-1)v_k$$

$\Rightarrow (v_i | i \in I)$  is lin dep!

**Corr**] Subfam of lin ind fam is lin ind (not true for lin dep)

Eg look at week 5 pg 43 onwards (but is easy)

**Defn**]  $\text{Span}(\vec{v}_i | i \in I)$

Let  $(v_i | i \in I)$  be a indexed fam in  $V$ . The span of the family

$$\text{Span}(v_i) := \left\{ \sum_{i \in I} a_i \vec{v}_i \mid a_i \in F, \text{ at most } \geq 3 \right\}$$

This is the smallest vector subsp that contains  $(v_i | i \in I)$   
( $\hookrightarrow$  by containment)

Note:  $\text{Span}(\emptyset) = \vec{0}$

**Defn**] The vs  $v$  is said to be fin gen if

$\exists$  a finite indexed family  $B \subseteq V$  s.t.  $\text{Span}(B) = V$

Eg  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\text{Mat}_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$   
↓      ↓  
Standard      Standard basis

Non eg  $\mathbb{R}^{[0]}$   $\rightarrow$  always have a max.

$C^0(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $(w(\mathbb{R}))$

$\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$

Note: If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  is a vs /  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Lemma  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  is fin gen /  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\iff \mathbb{Q}[\alpha] := \text{span}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\})$$

$\alpha$  is algebraic

PP  $\Rightarrow$  let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

Suppose  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  is fin gen /  $\mathbb{Q}$

$\exists v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  s.t.

$$\mathbb{Q}[\alpha] = \text{span}(\{v_1, \dots, v_m\})$$

for each  $1 \leq i \leq m$   $v_i \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  so

$$v_i = q_{i,0} + q_{i,1}\alpha + \dots + q_{i,n_i} \alpha^{n_i} \quad \deg \text{ is } n_i$$

with  $q_{i,k} \in \mathbb{Q} \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}_m \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_{n_i}$

rewrite  $v_i = \text{mess}_i$

Let  $M = \max\{n_1, \dots, n_m\}$

$\alpha^{M+1} \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$  so for  $d_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{M+1} &= d_0 v_1 + \dots + d_m v_m \\ &= d_0 \text{mess}_1 + \dots + d_m \text{mess}_m \end{aligned}$$

expand and write in powers of  $\alpha$

$$\alpha^{M+1} = r_0 + r_1 \alpha + \dots + r_M \alpha^M$$

So,  $\alpha$  is a root of the following non-zero poly

$$P(x) = \underbrace{x^{M+1}}_{\text{nonzero}} - (r_0 + r_1 x + \dots + r_M x^M)$$

$\therefore \alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$   $\rightarrow$  it is algebraic

$\hookrightarrow$  to make coeff in  $\mathbb{Z}$  just multiply by  $\text{gcd}$

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $\alpha$  is algebraic  $\Rightarrow \deg P \geq 1$

$\exists$  nonzero poly  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  st  $P(\alpha) = 0$

let  $N = \deg(P) \geq 1$

$$P(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n x^n \quad \text{with } a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ & } a_N \neq 0$$

Claim:  $\mathbb{Q}[\alpha] = \text{span}(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{N-1})$

We will show this by 2 way containment

$\subseteq$  is trivial as  $(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{N-1}) \subseteq (1, \alpha, \dots)$

Let  $v \in \mathbb{Q}[\alpha]$

$$v = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} b_i x^i \quad b_i \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ abf m2}$$

Def  $\deg(v) = \max\{i \mid b_i \neq 0\}$

So  $\text{span } v \neq 0$

If  $\deg(v) < N$  we're done!

Suppose  $\deg(v) > N$

$$\text{Let } j := \deg(v) - (N-1)$$

We will induct on  $j$ .

If  $j=1$ ,  $\deg(v) = n$ , we are done as

$\alpha^N$  can be written in terms of  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{N-1}$

$$\text{as } 0 = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \alpha^n \Rightarrow \alpha^N = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{a_n}{a_N} \alpha^n$$

So, done with base case as  $\vec{v} \in \text{span}(1, \dots, \alpha^{N-1})$

Suppose if  $1 \leq j < k$  then  $\vec{v} \in \text{RHS}$  (strong ind)

Show this holds if  $j=k \Rightarrow \deg(v) = k+N-1$

$$\vec{v} = b_{N-1+k} \alpha^{(N-1)+k} + \vec{v}' \quad \& \deg(v') < N-1+k$$

taking the remaining term

note:  
this is not  
as if  $v=0$   
we are  
done immedi

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \vec{v} &= b_{N-1+k} \alpha^{k-1} \cdot \alpha^N + \vec{v}' \\
 &= b_{N-1+k} \alpha^{k-1} \left( -\frac{a_0}{a_N} - \frac{a_1}{a_N} \alpha - \dots - \frac{a_{N-1}}{a_N} \alpha^{N-1} \right) + v' \\
 &= b_{N-1+k} \left( \frac{-a_0 \alpha^{k-1}}{a_N} - \frac{a_1 \alpha^k}{a_N} - \dots - \frac{a_{N-1} \alpha^{N+k-2}}{a_N} \right) + v' \\
 &\quad \text{deg of this} \leq N-1+k-1 \quad \text{deg of this} < N-1+k
 \end{aligned}$$

by 'active hypothesis', done!  $v \in \text{RHS}$

Lingo) let  $V$  be a vs / F

We say  $(\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I)$  is **spanning pt**

$$V = \text{span}(\vec{v}_i \mid i \in I)$$

Defn) let  $V$  be a vs / F

A basis for  $V$  is a linearly independent, spanning <sub>intend</sub>  
<sub>fin</sub>

e.g.  $(e_1, e_2)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Defn) let  $V$  be c vs / F.

We say  $V$  is finite dimensional p.t it has a finite basis.

Note: immediately fin dim  $\Rightarrow$  fin gen. The other direction also holds (later)