

Chapter 2

Vector spaces

2.1 Definitions and examples

Definition 2.1.1 (vector space). A vector space over \mathbb{R} is a non-empty set \mathbf{V} consisting of vectors along with two operations: vector addition denoted by $+$ and scalar vector multiplication, such that the sum¹ of two vectors is also in \mathbf{V} and for any scalar $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and any vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbf{V}$ we have $c\vec{v} \in \mathbf{V}$. Furthermore, the addition and scalar multiplication satisfy the following properties:

1. $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$
2. $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$
3. there is a unique zero vector $\vec{0} \in \mathbf{V}$ such that $\forall \vec{v} \in \mathbf{V} : \vec{0} + \vec{v} = \vec{v}$.
4. for each vector $\vec{v} \in \mathbf{V}$ there exist a unique vector $-\vec{v}$ such that $\vec{v} + (-\vec{v}) = \vec{0}$.
5. $1\vec{v} = \vec{v}$
6. $\alpha(\beta\vec{v}) = (\alpha\beta)\vec{v}$
7. $\alpha(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \alpha\vec{u} + \alpha\vec{v}$
8. $(\alpha + \beta)\vec{v} = \alpha\vec{v} + \beta\vec{v}$

Examples:

1. vectors from geometry;
2. complex numbers over themselves;
3. matrices of a fixed dimension;
4. planes through the origin in three dimensions with usual addition and scalar multiplication;
5. all functions defined in an interval $[a, b]$;

¹In general a $\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ binary operation

6. continuous functions defined in an interval $[a, b]$;
7. all sequences;
8. all sequences with finite support;
9. polynomials
10. polynomials of degree at most n

Counterexamples:

1. vectors with integer components;
2. polynomials that evaluate to 1 at 2

More examples and counterexamples:

1. vectors with integer components;
2. polynomials that evaluate to 1 at 2
3. a set with single element z where $\alpha z = z$ and $z + z = z$; here z is the zero vector.
4. $\{a \cos x + b \sin x \mid a, b \in \mathbb{C}\}$
5. $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ with the following operations:

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (a, b) + (u, v) = (a + u - 2, b + v)$$

$$\alpha \vec{x} = \alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a - 2\alpha + 2, \alpha b)$$

neutral is $(2, 0)$ and inverse is $(-a + 4, -b)$.

Theorem 2.1.1. $\forall \vec{v} \in \mathbf{V}, 0\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ and $(-1)\vec{v} = -\vec{v}$.

Proof. Apply condition 8 above with $c_1 = c_2 = 0$ to get

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

Since $0 + 0 = 0$ the right hand side is $0\vec{v}$. Add to both sides the vector equation to $-0\vec{v}$ which exist by 4 to get

$$0\vec{v} + (-0\vec{v}) = 0\vec{v} + 0\vec{v} + (-0\vec{v})$$

The right hand side become $\vec{0}$

$$\vec{0} = 0\vec{v} + \vec{0}$$

By condition 3

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

This shows the first part. For the second part observe that $0 = 1 - 1$ and apply it to the last equation

$$\vec{0} = 0\vec{v} = 1\vec{v} + (-1\vec{v})$$

By condition 5 we get

$$\vec{0} = \vec{v} + (-1\vec{v})$$

Add to both sides $-\vec{v}$

$$-\vec{v} + \vec{0} = -\vec{v} + \vec{v} + (-1\vec{v})$$

which by condition 3 for the righthandside and condition 4 for the lefthandside implies

$$-\vec{v} = \vec{0} + (-1\vec{v})$$

Again by condition 3 we have

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

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Theorem 2.1.2. $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \vec{0} = \vec{0}$

Proof. Let $\vec{u} \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\alpha \vec{u} = \alpha \vec{u}$. On the right hand side we have $\alpha \vec{u} = \alpha \vec{u} + \vec{0}$. On the left hand side using $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u}$ we have $\alpha \vec{u} = \alpha(\vec{u} + \vec{0}) = \alpha \vec{u} + \alpha \vec{0}$. Thus

$$\alpha \vec{u} + \alpha \vec{0} = \alpha \vec{u} + \vec{0};$$

adding $-\alpha \vec{u}$ to both sides of the equation

$$\alpha \vec{u} + \alpha \vec{0} - \alpha \vec{u} = \alpha \vec{u} + \vec{0} - \alpha \vec{u} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{0}$$

and the desired result follows.

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Proof. We will use $0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ for any vector \vec{u} :

$$\alpha \vec{0} = \alpha(0\vec{0}) = (\alpha 0)\vec{0} = 0\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

□

2.2 Linear combinations

In the following we assume all sets of vectors are coming from the same vector space.

Definition 2.2.1. A vector \vec{u} is said to be linear combination of $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ if there exists constants $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ such that

$$\vec{u} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \vec{a}_i = \alpha_1 \vec{a}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \vec{a}_n$$

Theorem 2.2.1. If \vec{u} is linear combination of a subset of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ then it is linear combination of all the vectors.

Example $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ with the following operations:

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (a, b) + (u, v) = (a + u - 2, b + v)$$

$$\alpha \vec{x} = \alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a - 2\alpha + 2, \alpha b)$$

neutral is $(2, 0)$ and inverse is $(-a + 4, -b)$. Then $(2, 0)$ is a linear combination of $(0, 1), (0, 2)$ are linearly dependent

Theorem 2.2.2. *If \vec{u} is linear combination of $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ and each \vec{v}_i is a linear combination of $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_k$ then \vec{u} is a linear combination of $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_k$.*

2.3 Linear dependence and independence

Definition 2.3.1 (linear (in)dependence). *Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ be a set of vectors. If*

$$a_1 \vec{v}_1 + a_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + a_k \vec{v}_k = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_k = 0$$

then the vectors $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ are called linearly independent otherwise they are linearly dependent.

Example: In \mathbb{R}^2 the vectors $\vec{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are linearly independent. In \mathbb{R}^3 the vectors $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \vec{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are linearly dependent

Example: Let V be the vector space of continuous functions on \mathbb{R} . Then the functions $f_1(x) = x^2 + \sin 2x$, $f_2(x) = \cos 2x$, $f_3(x) = \sin^2 x$, $f_4(x) = \cos^2 x$, and $f_5(x) = e^x, f_6(x) = e = 2.71\dots, f_7(x) = e^x$.

1. $f_2(x)$ and $f_3(x)$ are linearly independent because if $\alpha f_2(x) + \beta f_3(x) = 0(x)$ then evaluating at $x = 0$ we get $0 = 0(0) = \alpha \cos(2 \times 0) + \beta \sin^2 0 = \alpha$. Evaluating at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ we get $0 \times \cos(2 \times \frac{\pi}{2}) + \beta \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = \beta \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = \beta = 0(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$.
2. The functions $f_3(x), f_4(x), f_6(x)$ are linearly dependent since $-2f_6(x) + 2ef_3(x) + 2ef_4(x) = 0(x)$.
3. The functions $f_3(x)$ and $f_7(x)$ are linearly independent

Theorem 2.3.1. *The standard basis vectors are linearly independent, in other words the columns and rows of I are linearly independent.*

Proof. Let \vec{e}_i be the vector whose i th coordinate is one and the rest zero. Consider the system of linear equation whose vector form is $\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{e}_i x_i = \vec{0}$. This system is in row-reduced Echelon form and has a unique solution $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$. Thus the standard basis vectors are linearly independent. \square

Theorem 2.3.2. *Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ be collection of vectors. If $k = 1$ the system of vectors is linear dependent if and only if $\vec{v}_1 = \vec{0}$.*

Proof. If $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ then $1\vec{v} = 1\vec{0} = \vec{0}$ and therefore it is linearly dependent.

Assume \vec{v} is linearly dependent then $\alpha\vec{v} = \vec{0}$ for some non-zero constant α . Multiplying both sides by α^{-1} we obtain $\vec{v} = \alpha^{-1}\vec{0}$. Or

$$\vec{v} = \alpha^{-1}\vec{0} = \alpha^{-1}(0\vec{0}) = \alpha^{-1}(0\vec{0}) = (\alpha^{-1}0)\vec{0} = (0)\vec{0} = 0\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

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Theorem 2.3.3. Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ be collection of vectors. If for some $1 \leq i \leq k$ we have that $\vec{v}_i = \vec{0}$ then the system of vectors is linear dependent.

Theorem 2.3.4. Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ be collection of vectors. If for some $1 \leq i \neq j \leq k$ we have that $\vec{v}_i = \vec{v}_j$ then the system of vectors is linear dependent.

Theorem 2.3.5. Let $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_k$ be collection of linearly dependent vectors and $k > 1$. Then there is an index i such that \vec{v}_i can be written as a linear combination of the remaining vectors.

2.4 Main theorem

Theorem 2.4.1. Let $A : \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_s$ and $B : \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_k$ be two system of vectors. Suppose that for each $1 \leq i \leq s$ we have that \vec{a}_i is a linear combination of $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \dots, \vec{b}_k$. Suppose also $s > k$ then the vectors in A are linearly dependent.

Proof. The argument proceeds by induction on k .

Base case $k = 1$: Since $k = 1$ then $B = \{\vec{b}_1\}$. Then $\vec{a}_1 = \gamma_1\vec{b}_1, \vec{a}_2 = \gamma_2\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_s = \gamma_s\vec{b}_1$. If for any index i , $\gamma_i = 0$ then A contains the zero vector and therefore A is linearly dependent. Suppose now for all indices i , $\gamma_i \neq 0$ then since $s > k = 1$, there are at least two vectors \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 in A . Consider

$$\gamma_2\vec{a}_1 - \gamma_1\vec{a}_2 = \gamma_2\gamma_1\vec{b}_1 - \gamma_1\gamma_2\vec{b}_1 = 0\vec{b}_1 = \vec{0}$$

Then \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 are linearly dependent. And since they are subsystem of A , then A itself is linearly dependent. This concludes the base case.

Inductive step: Let $k \geq 2$. By the theorem statement we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_1 &= \gamma_{11}\vec{b}_1 + \gamma_{12}\vec{b}_2 + \dots + \gamma_{1k}\vec{b}_k \\ \vec{a}_2 &= \gamma_{21}\vec{b}_1 + \gamma_{22}\vec{b}_2 + \dots + \gamma_{2k}\vec{b}_k \\ &\dots \\ \vec{a}_{s-1} &= \gamma_{(s-1)1}\vec{b}_1 + \gamma_{(s-1)2}\vec{b}_2 + \dots + \gamma_{(s-1)k}\vec{b}_k \\ \vec{a}_s &= \gamma_{s1}\vec{b}_1 + \gamma_{s2}\vec{b}_2 + \dots + \gamma_{sk}\vec{b}_k. \end{aligned}$$

If all $\gamma_{s1}, \gamma_{s2}, \dots, \gamma_{sk}$ are zero then $\vec{a}_s = \vec{0}$ and therefore A is linearly dependent. Suppose now at least one of $\gamma_{s1}, \gamma_{s2}, \dots, \gamma_{sk}$ is non-zero. Without loss of generality let $\gamma_{sk} \neq 0$. In this case we add $\frac{\gamma_{s1}}{\gamma_{sk}}$ the last equation

to the first equation. Similarly, we add $\frac{\gamma_{s2}}{\gamma_{sk}}$ the last equation to the second equation and so forth until we add $\frac{\gamma_{(s-1)k}}{\gamma_{sk}}$ the last equation to equation $s-1$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}'_1 &= \vec{a}_1 - \frac{\gamma_{1k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s &= \gamma'_{11} \vec{b}_1 + \gamma'_{12} \vec{b}_2 + \cdots + \gamma'_{1(k-1)} \vec{b}_{(k-1)} \\ \vec{a}'_2 &= \vec{a}_2 - \frac{\gamma_{2k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s &= \gamma'_{21} \vec{b}_1 + \gamma'_{22} \vec{b}_2 + \cdots + \gamma'_{2(k-1)} \vec{b}_{(k-1)} \\ &\vdots \\ \vec{a}'_{s-1} &= \vec{a}_{s-1} - \frac{\gamma_{(s-1)k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s &= \gamma'_{(s-1)1} \vec{b}_1 + \gamma'_{(s-1)2} \vec{b}_2 + \cdots + \gamma'_{(s-1)(k-1)} \vec{b}_{k-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $s > k$, then $s-1 > k-1$. Furthermore, each $\vec{a}'_1, \dots, \vec{a}'_{s-1}$ is a linear combination of the vectors $\vec{b}_1, \dots, \vec{b}_{k-1}$. We apply the inductive hypothesis to conclude that $\vec{a}'_1, \dots, \vec{a}'_{s-1}$ are linearly dependent. In other words there exists $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{s-1}$ not all zero such that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{0} &= \mu_1 \vec{a}'_1 + \mu_2 \vec{a}'_2 + \cdots + \mu_{s-1} \vec{a}'_{s-1} \\ &= \mu_1 \left(\vec{a}_1 - \frac{\gamma_{1k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s \right) + \mu_2 \left(\vec{a}_2 - \frac{\gamma_{2k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s \right) + \mu_{s-1} \left(\vec{a}_{s-1} - \frac{\gamma_{(s-1)k}}{\gamma_{sk}} \vec{a}_s \right) \\ &= \mu_1 \vec{a}_1 + \mu_2 \vec{a}_2 + \cdots + \mu_{s-1} \vec{a}_{s-1} + \tau \vec{a}_s. \end{aligned}$$

Since at least one of μ_i 's is non-zero, the vectors $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_s$ are linearly dependent. \square

2.5 Subspaces

Definition 2.5.1 (subspace). *Let \mathbf{V} be a vector space and let \mathbf{U} be a subset of \mathbf{V} . If \mathbf{U} is a vector space itself then \mathbf{U} is called a subspace of \mathbf{V}*

Examples:

1. x -axis is subspace of \mathbb{R}^2
2. line through points $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ is *not* subspace of \mathbb{R}^2
3. even degree polynomials are *not* subspace of polynomials
4. odd degree polynomials are *not* subspace of polynomials
5. polynomials of degree at most n are a subspace of all polynomials
6. $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ with the following operations:

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (a, b) + (u, v) = (a + u - 2, b + v)$$

$$\alpha \vec{x} = \alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a - 2\alpha + 2, \alpha b)$$

neutral is $(2, 0)$ and inverse is $(-a + 4, -b)$.

For the vector space \mathbb{R}^n with the usual operations the set $(2, 0)$ is not a subspace however for the vector space with operations $\{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ with the following operations:

$$\vec{x} + \vec{y} = (a, b) + (u, v) = (a + u - 2, b + v)$$

$$\alpha \vec{x} = \alpha(a, b) = (\alpha a - 2\alpha + 2, \alpha b)$$

with neutral element $(2, 0)$ and inverse is $(-a + 4, -b)$, the neutral element is a subspace.

Theorem 2.5.1. *In any vector space \mathbf{V} the vector space itself is a subspace and the zero vector on its own is a vector space.*

Proof. TODO □

Theorem 2.5.2. *A set \mathbf{U} is a subspace of \mathbf{V} if and only if for all $\vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$ and for all $s, t \in \mathbb{F}$ we have that $s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$.*

Proof. If \mathbf{U} is a subspace of a vector space \mathbf{V} , then it is a vector space itself and since the operations are closed we have that $s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$.

Suppose now $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s, t \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$. We will verify all properties of vector spaces for \mathbf{U} .

closure of $+$ from $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s, t \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$ for $s = t = 1$ we conclude $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \vec{u} + \vec{w} = 1\vec{u} + 1\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$

closure of \cdot from $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s, t \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$ for $t = 0$ and $\vec{u} = \vec{w}$ we conclude $\forall \vec{u} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} = s\vec{u} + 0\vec{u} \in \mathbf{U}$

commutativity since the operations are inherited from \mathbf{V} the result follows

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zero vector from $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s, t \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$ for $s = t = 0$ $\vec{0} = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = 0\vec{u} + 0\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$; uniqueness and neutrality is inherited from \mathbf{V} ;

neutral inverse from $\forall \vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}, \forall s, t \in \mathbb{C}, s\vec{u} + t\vec{w} \in \mathbf{U}$ for $\vec{u} = \vec{w}$, $s = 0$ and $t = -1$ we have $\forall \vec{u} \in \mathbf{U}, \vec{0} + \vec{-u} = 0\vec{u} + (-1)\vec{u} \in \mathbf{U}$;

distributive properties are inherited from \mathbf{V} . □

2.6 Span

Definition 2.6.1 (span). *Let $\mathbf{S} = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_m\}$ be a set of vector the set of all linear combinations of the vectors in \mathbf{S} is called the span of \mathbf{S} and denoted by $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle$. If $\mathbf{S} = \emptyset$ then $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \{\vec{0}\}$*

1. span of $1, x, x^2$
2. span of standard basis vectors
3. span of infinite sequences where only one component is non-zero
4. span of all vectors in a vector space
5. span of columns of a matrix

Example:

$$\begin{cases} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 4x_4 - 2x_5 = 3 \\ 2x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 + 8x_4 - 3x_5 = 5 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 - 2x_5 = -1 \\ x_1 - 2x_2 + 2x_3 + 5x_4 - x_5 = 3 \end{cases}$$

equivalently in vector form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} x_1 + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} x_2 + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} x_3 + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} x_4 + \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} x_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

has solution (verify it)

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 3s + 2t - w \\ x_2 &= t - 2w \\ x_3 &= -1 - s - w \\ x_4 &= 1 \\ x_5 &= s + w \end{aligned} \quad \text{in vector form} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} s + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} t + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} w$$

Theorem 2.6.1. *A system $Ax = b$ has a solution if and only if b is in the span of the columns of A .*

Proof. TODO

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Observe

$$-2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad -3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So span of columns of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & 4 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & 8 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 5 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ equals the span of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and

equals the span of $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and equals the span of

Theorem 2.6.2. $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{S} \cup \vec{u} \rangle$ if and only if $\vec{u} \in \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle$.

Proof. **if** assume $\vec{u} \in \mathbf{S}$ then $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \subseteq \langle \mathbf{S} \cup \vec{u} \rangle$ is by definition; $\langle \mathbf{S} \rangle \supseteq \langle \mathbf{S} \cup \vec{u} \rangle$ follows from transitivity of linear combinations

only if since $\vec{u} \in \langle \mathbf{S} \cup \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{S} \rangle$.

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Theorem 2.6.3. *The span of a set of vectors is a vector space.*

Proof. Subspace if and only if it is closed under linear combinations.

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