

## Sect 4.1: Vector Spaces & Subspaces

Goal: Create the theoretical framework that underlies vector operations and transformations.

Def A vector space is a nonempty set  $V$  of vectors with 2 defined operations,

addition and scalar multiplication, and subject 10 axioms (rule). These axioms must hold for all  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}, \underline{w} \in V$  and scalars  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

- vector addition
- { 1.) for  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in V$ , then  $\underline{u} + \underline{v} \in V$
  - 2.)  $\underline{u} + \underline{v} = \underline{v} + \underline{u}$
  - 3.)  $(\underline{u} + \underline{v}) + \underline{w} = \underline{u} + (\underline{v} + \underline{w})$
  - 4.) there exists an additive identity, the zero vector  $\underline{0}$ , such that  $\underline{u} + \underline{0} = \underline{u}$
  - 5.) there exists an additive inverse,  $-\underline{u}$ , such that  $\underline{u} + (-\underline{u}) = \underline{0}$

- scalar multiplication
- { 6.) for  $\underline{u} \in V$  and scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c\underline{u} \in V$
  - 7.)  $c(\underline{u} + \underline{v}) = c\underline{u} + c\underline{v}$
  - 8.)  $(c+d)\underline{u} = c\underline{u} + d\underline{u}$  for  $c, d$  scalars
  - 9.)  $c(d\underline{u}) = (cd)\underline{u}$
  - 10.) there exists a scalar multiplicative identity  $c=1$ , such that  $c \cdot \underline{u} = 1 \cdot \underline{u} = \underline{u}$

- All 10 axioms must hold for a vector space.

Ex

The spaces  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we've used so far are all vector spaces

Ex

Let  $P^n$  be the set of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ , written

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_nx^n$$

for scalars  $a_0 \dots a_n$ .  $P^n$  is a vector space.

Let's show this for  $P^2$

1.) let  $u(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \in P^2$

$$v(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 \in P^2$$

then  $u(x) + v(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 \in P^2$

2.)  $u(x) + v(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2$

$$= (b_0 + a_0) + (b_1 + a_1)x + (b_2 + a_2)x^2$$

$$= b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$$

$$= v(x) + u(x)$$

3.)  $(u(x) + v(x)) + w(x)$  for  $w(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$

$$= ((a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2) + c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$$

$$= (a_0 + b_0 + c_0) + (a_1 + b_1 + c_1)x + (a_2 + b_2 + c_2)x^2$$

$$= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + ((b_0 + c_0) + (b_1 + c_1)x + (b_2 + c_2)x^2)$$

$$= u(x) + (v(x) + w(x))$$

4) let  $\underline{0} = 0 + 0x + 0x^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) + \underline{0} &= (a_0 + 0) + (a_1 + 0)x + (a_2 + 0)x^2 \\ &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \\ &= u(x) \end{aligned}$$

5) for  $u(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$ , let  $-u(x) = -a_0 - a_1 x - a_2 x^2$   
then  $u(x) + (-u(x)) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 = \underline{0}$

6) Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} cu(x) &= c(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\ &= ca_0 + ca_1 x + ca_2 x^2 \in \mathbb{P}^2 \end{aligned}$$

7) for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u(x), v(x) \in \mathbb{P}^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} c(u(x) + v(x)) &= c((a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2) \\ &= c(a_0 + b_0) + c(a_1 + b_1)x + c(a_2 + b_2)x^2 \\ &= c(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) + c(b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2) \\ &\approx cu(x) + cv(x) \end{aligned}$$

8)  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u(x) \in \mathbb{P}^2$  then

$$\begin{aligned} (c+d)u(x) &= (c+d)(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\ &= c(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) + d(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\ &= cu(x) + du(x) \end{aligned}$$

9) for  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u(x) \in \mathbb{P}^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(d u(x)) &= c(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\
 &= cd a_0 + cd a_1 x + cd a_2 x^2 \\
 &= (cd)(a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\
 &= (cd) u(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

10) for  $c=1$ ,  $u(x) \in \mathbb{P}^2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \cdot u(x) &= 1 \cdot (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2) \\
 &= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \\
 &= u(x) \quad \#
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  is a vector space.

Exercise: Show this for a general  $\mathbb{P}^n$   
(proof is nearly identical)

Ex Let  $V$  be the set of all real-valued functions defined on a fixed domain  $D$ ,  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $V$  is a vector space.

For example, the functions  $f(x) = 3$  and  $g(x) = \sin(x)$  on the domain  $D = \mathbb{R}$  are elements of  $V$ , and

$$f(x) + g(x) = 3 + \sin(x)$$

is also defined on  $D = \mathbb{R}$ , so their sum is in  $V$ . (property 1)

## Def

A subspace  $H$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subset that satisfies 3 properties

- 1.)  $\underline{0} \in V$  is in  $H$ ,  $\underline{0} \in H$
- 2.)  $H$  is closed under vector addition, i.e., for  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \in H$  then  $\underline{u+v} \in H$
- 3.)  $H$  is closed under scalar multiplication, i.e. for  $\underline{u} \in H$  and scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c\underline{u} \in H$

↳ All the other axioms of the vector space are automatically satisfied if our subspace satisfies these 3

Ex The set  $H = \{\underline{0}\}$  containing only the zero vector is the zero subspace.

Ex The subspace  $H$  of polynomials of degree less than or equal to  $n$ ,  $H = \mathbb{P}^n$ , is a subspace of the vector space of real-valued functions on the domain  $D = \mathbb{R}$  introduced above.

## Remarks

- To show a subset is a vector space or a subspace, you must show that all the appropriate properties hold.

- To show a subset is not a subspace, show that one or more properties do not hold.

Ex Show that  $H_1$ , the set of all points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of the form  $(3s, 2+5s)$  for scalar  $s$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\text{Let } \underline{u} = (3s_1, 2+5s_1) = \begin{vmatrix} 3s_1 \\ 2+5s_1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\underline{v} = (3s_2, 2+5s_2) = \begin{vmatrix} 3s_2 \\ 2+5s_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{then } \underline{u+v} = \begin{vmatrix} 3s_1 \\ 2+5s_1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 3s_2 \\ 2+5s_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3(s_1+s_2) \\ 4+5(s_1+s_2) \end{vmatrix} \\ = (3(s_1+s_2), 4+5(s_1+s_2))$$

$\Rightarrow$  not of the form  $(3s, 2+5s)$ , so  $\underline{u+v}$  not in  $H_1$ , so the subset not closed under vector addition and therefore not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Exercise: Show that  $H_1$  above is also not closed under scalar multiplication.

### Theorem

If  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p$  are  $p$  vectors in a vector space  $V$ ,

then  $\text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p\}$  is a subspace  $V$ .

We call  $\text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p\}$  the subspace spanned

(or generated) by the set  $\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n\}$

Ex

Let  $H$  be set of vectors of the form

$(a - 3b, b - a, a, b)$  for scalars  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Show that  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

First, write in vector notation

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-3b \\ b-a \\ a \\ b \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a \\ -a \\ a \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} -3b \\ b \\ 0 \\ b \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix} + b \begin{vmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\underline{v}_1 \quad \underline{v}_2$

This shows  $H = \text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2\}$ , so by the theorem we know  $H$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

Ex For what value of  $h$  will  $\underline{y}$  be in  
 $\text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \underline{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -7 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \underline{v}_3 = \begin{vmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \underline{y} = \begin{vmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ h \end{vmatrix}$$

Solve  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -7 & 0 & h \end{vmatrix} \sim \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 & h-8 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\sim \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & -3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h-5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$\underline{y} \in \text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \underline{v}_3\}$  if the equation is consistent, and

the system is consistent only if  $h-5=0 \Rightarrow h=5$