

Linear Algebra: Week 4 Notes and Exercises

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1 Notes

Notes

Vector Space

1) $\vec{0} \in V$

2) $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ then must have $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

3) $c \in \mathbb{R}, \vec{u} \in V$ then must have $c\vec{u} \in V$

Exercise

2) a) True because scaling \vec{u} with either a positive or negative value will still be in W .

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, x_1 \geq 0, y_1 \geq 0$$

$$c \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cy_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c \geq 0 \Rightarrow cx_1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow cy_1 \geq 0$$

$$c \leq 0 \Rightarrow cx_1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow cy_1 \leq 0$$

b) Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \therefore \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ which is not in any of the quadrants associated with $W \therefore W$ is not a vector space.

$$6) p(t) = a + t^2$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 | x_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$$

$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ Its not a vector space because scaling or adding vectors will change the x_3 .

2 Exercises

1. Let V be the first quadrant in the xy -plane; that is let $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \right\}$

a) If u and v are in V , is $u + v$ in V ? Why?

If $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ is $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

$$\vec{u} \in V \Rightarrow \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, x_1 \geq 0, y_1 \geq 0$$

$$\vec{v} \in V \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 \geq 0, y_2 \geq 0$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 + x_2 \geq 0, y_1 + y_2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$$

b) Find a specific vector u in V and a specific scalar c such that cu is not in V . (This is enough to show that V is not a vector space.)

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } \vec{u} \in V,$$

$$\text{Let } c = -1 \text{ then } c\vec{u} = -1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \notin V$$

2. Let W be the union of the first and third quadrants in the xy -plane. That is, let $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : xy \geq 0 \right\}$

a) If u is in W and c is any scalar, is cu in W ? Why?

If $\vec{u} \in W, c \in \mathbb{R}$, is $c\vec{u} \in W$

Let $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}, x_1 y_1 \geq 0$, Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$cu = c \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cy_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(cx_1)(cy_1) = c^2 x_1 y_1$$

But $c^2 \geq 0, \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$c^2 x_1 y_1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow c\vec{u} \in W$$

b) Find specific vectors u and v in W such that $u + v$ is not in W . This is enough to show that W is not a vector space.

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2 \\ 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin W, \text{ since } (-1)(1) = -1$$

In Exercise 5-8, determine if the given set is a subspace of \mathbb{P}_n for an appropriate value of n . Justify your answers.

All polynomials $p(t) = at^2, a \in \mathbb{R}$

5. All polynomials of the form $p(t) = at^2$, where a is in \mathbb{R}

If $a = 0, p(t) = 0t^2 = \vec{0} \therefore \vec{0} \in \{p(t)\}$

If $u(t) = a_1 t^2, v(t) = a_2 t^2$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = a_1 t^2 + a_2 t^2 = (a_1 + a_2)t^2 \in \{p(t)\}$

If $u(t) = a_1 t^2$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}, c\vec{u} = ca_1 t^2 = (ca_1)t^2 \in \{p(t)\}$

$\therefore \{p(t)\}$ is a subspace

6. All polynomials of the form $p(t) = a + t^2$, where a is in \mathbb{R}

$\vec{0} = 0 + 0t + t^2$ is not in $\{p(t)\}$

If $n(t) = a_1 + t^2, c = 0$

$$c\vec{u} = 0(a_1 + t^2) = 0 \notin \{p(t)\}$$

\therefore not in subspace

7. All polynomials of degree at most 3, with integers of coefficients.

If the scalars are any number in \mathbb{R} then $c = \frac{1}{10}, p(t) = 1 + x + x^2 \Rightarrow cp(t) = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{10}x + \frac{1}{10}x^2 \notin$ the set.

But if we restrict scalars to the set of integers then it will be a subspace.

8. All polynomials in \mathbb{P}_n such that $p(0) = 0$.

$$\vec{0} = 0 + 0t + 0t^2 \dots, \vec{0} = 0$$

For $u(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots, u(0) = 0$

$v(t) = b_0 + b_1 t + \dots, v(0) = 0$

$u(t) + v(t) = a_0 + b_0 + (a_1 + b_1)t + \dots, (u + v)(0) = 0$

if $u(0) = 0, c \in \mathbb{R}$ then $cu(0) = c(0) = 0$

\therefore is a subspace.

9. Let H be the set of all vectors of the form $\begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ 5t \\ 3t \end{bmatrix}$. Find a vector v in \mathbb{R}^3 such that $H = \text{Span}\{v\}$.

Why does this show that H is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

$$\vec{v} = t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$t = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -2(0) \\ 5(0) \\ 3(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H, \text{ so } \vec{0} \in H$$

$$\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t_1 \\ 5t_1 \\ 3t_1 \end{bmatrix}, \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2t_2 \\ 5t_2 \\ 3t_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} -2(t_1 + t_2) \\ 5(t_1 + t_2) \\ 3(t_1 + t_2) \end{bmatrix} \in H$$

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{R} \quad c\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} -2(ct) \\ 5(ct) \\ 3(ct) \end{bmatrix} \in H$$

$\therefore H$ is a subspace.