

# 115B – Linear Algebra

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This is math 115B – Linear Algebra which is the second course of the undergrad linear algebra at UCLA – continuation of 115A(H). Similar to 115AH, this class is instructed by Professor Elman, and we meet weekly on MWF from 2:00 pm to 2:50 pm. There is no official textbook used for the class. You can find the previous linear algebra notes (115AH) with other course notes through my [github](#). Any error in this note is my responsibility and please [email](#) me if you happen to notice it.

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# §1 | Lec 1: Mar 29, 2021

## §1.1 Vector Spaces

Notation: if  $\star : A \times B \rightarrow B$  is a map (= function) write  $a \star b$  for  $\star(a, b)$ , e.g.,  $+$  :  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  where  $\mathbb{Z}$  = the integer.

**Definition 1.1 (Field)** — A set  $F$  is called a FIELD under

- Addition:  $+$  :  $F \times F \rightarrow F$
- Multiplication:  $\cdot$  :  $F \times F \rightarrow F$

if  $\forall a, b, c \in F$ , we have

$$\text{A1) } (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$$\text{A2) } \exists 0 \in F \ni a + 0 = a = 0 + a$$

$$\text{A3) } \text{A2) holds and } \exists x \in F \ni a + x = 0 = x + a$$

$$\text{A4) } a + b = b + a$$

$$\text{M1) } (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

$$\text{M2) } \text{A2) holds and } \exists 1 \neq 0 \in F \text{ s.t. } a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a \text{ ( } 1 \text{ is unique and written } 1 \text{ or } 1_F \text{)}$$

$$\text{M3) } \text{M2) holds and } \forall 0 \neq x \in F \exists y \in F \ni xy = 1 = yx \text{ (} y \text{ is seen to be unique and written } x^{-1} \text{)}$$

$$\text{M4) } x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

$$\text{D1) } a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

$$\text{D2) } (a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$$

### Example 1.2

$\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  are fields as is

$\mathbb{F}_2 := \{0, 1\}$  with  $+$  : given by

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

$\cdot$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

**Fact 1.1.** Let  $p > 0$  be a prime number in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\exists$  a field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  having  $p^n$  elements write  $|\mathbb{F}_{p^n}| = p^n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Definition 1.3 (Ring)** — Let  $R$  be a set with

- $+: R \times R \rightarrow R$
- $\cdot: R \times R \rightarrow R$

satisfying A1) – A4), M1), M2), D1), D2), then  $R$  is called a RING.  
A ring is called

- i) a commutative ring if it also satisfies M4).
- ii) an (integral) domain if it is a commutative ring and satisfies

$$\text{M 3')} a \cdot b = 0 \implies a = 0 \text{ or } b = 0$$

( $0 = \{0\}$  is also called a ring – the only ring with  $1 = 0$ )

**Example 1.4 (Proof left as exercises)** 1.  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a domain and not a field.

2. Any field is a domain.

3. Let  $F$  be a field

$$F[t] := \{\text{polys coeffs in } F\}$$

with usual  $+, \cdot$  of polys, is a domain but not a field. So if  $f \in F[t]$

$$f = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n$$

where  $a_0, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

4.  $\mathbb{Q} := \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \right\} < \mathbb{C}$  ( $<$  means  $\subset$  and  $\neq$ ) with usual  $+, \cdot$  of fractions.  
(when does  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ ?)

5. If  $F$  is a field

$$F(t) := \left\{ \frac{f}{g} \mid f, g \in F[t], g \neq 0 \right\} \text{ (rational function)}$$

with usual  $+, \cdot$  of fractions is a field.

**Example 1.5 (Cont'd from above)** 6.  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-1}] := \{\alpha + \beta\sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{C} \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}\} < \mathbb{C}$ .  
Then  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-1}]$  is a field and

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-1}) &:= \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-1}], b \neq 0 \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{-1}] \\ &= \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}], b \neq 0 \right\}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}] := \{\alpha + \beta\sqrt{-1} \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}\} < \mathbb{C}$ . How to show this? – rationalize ( $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-1}]$  is a domain not a field,  $F[t] < F(t)$  if  $F$  is a field so we have to be careful).

7.  $F$  a field

$$\mathbb{M}_n F := \{n \times n \text{ matrices entries in } F\}$$

is a ring under  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  of matrices.

$$\begin{aligned}1_{\mathbb{M}_n F} &= I_n = n \times n \text{ identity matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ 0_{\mathbb{M}_n F} &= 0 = 0_n = n \times n \text{ zero matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

is not commutative if  $n > 1$ .

In the same way, if  $R$  is a ring we have

$$\mathbb{M}_n R = \{n \times n \text{ matrices entries in } R\}$$

e.g., if  $R$  is a field  $\mathbb{M}_n F[t]$ .

8. Let  $\emptyset \neq I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a subset, e.g.,  $[\alpha, \beta], \alpha < \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$C(I) = \{f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$$

is a commutative ring and not a domain where

$$\begin{aligned}(f \dot{+} g)(x) &:= f(x) \dot{+} g(x) \\ 0(x) &= 0 \\ 1(x) &= x\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in I$ .

Notation: Unless stated otherwise  $F$  is always a field.

**Definition 1.6 (Vector Space)** — Let  $F$  be a field,  $V$  a set. Then  $V$  is called a VECTOR SPACE OVER  $F$  write  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$  under

- $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$  – Addition
- $\cdot: F \times V \rightarrow V$  – Scalar multiplication

if  $\forall x, y, z \in V \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in F$ .

1.  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
2.  $\exists 0 \in V \ni x + 0 = x = 0 + x$  ( $0$  is seen to be unique and written  $0$  or  $0_V$ )
3. 2) holds and  $\exists v \in V \ni x + v = 0 = v + x$  ( $v$  is seen to be unique and written  $-x$ )
4.  $x + y = y + x$
5.  $1_F \cdot x = x$ .
6.  $(\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot x)$
7.  $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot x = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot x$
8.  $\alpha \cdot (x + y) = \alpha \cdot x + \alpha \cdot y$

**Remark 1.7.** The usual properties we learned in 115A hold for  $V$  a vector space over  $F$ , e.g.,  $0_F V = 0_V$ , general association law,...

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### § 2.1 Vector Spaces (Cont'd)

**Example 2.1**

The following are vector space over  $F$

1.  $F^{m \times n} := \{m \times n \text{ matrices entries in } F\}$ , usual  $+$ , scalar multiplication, i.e., if  $A \in F^{m \times n}$ , let  $A_{ij} = i j^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $A$ . If  $A, B \in F^{m \times n}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}(A + B)_{ij} &:= A_{ij} + B_{ij} \\ (\alpha A)_{ij} &:= \alpha A_{ij} \quad \forall \alpha \in F\end{aligned}$$

i.e., component-wise operations.

2.  $F^n = F^{1 \times n} := \{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \mid \alpha_i \in F\}$
3. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $\emptyset \neq S$  a set. Define

$$\mathcal{F}cn(S, V) := \{f : S \rightarrow V \mid f \text{ a fcn}\}$$

Then  $\mathcal{F}cn(S, V)$  is a vector space over  $F \forall f, g \in \mathcal{F}cn(S, V), \forall \alpha \in F$ . For all  $x \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}f + g &: x \mapsto f(x) + g(x) \\ \alpha f &: x \mapsto \alpha f(x)\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}(f + g)(x) &= f(x) + g(x) \\ (\alpha f)(x) &= \alpha f(x)\end{aligned}$$

with 0 by  $0(x) = 0_V \forall x \in S$ .

4. Let  $R$  be a ring under  $+, \cdot$ ,  $F$  a field  $\ni F \subseteq R$  with  $+, \cdot$  on  $F$  induced by  $+, \cdot$  on  $R$  and  $0_F = 0_R, 1_F = 1_R$ , i.e.

$$\underbrace{+}_{\text{on } R} \Big| \underbrace{F \times F}_{\text{restrict dom}} : F \times F \rightarrow F \text{ and } \underbrace{\cdot}_{\text{on } R} \Big| \underbrace{F \times F}_{\text{restrict dom}} : F \times F \rightarrow F$$

i.e. closed under the restriction of  $+, \cdot$  on  $R$  to  $F$  and also with  $0_F = 0_R$  and  $1_F = 1_R$  (we call  $F$  a subring of  $R$ ). Then  $R$  is a vector space over  $F$  by restriction of scalar multiplication, i.e., same  $+$  on  $R$  but scalar multiplication

$$\cdot \Big|_{F \times R} : F \times R \rightarrow R$$

e.g.,  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  and  $F \subseteq F[t]$ .

Note:  $\mathbb{C}$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  by the above but as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  is different.

5. In 4) if  $R$  is also a field (so  $F \subseteq R$  is a subfield). Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $R$ . Then  $V$  is also a vector space over  $F$  by restriction of scalars, e.g.,  $M_n \mathbb{C}$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  so is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  so is a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .



## §2.2 Subspaces

**Definition 2.2 (Subspace)** — Let  $V$  be a vector space under  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ ,  $\emptyset \neq W \subseteq V$  a subset. We call  $W$  a subspace of  $V$  if  $\forall w_1, w_2 \in W, \forall \alpha \in F$ ,

$$\alpha w_1, w_1 + w_2 \in W$$

with  $0_W = 0_V$  is a vector space over  $F$  under  $+$  and  $\cdot$  i.e., closed under the operation on  $V$ .

### Theorem 2.3

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $\emptyset \neq W \subseteq V$  a subset. Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff  $\forall \alpha \in F, \forall w_1, w_2 \in W, \alpha w_1 + w_2 \in W$ .

**Example 2.4** 1. Let  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C(I)$  the commutative ring of continuous function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $C(I)$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}cn(I, \mathbb{R})$ .

2.  $F[t]$  is a vector space over  $F$  and  $n \geq 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$F[t]_n := \{f \mid f \in F[t], f = 0 \text{ or } \deg f \leq n\}$$

is a subspace of  $F[t]$  (it is not a ring).

[Attached](#) is a review of theorems about vector spaces from math 115A.

## §2.3 Motivation

**Problem 2.1.** Can you break down an object into simpler pieces? If yes can you do it uniquely?

### Example 2.5

Let  $n > 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $n$  is a product of primes unique up to order.

**Example 2.6**

Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space over  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  a hermitian (=self adjoint) operator. Then  $\exists$  an ON basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $T$ . In particular,  $T$  is diagonalizable. This means

$$V = E_T(\lambda_1) \perp \dots \perp E_T(\lambda_r) \quad (*)$$

$E_T(\lambda_i) := \{v \in V \mid Tv = \lambda_i v\} \neq 0$  eigenspace of  $\lambda_i$ ;  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$  the distinct eigenvalues of  $T$ . So

$$T|_{E_T(\lambda_i)} : E_T(\lambda_i) \rightarrow E_T(\lambda_i)$$

i.e.,  $E_T(\lambda_i)$  is  $T$ -invariant and

$$T|_{E_T(\lambda_i)} = \lambda_i 1_{E_T(\lambda_i)}$$

and  $(*)$  is unique up to order.

Goal: Generalize this to  $V$  any finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ , any  $F$ , and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  linear. We have many problems to overcome in order to get a meaningful result, e.g.,

**Problem 2.2.** 1.  $V$  may not be an inner product space.

2.  $F \neq \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  is possible.

3.  $F \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is possible, so cannot even define an inner product.

4.  $V$  may not have any eigenvalues for  $T : V \rightarrow V$ .

5. If we prove an existence theorem, we may not have a uniqueness one.

We shall show: given  $V$  a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  a linear operator. Then  $V$  breaks up uniquely up to order into small  $T$ -invariant subspace that we shall show are completely determined by polys in  $F[t]$  arising from  $T$ .

## §2.4 Direct Sums

Motivation: Generalize the concept of linear independence, Spectral Theorem Decomposition, to see how pieces are put together (if possible).

**Definition 2.7 (Span)** — Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_i \subseteq V$ ,  $i \in I$  — may not be finite, subspaces. Let

$$\sum_{i \in I} W_i = \text{Span} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i \right) := \left\{ v \in V \mid \exists w_i \in W_i, i \in I, \text{ almost all } w_i = 0 \ni v = \sum_{i \in I} w_i \right\}$$

when almost all zero means only finitely many  $w_i \neq 0$ . Warning: In a vector space/ $F$  we can only take finite linear combination of vectors. So

$$\sum_{i \in I} W_i = \text{Span} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i \right) = \left\{ \text{finite linear combos of vectors in } \bigcup_{i \in I} W_i \right\}$$

e.g., if  $I$  is finite, i.e.,  $|I| < \infty$ , say  $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$  then

$$\sum_{i \in I} W_i = W_1 + \dots + W_n := \{w_1 + \dots + w_n \mid w_i \in W_i \forall i \in I\}$$

cf. Linear Combinations.

**Definition 2.8 (Direct Sum)** — Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_i \subseteq V$ ,  $i \in I$ , subspace. Let  $W \subseteq V$  be a subspace. We say that  $W$  is the (internal) direct sum of the  $W_i$ ,  $i \in I$  write  $W = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$  if

$$\forall w \in W \exists! w_i \in W_i \text{ almost all } 0 \ni w = \sum_{i \in I} w_i$$

e.g., if  $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then

$$w \in W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_n \text{ means } \exists! w_i \in W_i \ni w = w_1 + \dots + w_n$$

Warning: It may not exist.

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### §3.1 Direct Sums (Cont'd)

**Definition 3.1 (Independent Subspace)** — Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_i \subseteq V$ ,  $i \in I$  subspaces. We say the  $W_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , are independent if whenever  $w_i \in W_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , almost all  $w_i = 0$ , satisfy  $\sum w_i = 0$ , then  $w_i = 0 \forall i \in I$ .

**Theorem 3.2**

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_i \subseteq V$ ,  $i \in I$  subspaces,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace. Then the following are equivalent:

1.  $W = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$

2.  $W = \sum_{i \in I} W_i$  and  $\forall i$

$$W_i \cap \sum_{j \in I \setminus \{i\}} W_j = 0 := \{0\}$$

3.  $W = \sum_{i \in I} W_i$  and the  $W_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , are independent.

*Proof.* 1)  $\implies$  2) Suppose  $W = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$ . Certainly,  $W = \sum_{i \in I} W_i$ . Fix  $i$  and suppose that

$$\exists x \in W_i \cap \sum_{j \in I \setminus \{i\}} W_j$$

By definition,  $\exists w_i \in W_i$ ,  $w_j \in W_j$ ,  $j \in I \setminus \{i\}$  almost all 0 satisfying

$$w_i = x = \sum_{j \neq i} w_j$$

So

$$0_V = 0_W = w_i - \sum_{j \neq i} w_j$$

But

$$0_W = \sum_I 0_{W_k} \quad 0_{W_k} = 0_V \quad \forall k \in I$$

By uniqueness of 1),  $w_i = 0$  so  $x = 0$ .

2)  $\implies$  3) Let  $w_i \in W_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , almost all zero satisfy

$$\sum_{i \in I} w_i = 0$$

Suppose that  $w_k \neq 0$ . Then

$$w_k = - \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{k\}} w_i \in W_k \cap \sum_{i \neq k} W_i = 0,$$

a contradiction. So  $w_i = 0 \forall i$

3)  $\implies$  1) Suppose  $v \in \sum_{i \in I} W_i$  and  $\exists w_i, w'_i \in W_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , almost all 0  $\ni$

$$\sum_{i \in I} w_i = v = \sum_{i \in I} w'_i$$

Then  $\sum_{i \in I} (w_i - w'_i) = 0$ ,  $w_i - w'_i \in W_i \forall i$ . So

$$w_i - w'_i = 0, \text{ i.e., } w_i = w'_i \quad \forall i$$

and the  $w'_i$ s are unique. □

Warning: 2) DOES NOT SAY  $W_i \cap W_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . This is too weak. It says  $W_i \cap \sum_{j \neq i} W_j = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.3**

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_i \subseteq V$ ,  $i \in I$  subspaces. Suppose  $I = I_1 \cup I_2$  with  $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$  and  $V = \bigoplus_{i \in I} W_i$ . Set

$$W_{I_1} = \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} W_i \quad \text{and} \quad W_{I_2} = \bigoplus_{j \in I_2} W_j$$

Then

$$V = W_{I_1} \oplus W_{I_2}$$

*Proof.* Left as exercise – Homework. □

Notation: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $v \in V$ . Set

$$Fv := \{\alpha v \mid \alpha \in F\} = \text{Span}(v)$$

if  $v \neq 0$ , then  $Fv$  is the line containing  $v$ , i.e.,  $Fv$  is the one dimensional vector space over  $F$  with basis  $\{v\}$ .

**Example 3.4**

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$

1. If  $\emptyset \neq S \subseteq V$  is a subset, then

$$\sum_{v \in S} Fv = \text{Span}(S)$$

the span of  $S$ . So

$$\text{Span } S = \{\text{all finite linear combos of vectors in } S\}$$

2. If  $\emptyset \neq S$  is linearly indep. (i.e. meaning every finite nonempty subset of  $S$  is linearly indep.), then

$$\text{Span}(S) = \bigoplus_{s \in S} Fs$$

3. If  $S$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $V = \bigoplus_{s \in S} Fs$

4. If  $\exists$  a finite set  $S \subseteq V \ni V = \text{Span}(S)$ , then  $V = \sum_{s \in S} Fs$  and  $\exists$  a subset  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq S$  that is a basis for  $V$ , i.e.,  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$  and  $\dim V = \dim_F V = |\mathcal{B}|$  is indep. of basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V$ .

5. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_1, W_2 \subseteq V$  finite dimensional subspaces. Then  $W_1 + W_2$ ,  $W_1 \cap W_2$  are finite dimensional vector space over  $F$  and

$$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2 - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$

So

$$W_1 + W_2 = W_1 \oplus W_2 \iff W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$$

(warning: be very careful if you wish to generalize this)

**Definition 3.5 (Complementary Subspace)** — Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace if

$$V = W \oplus W', \quad W' \subseteq V \text{ a subspace}$$

We call  $W'$  a complementary subspace of  $W$  in  $V$ .

**Example 3.6**

Let  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be a basis of  $W$ . Extend  $\mathcal{B}_0$  to a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V$  (even works if  $V$  is not finite dimensional). Then

$$W' = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{B}_0} Fv \text{ is a complement of } W \text{ in } V$$

Note:  $W'$  is not the unique complement of  $W$  in  $V$  – counter-example?

Consequences: Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $W_1, \dots, W_n \subseteq V$  subspaces,  $W_i \neq 0 \forall i$ . Then the following are equivalent

1.  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_n$ .
2. If  $\mathcal{B}_i$  is a basis (resp., ordered basis) for  $W_i \forall i$ , then  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{B}_n$  is a basis (resp. ordered) – with obvious order – for  $V$ .

*Proof.* Left as exercise (good one)! □

Notation: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  a basis for  $V$ ,  $x \in V$ . Then,  $\exists! \alpha_v \in F$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{B}$ , almost all  $\alpha_v = 0$  (i.e., all but finitely many) s.t.  $x = \sum_{\mathcal{B}} \alpha_v v$ . Given  $x \in V$ ,

$$x = \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}} \alpha_v v$$

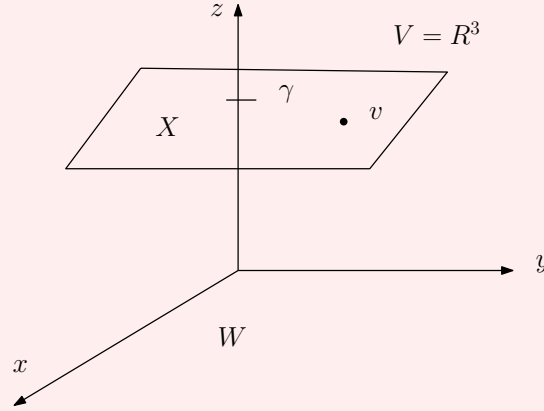
to mean  $\alpha_v$  is the unique complement of  $x$  on  $v$  and hence  $\alpha_v = 0$  for almost all  $v \in \mathcal{B}$ .

### §3.2 Quotient Spaces

Idea: Given a surjective map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and “nice”, can we use properties of  $Y$  to obtain properties of  $X$ ?

**Example 3.7**

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $W = X - Y$  plane. Let  $X =$  plane parallel to  $W$  intersecting the  $z$ -axis at  $\gamma$ .



So

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) | \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{(\alpha, \beta, 0) + (0, 0, \gamma) | \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= W + \underbrace{\gamma e_3}_{(0,0,1)} \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $X$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R} \iff \gamma = 0 \iff W = X$  (need  $0_V$ ). Let  $v \in X$ . So  $v = (x, y, \gamma)$  some  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} W + v &:= \left\{ \underbrace{(\alpha, \beta, 0)}_{\text{arbitrary}} + \underbrace{(x, y, \gamma)}_{\text{fixed}} \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \\ &= \{(\alpha + x, \beta + y, \gamma) \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= W + \gamma e_3 \end{aligned}$$

It follows if  $v, v' \in V$ , then

$$W + v = W + v' \implies v - v' \in W$$

Conversely, if  $v, v' \in V$  with  $X = W + v$ , then

$$v' \in X \implies v' = w + v \text{ some } w \in W$$

hence

$$v' - v \in W$$

So for arbitrary  $v, v' \in V$ , we have the conclusion  $W + v = W + v' \iff v - v' \in W$ . We can also write  $W + v$  as  $v + W$ .



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### §4.1 Quotient Spaces (Cont'd)

Recall from the last example of the last lecture, we have

$$V = \bigcup_{v \in V} W + v$$

If  $v, v' \in V$ , then

$$0 \neq v'' \in (W + v) \cap (W + v')$$

means

$$W + v - W + v'' = W + v'$$

This means either  $W + v = W + v'$  or  $W + v \cap W + v' = \emptyset$ , i.e., planes parallel to the xy-plane partition  $V$  into a disjoint unions of planes.

Let

$$S := \{W + v \mid v \in V\}$$

the set of these planes. We make  $S$  into a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  as follows:  $\forall v, v' \in V, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  define

$$\begin{aligned} (W + v) + (W + v') &:= W + (v + v') \\ \alpha \cdot (W + v) &:= W + \alpha v \end{aligned}$$

We must check these two operations are well-defined and we set

$$0_S := W$$

Then  $(W + v) + W = W + v = W + (W + v)$  make  $S$  into a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

If  $v \in V$  let  $\gamma_v^1 =$  the  $k^{\text{th}}$  component of  $v$ . Define

$$S \rightarrow \{(0, 0, \gamma) \mid \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

by

$$W + v \mapsto (0, 0, \gamma_v) \mapsto \gamma$$

both maps are bijection and, in fact, linear isomorphism. So

$$S \cong \{(0, 0, \gamma) \mid \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\} \cong \mathbb{R}$$

Note:  $\dim V = 3$ ,  $\dim W = 2$ ,  $\dim S = 1$  and we also have a linear transformation

$$V \rightarrow S \text{ by } (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto W + \gamma e_3$$

a surjection.

We can now generalize this.

Construction: Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace. Define  $\equiv \pmod{W}$  called congruent mod  $W$  on  $V$  as follows: if  $x, y \in V$ , then

$$x \equiv y \pmod{W} \iff x - y \in W \iff \exists w \in W \ni x = w + y$$

Then, for all  $x, y, z \in V$ ,  $\equiv \pmod{W}$  satisfies

1.  $x \equiv x \pmod{W}$
2.  $x \equiv y \pmod{W} \implies y \equiv x \pmod{W}$
3.  $x \equiv y \pmod{W}$  and  $y \equiv z \pmod{W} \implies x \equiv z \pmod{W}$

We can conclude that  $\equiv \pmod{W}$  is an equivalence relation on  $V$ .

Notation: For  $x \in V$ ,  $W \subseteq V$ , let

$$\bar{x} := \{y \in V \mid y \equiv x \pmod{W}\}$$

We can also write  $\bar{x}$  as  $[x]_W$  if  $W$  is not understood. Also,  $\bar{x} \subseteq V$  is a subset and not an element of  $V$  called a coset of  $V$  by  $W$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \{y \in V \mid y \equiv x \pmod{W}\} \\ &= \{y \in V \mid y = w + x \text{ for some } w \in W\} \\ &= \{w + x \mid w \in W\} = W + x = x + W \end{aligned}$$

#### Example 4.1

$$\bar{0}_V = W + 0_V = W.$$

Note:  $W + x$  translates every element of  $W$  by  $x$ . By 2), 3) of  $\equiv \pmod{W}$ , we have check

$$y \in \bar{x} = W + x \iff x \in \bar{y} = W + y$$

and

$$x \equiv y \pmod{W} \iff \bar{x} = \bar{y} \iff W + x = W + y$$

and check

$$\bar{x} \cap \bar{y} = \emptyset \iff (W + x) \cap (W + y) = \emptyset \iff x \not\equiv y \pmod{W}$$

This means the  $W + x$  partition  $V$ , i.e.,

$$V = \bigcup_V (W + x) \text{ with } (W + x) \cap (W + y) = \emptyset \text{ if } \bar{x} = (W + x) \neq (W + y) = \bar{y}$$

Let

$$\bar{V} := V/W := \{\bar{x} \mid x \in V\} = \{W + x \mid x \in V\}$$

a collection of subsets of  $V$ .

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### §5.1 Quotient Spaces (Cont'd)

Suppose we have  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace. For  $x, y, z, v \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv y \pmod{W} \\ z &\equiv v \pmod{W} \end{aligned} \quad (+)$$

Then

$$(x + z) - (y + v) = \underbrace{(x - y)}_{\in W} + \underbrace{(z - v)}_{\in W} \in W$$

So

$$x + z \pmod{y + v} \pmod{W}$$

and if  $\alpha \in F$

$$\alpha x - \alpha y = \alpha(x - y) \in W \quad \forall x, y \in V$$

So

$$\alpha x \equiv \alpha y \pmod{W}$$

Therefore,  $\bar{V} = V/W$ . If (+) holds, then for all  $x, y, z, v \in V$  and  $\alpha \in F$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{x + z} &= \overline{y + v} \in \bar{V} \\ \overline{\alpha x} &= \overline{\alpha y} \in \bar{V} \end{aligned}$$

Notice  $\bar{V} = V/W$  satisfies all the axioms of a vector space with  $0_{\bar{V}} = \overline{0_V} = \{y \in V \mid y \equiv 0 \pmod{W}\} = W + 0_V = W$ .

We call  $\bar{V} = V/W$  the **QUOTIENT SPACE** of  $V$  by  $W$ .

We also have a map

$$- : V \rightarrow \bar{V} = V/W \text{ by } x \mapsto \bar{x} = W + x$$

which satisfies

$$\alpha v + v' \mapsto \overline{\alpha v + v'} = \alpha \bar{v} + \bar{v}'$$

for all  $v, v' \in V$  and  $\alpha \in F$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dim V &= \dim \ker^- \\ \dim V &= \dim W + \dim V/W \\ \dim V/W &= \dim V - \dim W \end{aligned}$$

which is called the codimension of  $W$  in  $V$ .

**Proposition 5.1**

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace,  $\bar{V} = V/W$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be a basis for  $W$  and

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = \{v_i \mid i \in I, v_i - v_j \notin W \text{ if } i \neq j\}$$

where  $\bar{v}_i \neq \bar{v}_j$  if  $i \neq j$  or  $w + v_i \neq w + v_j$  if  $i \neq j$ .

Let

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\bar{v}_i = W + v_i \mid i \in I, v_i \in \mathcal{B}_1\}$$

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for  $\bar{V} = V/W$ , then  $\mathcal{B}_0 \cup \mathcal{B}_1$  is a basis for  $V$  (compare with the proof of the Dimension Theorem).

*Proof.* Hw 2 # 3. □

**§5.2 Linear Transformation**

A review of linear of linear transformation can be found [here](#).

Now, we consider

$$GL_n F := \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n F \mid \det A \neq 0\}$$

The elements in  $GL_n F$  in the ring  $\mathbb{M}_n F$  are those having a multiplicative inverse. If  $R$  is a commutative ring, determinants are still as before but

$$\begin{aligned} GL_n R &:= \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n R \mid \det A \text{ is a unit in } R\} \\ &= \{A \in \mathbb{M}_n R \mid A^{-1} \text{ exists}\} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 5.2**

Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace. Recall

$$\bar{V} = V/W = \{\bar{v} = W + v \mid v \in V\}$$

a vector space over  $F$  s.t. for all  $v_1, v_2 \in F$  and  $\alpha \in F$

$$\begin{aligned} 0_{\bar{V}} &= \bar{0}_V = W \\ \bar{v}_1 + \bar{v}_2 &= \overline{v_1 + v_2} \\ \alpha \bar{v}_1 &= \overline{\alpha v_1} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$- : V \rightarrow V/W = \bar{V} \text{ by } v \mapsto \bar{v} = W + v$$

is an epimorphism with  $\ker^- = W$ .

Recall from 115A(H) that the most important theorem about linear transformation is [Universal Property of Vector Spaces](#). As a result, we can deduce the following corollary

**Corollary 5.3**

Let  $V, W$  be vector space over  $F$  with bases  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$  respectively. Suppose there exists a bijection  $f : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,  $|\mathcal{B}| = |\mathcal{C}|$ . Then  $V \cong W$ .

*Proof.* There exists a unique  $T : V \rightarrow W \ni T|_{\mathcal{B}} = f$ .  $T$  is monic by the Monomorphism Theorem ( $T$  takes linearly indep. sets to linearly indep. sets iff it's monic) and is onto as  $W = \text{Span}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Span}(f(\mathcal{B}))$ .  $\square$

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### §6.1 Linear Transformation (Cont'd)

#### Theorem 6.1

Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Then  $\exists X \subseteq V$  a subspace s.t.

$$V = \ker T \oplus X \text{ with } X \cong \operatorname{im} T$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be a basis for  $\ker T$ . Extend  $\mathcal{B}_0$  to a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $V$  by the [Extension Theorem](#). Let  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B} \setminus \mathcal{B}_0$ , so  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_0 \cup \mathcal{B}_1$  ( $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_0 \cup \mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_0 \cap \mathcal{B}_1 = \emptyset$ ) and let

$$X = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{B}_1} Fv$$

As  $\ker T = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{B}_0} Fv$ , we have

$$V = \ker T \oplus X$$

and we have to show

$$X \cong \operatorname{im} T$$

**Claim 6.1.**  $Tv, v \in \mathcal{B}_1$  are linearly indep.

In particular,  $Tv \neq Tv'$  if  $v, v' \in \mathcal{B}_1$  and  $v \neq v'$ . Suppose

$$\sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}} \alpha_v Tv = 0_W, \quad \alpha_v \in F \text{ almost all } \alpha_v = 0$$

Then

$$0_W = T \left( \sum_{v \in \mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v v \right), \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v v \in \ker T$$

Hence

$$\sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v v = \sum_{\mathcal{B}_0} \beta_v v \in \ker T \text{ almost all } \beta_v \in F = 0$$

As  $\sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v v - \sum_{\mathcal{B}_0} \beta_v v = 0$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_0 \cup \mathcal{B}_1$  is linearly indep.,  $\alpha_v = 0 \forall v$ . This proves the above claim.

Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{Tv \mid v \in \mathcal{B}_1\}$ . By the claim

$$\mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \text{ by } v \mapsto Tv \text{ is } 1-1$$

and onto as  $\mathcal{C}$  is linearly indep. Lastly, we must show  $\mathcal{C}$  spans  $\operatorname{im} T$ . Let  $w \in \operatorname{im} T$ . Then  $\exists x \in V \ni Tx = w$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w = Tx &= T \left( \sum_{\mathcal{B}_0} \alpha_v v \right) + T \left( \sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v v \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{B}_0} \alpha_v Tv + \sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v Tv = \sum_{\mathcal{B}_1} \alpha_v Tv \end{aligned}$$

lies in  $\operatorname{span} \mathcal{C}$  as needed. □

**Remark 6.2.** Note that the proof is essentially the same as the proof of the [Dimension Theorem](#).

**Corollary 6.3** (Dimension Theorem)

If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $T : V \rightarrow W$  linear then

$$\dim V = \dim \ker T + \dim \operatorname{im} T$$

**Corollary 6.4**

If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace, then

$$\dim V = \dim W + \dim V/W$$

*Proof.*  $- : V \rightarrow V/W$  by  $v \mapsto \bar{v} = W + v$  is an epi. □

Important Construction: Set

$T : V \rightarrow Z$  be linear

$$W = \ker T$$

$$\bar{V} = V/W$$

$- : V \rightarrow V/W$  by  $v \mapsto \bar{v} = W + v$  linear

$\forall x, y \in V$  we have

$$\bar{x} = \bar{y} \in \bar{V} \iff x \equiv y \pmod{W} \iff x - y \in W \iff T(x - y) = 0_Z$$

i.e., when  $W = \ker T$

$$\bar{x} = \bar{y} \iff Tx = Ty \tag{*}$$

This means

$$\bar{T} : \bar{V} \rightarrow Z \text{ defined by } W + v = \bar{v} \mapsto Tv$$

is well-defined, i.e., via function, since if  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$ , then  $\bar{T}(\bar{x}) := Tx = Ty =: \bar{T}(\bar{y})$ . From (\*),

$$\bar{x} = \bar{y} \iff \bar{T}(\bar{x}) = T(x) = T(y) =: \bar{T}(\bar{y})$$

so

$$\bar{T} : \bar{V} \rightarrow Z \text{ is also injective}$$

As  $\bar{T}$  is linear, let  $\alpha \in F$ ,  $x, y \in V$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{T}(\alpha\bar{x} + \bar{y}) &= \bar{T}(\overline{\alpha x + y}) = T(\alpha x + y) \\ &= \alpha Tx + Ty = \alpha \bar{T}(\bar{x}) + \bar{T}(\bar{y}) \end{aligned}$$

as needed. Therefore,

$$\bar{T} : \bar{V} \rightarrow Z \text{ by } \bar{x} \mapsto T(x)$$

is a monomorphism, so induces an isomorphism onto  $\text{im } \bar{T}$  and we recall  $\text{im } \bar{T} = \text{im } T$ , so

$$\bar{V} \cong \text{im } \bar{T} = \text{im } T$$

and we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{T} & Z \\ \downarrow - & & \nearrow \bar{T} \\ V/\ker T = \bar{V} & & \end{array}$$

This can also be written as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{T} & Z \\ \downarrow - & & \uparrow \text{inclusion map} \\ V/\ker T = \bar{V} & \xrightarrow{\bar{T}} & \text{im } T \end{array}$$

Consequence: Any linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow Z$  induces an isomorphism

$$\bar{T} : V/\ker T \rightarrow \text{im } T \text{ by } \bar{v} = \ker T + v \mapsto Tv$$

This is called the **First Isomorphism Theorem**. We also have

$$V = \ker T \oplus X \text{ with } X \subseteq V \text{ and } X \cong \text{im } T \cong V/\ker T$$

This means that all images of linear transformations from  $V$  are determined, up to isomorphism, by  $V$  and its subspaces. It also means, if  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ , we can try prove things by induction.

## §6.2 Projections

Motivation: Let  $m < n$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and

$$\pi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ by } (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \mapsto (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, 0, \dots, 0)$$

a linear operator onto  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^m \Gamma e_i$  where  $e_i = \left(0, \dots, \underbrace{1}_{i^{\text{th}}}, \dots, 0\right)$ .

**Definition 6.5 (T-invariant)** — Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be linear,  $W \subseteq V$  a subspace. We say  $W$  is  $T$ -invariant if  $T(W) \subseteq W$  if this is the case, then the restriction  $T|_W$  of  $T$  can be viewed as a linear operator

$$T|_W : W \rightarrow W$$



**Example 6.6**

Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be linear.

1.  $\ker T$  and  $\operatorname{im} T$  are  $T$ -invariant.
2. Let  $\lambda \in F$  be an eigenvalue of  $T$ , i.e.,  $\exists 0 \neq v \in V \ni Tv = \lambda v$ , then any subspace of the eigenspace

$$E_T(\lambda) := \{v \in V \mid Tv = \lambda v\}$$

is  $T$ -invariant as  $T|_{E_T(\lambda)} = \lambda 1_{E_T(\lambda)}$

**Remark 6.7.** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $T : V \rightarrow V$  linear. Suppose that

$$V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_n$$

with each  $W_i$   $T$ -invariant,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\mathcal{B}_i$  an ordered basis for  $W_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{B}_n$  be a basis of  $V$  ordered in the obvious way.

Then the matrix representation of  $T$  in the  $\mathcal{B}$  basis is

$$[T]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} [T|_{W_1}]_{\mathcal{B}_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & [T|_{W_n}]_{\mathcal{B}_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

**Example 6.8**

Suppose that  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is diagonalizable, i.e., there exists a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of eigenvectors of  $T$  for  $V$ . Then,  $T : V \rightarrow V$ ,

$$V = \bigoplus E_T(\lambda_i)$$

each  $E_T(\lambda_i)$  is  $T$ -invariant.

$$T|_{E_T(\lambda_i)} = \lambda_i 1_{E_T(\lambda_i)}$$

Goal: Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $n = \dim V$ ,  $T : V \rightarrow V$  linear. Then  $\exists W_1, \dots, W_m \subseteq V$  all  $T$ -invariant subspaces with  $m = m(T)$  with each  $W_i$  being as small as possible with  $V = W_1 \oplus \dots \oplus W_m$ . This is the theory of canonical forms.

Recall: If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $T : V \rightarrow V$  linear,  $\mathcal{B}$  an ordered basis for  $V$ , then the matrix representation  $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$  is only unique up to similarity, i.e., if  $\mathcal{C}$  is an another ordered basis

$$[T]_{\mathcal{C}} = P [T]_{\mathcal{B}} P^{-1}$$

where  $P = [1_V]_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}} \in GL_n F$ , the change of basis matrix  $\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

**Definition 6.9 (Projection)** — Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ ,  $P : V \rightarrow V$  linear. We call  $P$  a projection if  $P^2 = P \circ P = P$ .

- Example 6.10**
1.  $P = 0_V$  or  $1_V : V \rightarrow V$ ,  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ .
  2. An orthogonal projection in 115A.
  3. If  $P$  is a projection, so is  $1_V - P$ .

If  $T : V \rightarrow V$  is linear, then

$$V = \ker T \oplus X \text{ with } X \cong \operatorname{im} T$$

**Lemma 6.11**

Let  $P : V \rightarrow V$  be a projection. Then

$$V = \ker P \oplus \operatorname{im} P$$

Moreover, if  $v \in \operatorname{im} P$ , then

$$Pv = v$$

i.e.

$$P|_{\operatorname{im} P} : \operatorname{im} P \rightarrow \operatorname{im} P \text{ is } 1_{\operatorname{im} P}$$

In particular, if  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $F$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_1$  an ordered basis for  $\ker P$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  an ordered basis for  $\operatorname{im} P$ , then  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2$  is an ordered basis for  $V$  and

$$[P]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} [0]_{\mathcal{B}_1} & 0 \\ 0 & [1_{\operatorname{im} P}]_{\mathcal{B}_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & 1 & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

*Proof.* Let  $v \in V$ , then  $v - Pv \in \ker P$ , since

$$P(v - Pv) = Pv - P^2v = Pv - Pv = 0$$

Hence

$$v = (v - Pv) + Pv \in \ker P + \operatorname{im} P$$

$\ker P \cap \operatorname{im} P = 0$  and  $P|_{\operatorname{im} P} = 1_{\operatorname{im} P}$ . Let  $v \in \operatorname{im} P$ . By definition,  $Pw = v$  for some  $w \in V$ . Therefore,

$$Pv = PPw = Pw = v$$

Hence

$$P|_{\operatorname{im} P} = 1_{\operatorname{im} P}$$

If  $v \in \ker P \cap \operatorname{im} P$ , then

$$v = Pv = 0$$

□