

HW 7  
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**2.1.2.** Let  $x$  be a vector in a given vector space  $X$ . Then  $0x = (\alpha - \alpha)x = \alpha x - \alpha x = \theta$  where  $\alpha$  is a scalar. Further,  $\alpha(\theta) = \alpha(0x) = (\alpha 0)x = 0x = \theta$ .

Lastly,  $(-1)x = (1 - 2)x = x - 2x = -x$ .

**2.1.4.** Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  constitutes a subspace? (Here  $x = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$ ).

1. All  $x$  with  $\xi_1 = \xi_2$  and  $\xi_3 = 0$ . Note that  $\theta$  is in this space as it satisfies all properties therein. So the set is non-empty. Let  $x, y$  be elements of this space where  $x = (x_1, x_1, 0)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, 0)$ . Then for scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$\alpha x + \beta y = (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1, \alpha x_2 + \beta y_2, 0).$$

So this is a subspace.

2. All  $x$  with  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 + 1$ . Note that the zero vector is not in this space so it cannot be a subspace.
3. All  $x$  with positive  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$ . This cannot be a subspace since  $-x$  is not in the space.
4. All  $x$  with  $\xi_1 - \xi_2 + \xi_3 = k$  where  $k$  is some constant. Then we see  $\theta$  is in this space since  $0 - 0 + 0 = 0$ . So  $k = 0$ . Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  be in this space. Then for some  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  scalars,

$$\alpha x + \beta y = (\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1, \alpha x_2 + \beta y_2, \alpha x_3 + \beta y_3).$$

We see that  $\alpha x_1 + \beta y_1 - \alpha x_2 - \beta y_2 + \alpha x_3 + \beta y_3 = \alpha(x_1 - x_2 + x_3) + \beta(y_1 - y_2 + y_3) = \alpha(0) + \beta(0) = 0$ . So this is a subspace when  $k = 0$ .

**2.1.5.** Consider  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  where  $x_j(t) = t^j$  in the space  $C[a, b]$ . Assume that

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = 0.$$

Then applying  $t$  to the function finds

$$(\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n)(t) = 0(t) \tag{1}$$

$$\alpha_1 x_1(t) + \dots + \alpha_n x_n(t) = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$\alpha_1 t + \alpha_2 t^2 + \dots + \alpha_n t^n = 0. \tag{3}$$

Since  $t$  is not necessarily 0, this is only true if each  $\alpha_i$  is zero. Hence,  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is linearly independent.

**2.1.10.** Let  $Y$  and  $Z$  be subspaces of a vector space  $X$ . Thus,  $0 \in Y$  and  $0 \in Z$ . So  $Y \cap Z$  is non-empty. Let  $y, z \in Y \cap Z$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be scalars. Then  $\alpha y + \beta z \in Y$  since both  $\alpha y$  and  $\beta z$  are in  $Y$  and  $Y$  is a subspace. Similarly,  $\alpha y + \beta z \in Z$ . So  $\alpha y + \beta z \in Y \cap Z$ . So  $Y \cap Z$  is a subspace.

Let  $Y$  be the subspace of the form  $x = (x_1, 2x_1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $Z$  be the subspace of the form  $y = (3y_2, y_2)$ . Then both  $x$  and  $y$  as defined are in the union of  $Y$  and  $Z$ . However,  $x + y = (x_1 + 3y_2, 2x_1 + y_2)$  which is neither  $Y$  or  $Z$  and thus not in  $Y \cup Z$ . So  $Y \cup Z$  is not a vector space.

However, considering  $Y \cap Z$  in the example above, we get that  $Y \cap Z = \{\theta\}$  which is a vector space.

**2.2.3.** Let  $x, y$  be vectors in a vector space  $X$ . Then

$$\|y\| - \|x\| = \|y - x + x\| - \|x - y + y\| \tag{4}$$

$$\leq \|y - x\| + \|x\| - \|x\| - \|y - y\| \tag{5}$$

$$= \|y - x\|, \tag{6}$$

by the triangle inequality.

**2.2.7.** We verify that  $\|x\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p}$ .

1. Note that  $|\xi_j|$  is non-negative since it is an absolute value. Non-negative numbers raised to a power are still non-negative. The sum of non-negative numbers is non-negative. The  $p^{th}$  root of a non-negative number is non-negative. Hence  $\|x\| \geq 0$ .
2. Assume that  $\|x\| = 0$ . So

$$0 = \|x\| \tag{7}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{8}$$

$$0^p = 0 \tag{9}$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \tag{10}$$

Then since all the numbers in the sum are non-negative, the only way the summation is zero is if every  $\xi_j$  is 0. Hence,  $x = 0$ .

Now assume that  $x = 0$ . Then

$$\|x\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{11}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 0 \right)^{1/p} \tag{12}$$

$$= 0. \tag{13}$$

So condition 2 is satisfied.

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$$\|\alpha x\| = \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha \xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{14}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha|^p |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{15}$$

$$= \left( |\alpha|^p \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{16}$$

$$= \left( |\alpha|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{17}$$

$$= |\alpha| \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{18}$$

$$= |\alpha| \|x\|. \tag{19}$$

4. Let  $x = (x_i)$  and  $y = (y_i)$  be element of the vector space. Then

$$\|x + y\| = \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j + y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (20)$$

$$\leq \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j|^p + |y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (21)$$

$$\leq \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j|^p + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (22)$$

$$\leq \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |x_j|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (23)$$

$$= \|x\| + \|y\|. \quad (24)$$

So  $\|x\|$  is a norm.

**2.2.10.** The sphere

$$S(0; 1) = \{x \in X \mid \|x\| = 1\}$$

in a normed space is called the unit sphere.

1. If  $\|x\| = \|x\|_1$ , then  $x \in S(0; 1)$  when  $|x_1| + |x_2| = 1$ . This happens on the lines  $x_2 = -x_1 + 1, x_2 = x_1 + 1, x_2 = -x_1 - 1, x_2 = x_1 - 1$ . These are the lines drawn in the picture.
2. If  $\|x\| = \|x\|_2$ , then  $x \in S(0; 1)$  when  $(|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2)^{1/2} = 1$ . This happens when  $|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 = 1$ . This is true for the unit circle (that is the lines  $x_2 = -\sqrt{x_1} + 1, x_2 = \sqrt{x_1} - 1$ ).
3. If  $\|x\| = \|x\|_{\infty}$ , the  $x \in S(0; 1)$  if  $\max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\} = 1$ . This is true for the lines  $x_2 = \pm 1$  and  $x_1 = \pm 1$ .
4. If  $\|x\| = \|x\|_4$ , then  $x \in S(0; 1)$  if  $x_1^4 + x_2^4 = 1$ . This is true for the equations  $x_2 = -x_1^{1/4} + 1$  and  $x_2 = x_1^{1/4} + 1$ . This is the circle shown below.

**2.2.13.** Let  $x, y$  be in a discrete metric space  $X$  where  $\alpha x = \alpha y$