

**Problem 6.1:** (3.1 #30. *Introduction to Linear Algebra*: Strang) Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  are two subspaces of a vector space  $V$ .

- a) **Definition:** The sum  $S + T$  contains all sums  $s + t$  of a vector  $s$  in  $S$  and a vector  $t$  in  $T$ . Show that  $S + T$  satisfies the requirements (addition and scalar multiplication) for a vector space.
- b) If  $S$  and  $T$  are lines in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , what is the difference between  $S + T$  and  $S \cup T$ ? That union contains all vectors from  $S$  and  $T$  or both. Explain this statement: *The span of  $S \cup T$  is  $S + T$ .*

a) Let  $v_1 = s_1 + t_1$ ,  $v_2 = s_2 + t_2 \in S + T$  and  $c$  be a scalar.

$$v_1 + v_2 = s_1 + t_1 + s_2 + t_2 = (s_1 + s_2) + (t_1 + t_2) \in S + T$$

since  $s_1 + s_2 \in S$  and  $t_1 + t_2 \in T$ .

$$cv_1 = c(s_1 + t_1) = cs_1 + ct_1 \in S + T \text{ since } cs_1 \in S \text{ and } ct_1 \in T.$$

- b)  $S + T$  contains all vectors  $s + t$  where  $s \in S$  and  $t \in T$ .  $S \cup T$  contains all vectors that are in  $S$  or in  $T$ . Geometrically, this means  $S + T$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (unless  $S = T$ ) while  $S \cup T$  is two lines in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (again unless  $S = T$ ).  $S \cup T$  spans  $S + T$  since for any  $v \in S + T$ ,  $\exists s \in S$  and  $t \in T$  s.t.  $s + t = v$  (this is immediate from the definition of  $S + T$ ).

**Problem 6.2:** (3.2 #18.) The plane  $x - 3y - z = 12$  is parallel to the plane  $x - 3y - z = 0$ . One particular point on this plane is  $(12, 0, 0)$ . All points on the plane have the form (fill in the first components)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{since } x = 12 + 3y + z.$$

**Problem 6.3:** (3.2 #36.) How is the nullspace  $N(C)$  related to the spaces  $N(A)$  and  $N(B)$ , if  $C = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$N(C) = N(A) \cap N(B)$  since in order for  $Cv = 0$  we need:

$$0 = Cv = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} v = \begin{bmatrix} Av \\ Bv \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we must have  $Av = 0$  and  $Bv = 0$  (of appropriate dimensions, also we must assume  $A$  and  $B$  have the same number of columns).