

## Problem 1: Vector Spaces other than $\mathbb{R}^N$

### Solution

- a) Suppose  $A$  is a set of rational numbers defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $A_1 \in A$ . According to the definition of rational numbers,  $A_1 = \frac{b}{a}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $a \neq 0$ . Suppose  $B_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$B_1 = \pi \cdot A_1 = \frac{b\pi}{a}$$

Obviously,  $B_1$  is not a rational number, that is  $B_1 \notin A$ . So the set of rational numbers defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  doesn't satisfy closure of scalar multiplication. So the set is not valid vector field.

- b) Suppose set  $A = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 | a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$ .  $A_1 \in A$  and  $A_1 = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ ,  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Let

$$B_1 = (-1) \cdot A_1 = (-a_0) + (-a_1)x + (-a_2)x^2$$

Obviously,  $(-a_0), (-a_1), (-a_2) \notin \mathbb{R}^+$ , so  $B_1 \notin A$ . Hence set  $A$  doesn't satisfy closure of scalar multiplication. So set  $A$  is not valid vector field.

- c) i. Let

$$A = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)a \\ b \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$B = \alpha_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \alpha_2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)a \\ 2b \end{bmatrix}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Because  $B \neq A$ , so this set doesn't satisfy the following vector space property:

$$(\alpha + \beta) \cdot v = \alpha \cdot v + \beta \cdot v, \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } v \in \mathcal{V}$$

So this set is not a valid vector field.

- ii. Let  $r = 1 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$r \cdot A = r \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq A$$

So this set doesn't satisfy the following vector space property:

$$1 \cdot v = v, \text{ where } 1 \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } v \in \mathcal{V}$$

So this set is not a valid vector field.

iii. Suppose  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let

$$A_1 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot B = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)a \\ (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \alpha_1 \cdot B + \alpha_2 \cdot B = 0$$

Because  $A_1 \neq A_2$ , so this set doesn't satisfy the following vector space property:

$$(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cdot v = \alpha_1 \cdot v + \alpha_2 \cdot v, \text{ where } \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } v \in \mathcal{V}$$

So this set is not a valid vector field.

iv. Suppose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let:

$$A + (B + C) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} + \left( \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \\ \beta_1 - \beta_2 + \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A + B) + C = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \beta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 \\ \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Because  $A + (B + C) \neq (A + B) + C$ , so this set doesn't satisfy the following vector space property:

$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C, \text{ where } A, B, C \in \mathcal{V}$$

So this set is not a valid vector field.

## Problem 2: Adjacency graph

### Solution

A path in a graph is any sequence of vertices such that every consecutive pair of vertices in the sequence is connected by an edge in the graph (*P129, Networks: An Introduction, Mark Newman*). The length of a path is the number of edges traversed along the path (not the number of vertices).  $B_{ij}$  is the number of paths of length  $k$  from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in the original graph.

*Proof.* For  $k = 1$ , the result is true since  $A_{ij} = 1$  when there is an edge from node  $i$  to node  $j$  and  $A_{ij} = 0$  when there is no an edge.

Suppose for every  $i, j$ ,  $[A^{k-1}]_{ij}$  represents the number of paths of length  $k - 1$  from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in the original graph.

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## Problem 3: Vector Spaces of Polynomials

### Solution

a) A vector space should satisfy properties (A1)-(A5) and (M1)-(M5). Suppose  $A = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$ ,  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k x^k$ ,  $b_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $C = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k$ ,  $c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $A, B, C \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

(A1). Because

$$A + B = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n b_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k) x^k \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}), (a_k + b_k) \in \mathbb{R}$$

So  $A + B \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (A1).

(A2). Because

$$(A+B)+C = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n b_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k + c_k) x^k \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}), (a_k + b_k + c_k) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A+(B+C) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n b_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n c_k x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k + c_k) x^k \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R}), (a_k + b_k + c_k) \in \mathbb{R}$$

So  $(A + B) + C = A + (B + C)$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (A2).

(A3). Because

$$A + B = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k) x^k = B + A$$

So  $A + B = B + A$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (A3).

(A4). Let  $B = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k x^k$ ,  $b_k = 0$ . For any  $A \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$

$$A + B = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + 0) x^k = A$$

Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (A4).

(A5).

$$A + (-A) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k + \sum_{k=0}^n (-a_k) x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k - a_k) x^k = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (A5).

(M1). For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha \cdot A = \sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha a_k) x^k \in \mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$$

Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (M1).

(M2). For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\alpha\beta) \cdot A = \sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha\beta a_k) x^k$$

$$\alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot A) = \sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha\beta a_k) x^k$$

Because  $(\alpha\beta) \cdot A = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot A)$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (M2).

(M3). For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha \cdot (A + B) = \alpha \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k + b_k) x^k = \sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha a_k + \alpha b_k) x^k$$

$$\alpha \cdot A + \alpha \cdot B = \sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha a_k + \alpha b_k) x^k$$

Because  $\alpha \cdot (A + B) = \alpha \cdot A + \alpha \cdot B$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (M3).

(M4). For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\alpha + \beta) \cdot A = \sum_{k=0}^n [(\alpha + \beta) a_k] x^k$$

$$\alpha \cdot A + \beta \cdot A = \sum_{k=0}^n [(\alpha + \beta) a_k] x^k$$

Because  $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot A = \alpha \cdot A + \beta \cdot A$ . Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (M4).

(M5). For  $1 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$1 \cdot A = \sum_{k=0}^n (a_k) x^k = A$$

Hence  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy property (M5).

In conclusion,  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy properties (A1)-(A5) and (M1)-(M5). The dimension of  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$  is  $n + 1$ .

b)  $\cup_{n=1}^m \mathbb{P}_n$  is also a vector space. Actually, for all  $\mathbb{P}_k, k = 1 \dots m$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_k$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_m$ . So the union  $\cup_{n=1}^m \mathbb{P}_n$  again is a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}_m$ . Hence  $\cup_{n=1}^m \mathbb{P}_n$  is also a vector space.

c)  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{P}_4$ . So the union set of  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$  and  $\{1 + x^2, 1 - x^2\}$  spans  $\mathbb{P}_4$ . Since  $\dim(\mathbb{P}_4) = 5$ , so we can reduce the number elements in union set of  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, x^4\}$  and  $\{1 + x^2, 1 - x^2\}$  to 5 linearly independent vecotrs. Obviously, both  $\{1, 1 + x^2, 1 - x^2\}$  and  $\{x^2, 1 + x^2, 1 - x^2\}$  are linearly dependent. For set A of  $\{x, x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1, x^3, x^4\}$ , the only solution of  $k_1 x + k_2(x^2 + 1) + k_3(x^2 - 1) + k_4 x^3 + k_5 x^4 = 0$  is  $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = k_4 = k_5 = 0$ , so the set A is linearly independent set. So the basis is  $\{x, x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1, x^3, x^4\}$ .

d) Since  $\dim(\mathbb{P}_2) = 3$ , so the basis contains three vecotrs. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the basis is  $\{1 + x, x + x^2, x + 2x^2\}$ .

## Problem 4: Symmetric and Hermitian matrices

### Solution

a) The set of all  $n \times n$  real-valued symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  is subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T = A + B$$

$$(\alpha \cdot A)^T = \alpha \cdot A^T = \alpha \cdot A, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Obviously the set of all  $n \times n$  real-valued symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfies closure of addition and scalar multification. Hence set of all  $n \times n$  real-valued symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  is a vecotr space.

b) The set of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is a vecotr space. For any  $A, B$  in this set

$$(A + B)^T = A^T + B^T = A + B$$

$$(\alpha \cdot A)^T = \alpha \cdot A^T = \alpha \cdot A, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$$

Hence set of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  satisfies closure of addition and scalar multification. So it is a vecotr space.

c) The set of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  is a vecotr space. For any  $A, B$  in this set

$$(A + B)^H = (\overline{A + B})^T = (\overline{A} + \overline{B})^T = \overline{A}^T + \overline{B}^T = A + B$$

$$(\alpha \cdot A)^H = \alpha \cdot A^H = \alpha \cdot A, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence set of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfies closure of addition and scalar multification. So it is a vecotr space.

d) The set  $\mathcal{V}$  of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is not a vecotr space.

$$v = (1 + i) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - i \\ 1 - i & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + i & 2 \\ 2i & 1 + i \end{bmatrix} \notin \mathcal{V}$$

So set  $\mathcal{V}$  doesn't satisfies closure of scalar multification. So set of all  $n \times n$  complex-valued hermitian matrices over  $\mathbb{C}$  is not a vecotr space.

## Problem 5: Properties of Vector Spaces

### Solution

a) *Proof.* Suppose  $v_{I1}$  and  $v_{I2}$  are two different additive inverse of an element  $v$ .

$$v + v_{I1} = 0, v + v_{I2} = 0$$

hence

$$v + v_{I1} = v + v_{I2}$$

Add  $v_{I1}$  and  $v_{I2}$  to the both side, so we get

$$(v_{I1} + v) + v_{I1} = (v_{I1} + v) + v_{I2}$$

hence

$$\mathbf{0} + v_{I1} = \mathbf{0} + v_{I2}$$

$$v_{I1} = v_{I2}$$

Hence additive inverse of an element is unique.  $\square$

b) *Proof.* If  $S_{ext} = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N, v\}$  will not add new vectors to  $\text{span}(S)$ , then  $v \in \text{span}(S)$ , for otherwise  $S_{ext} = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N, v\}$  will add at least new vector  $v$  to  $\text{span}(S)$ . Conversely, suppose  $v \in \text{span}(S)$ . Then

$$\text{span}(S_{ext}) = \{\alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 + \dots + \alpha_N w_N + \alpha_{N+1} v \mid \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{N+1} \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

Since  $v \in \text{span}(S)$ , so  $v = \beta_1 w_1 + \beta_2 w_2 + \dots + \beta_N w_N$ , hence

$$\text{span}(S_{ext}) = \{(\alpha_1 + \beta_1)w_1 + \dots + (\alpha_N + \beta_N)w_N \mid (\alpha_1 + \beta_1), \dots, (\alpha_N + \beta_N) \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

$$\text{span}(S_{ext}) = \text{span}(S)$$

So, adding vector  $v$  to  $\text{span}(S)$  will not add new vectors to  $\text{span}(S)$ .  $\square$

## Problem 6: Linear Independence

### Solution

a) i. Vectors  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are linearly independent.

*Proof.* For equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 z_1 + k_2 z_2 + \dots + k_n z_n &= 0 \\
 k_1 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} + k_2 \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + k_n \begin{bmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\
 \begin{bmatrix} k_1 x_1 \\ k_1 y_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} k_2 x_2 \\ k_2 y_2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} k_n x_n \\ k_n y_n \end{bmatrix} &= 0 \\
 \begin{bmatrix} k_1 x_1 + k_2 x_2 + \dots + k_n x_n \\ k_1 y_1 + k_2 y_2 + \dots + k_n y_n \end{bmatrix} &= 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Because  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are linearly independent, the only solution for equation(1) is  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_n = 0$ . So Vectors  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are linearly independent.  $\square$

ii. We can't not conclude that  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are linearly dependent.

*Proof.* If  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are linearly independent, then  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are linearly independent. For example, suppose  $x_1 = x_2 = 0$  and

$$z_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad z_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Obviously,  $z_1, z_2$  are linearly independent. So we can't not conclude that  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  are linearly dependent.  $\square$

## Problem 7: Finding Basis

### Solution

a) For every  $v \in U \cap V$ , there exist  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v &= a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
 v &= b_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + b_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\begin{cases} 2a_1 + a_2 = 0 \\ -a_1 = b_1 \\ 3a_1 - a_2 = b_2 \\ 0 = b_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a_2 = -2a_1 \\ b_1 = -a_1 \\ b_2 = 5a_1 \\ b_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

So  $v$  could be represented as

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -a_1 \\ 5a_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So basis of subspace  $S$  is  $\{[0, -1, 5, 0]^T\}$ .

- b) For a set of all vectors whose components are equal, the basis is  $\{[1, 1, \dots, 1]^T\}$ . Because for every vector  $v$  in set of all vectors whose components are equal,

$$v = [a, a, \dots, a]^T = a[1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$$

So the basis is  $\{[1, 1, \dots, 1]^T\}$ .

- c) For every vector  $v$  in set of all vectors whose components sum to zero,

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ -\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k \end{bmatrix} = a_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + \dots + a_{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set of  $\{[1, 0, \dots, 0, -1]^T, [0, 1, \dots, 0, -1]^T, \dots, [0, 0, \dots, 1, -1]^T\}$  is linearly independent. So the basis is  $\{[1, 0, \dots, 0, -1]^T, [0, 1, \dots, 0, -1]^T, \dots, [0, 0, \dots, 1, -1]^T\}$ .

- d)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the basis is  $\{[1, 1, 0, 0]^T, [0, 1, 1, 0]^T, [0, 0, 1, 1]^T\}$