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# Vector Space



- Let  $V$  be a non-empty set.
- Let  $R$  be the set of real numbers.
- Define vector addition '+' and scalar multiplication '·'

such that :

# I. UNDER VECTOR ADDITION:

- (A)  $u + v \in V$  for all  $u, v \in V$ :
- **$V$  is closed under vector addition. Moreover,**
- A1.  $u + v = v + u$  for all  $u, v \in V$
- A2.  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$
- for all  $u, v, w \in V$

- A3. There is an element  $0 \in V$  such that
$$0 + u = u \text{ for all } u \in V$$
- A4. For each  $u \in V$  there is  $-u \in V$  such that  $u + (-u) = 0$

**NOTE:  $V$  is a commutative group (abelian group) under vector addition**

## II. UNDER SCALAR MULTIPLICATION:

(B)  $\alpha u \in V$  for all  $u$  in  $V$ ,  $\alpha$  is real:  **$V$  is closed under scalar multiplication.**

Moreover

$$B1. \alpha (u + v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$$

for all  $u, v \in V$ , for all real  $\alpha$

$$B2. (\alpha + \beta) u = \alpha u + \beta u$$

for all  $u \in V$ , for all real  $\alpha, \beta$

$$B3. (\alpha \beta) u = \alpha (\beta u)$$

for all  $u \in V$ , for all real  $\alpha, \beta$

$$B4. 1 \cdot u = u \text{ for all } u \in V,$$

# Example 1.



- $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a vector space with usual addition of vectors and multiplication of vectors by scalars.

# Example 2



- Let  $P_n$  be the set of all polynomials of degree  $\leq n$  in the variable  $x$  with coefficients in  $R$ .
- Then  $P_n$  is a vector space,  
with addition of polynomials and scalar  
multiplication of a polynomial



# Some important results in a vector space

Let  $V$  be a vector space. Then

- 1.  $0.u = \mathbf{0}$  for every  $u \in V, 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- 2.  $\alpha . \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$  for every scalar  $\alpha, \mathbf{0} \in V$ .
- 3.  $(-1).u = -u$  for every  $u \in V$ .
- 4.  $\alpha . u = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \alpha = 0 \text{ or } u = \mathbf{0}$

# SUBSPACE



Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $W$  be non-empty subset of  $V$ .

If  $W$  is a vector space with respect to operations in  $V$ , then  $W$  is called a ***subspace*** of  $V$ .

Every vector space has at least two subspace:  $\{0\}$  and  $V$  itself.

- These are known as trivial subspace &  $\{0\}$  is known as zero subspace

**Theorem:** Let  $V$  be a vector space.

Let  $W$  be non-empty subset of  $V$ .

**Then,  $W$  is *subspace* of  $V$  iff**

1.  $x, y \in W \Rightarrow x + y \in W$

(Closed under vector addition)

2.  $\alpha$  is scalar,  $x \in W \Rightarrow \alpha x \in W$ .

(Closed under scalar multiplication)

**Ex-1: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$**

***Then  $W = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \text{ are } \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .***

**(First show  $W$  is a non-empty set)**

**Ex2: Let  $V = P$  (Set of all polynomials  $p$ )**

$$W = \{p \in P \mid \text{degree of } p = 3\}$$

**Then  $W$  is NOT a subspace of  $P$ .**

**Example 3.** Let  $W$  be the set of points inside and on the unit circle in the  $xy$  – *plane* , that is,

$$W = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}.$$

Then  $W$  is not a subspace of  $V_2$  as

$$u = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \in W \text{ and for } \alpha = 4,$$

$$\alpha u = (2, 2) \notin W.$$

# Linear Combination

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Let  $V$  be a vector space.

Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \in V$ .

***Then,***  $v \in V$  is linear combination of  
 $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  **if**

$$v = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k, \quad c_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

# Span of a set:

Let  $V$  be a vector space and

$S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be a subset of  $V$ .

***Then,***  $\text{span } S = [S]$

$= \{c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k : c_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

**Ex:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

Let  $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$

Then  $[S] = \{(a, 0, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$



**Theorem :** Let  $V$  be a vector space.

Let  $S$  be a non-empty subset of  $V$ . Then  $[S]$  is a subspace of  $V$

Proof: Let  $u, v \in [S]$ . Then

$$u = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_m u_m$$

for some scalar  $c_i$ , for some  $u_i$ 's  $\in S$

and a positive integer  $m$

$$v = d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_n v_n$$

for some scalars  $d_i$ , for some  $v_i$ 's  $\in S$

and a positive integer  $n$

- Now  $u+v = c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2 + \dots + c_m u_m + d_1 v_1 + d_2 v_2 + \dots + d_n v_n$

is a finite linear combination of  $S$

Therefore  $u+v \in [S]$

- Similarly,

$$au = (ac_1) u_1 + (ac_2) u_2 + \dots + (ac_m) u_m$$

for any scalar  $a$

is a finite linear combination of  $S$

So  $au \in [S]$

Hence  $[S]$  is subspace of  $V$

**Ex: Let  $V = P_2$**

$$S = \{ x^2 + 1, x - 1, x^2 + x \}$$

**Does  $S$  spans  $V$  ?? i.e.  $V = [S]$  ??**

**Sol:**

Let any element  $p(t) = ax^2 + bx + c \in V$  ;  $a, b, c$  are real number

Now  $p(x) \in [S]$  if

**$ax^2 + bx + c = \alpha(x^2 + 1) + \beta(x - 1) + \gamma(x^2 + x)$  for any  $a, b$  &  $c$  for some  $\alpha, \beta$  &  $\gamma$**

**System consistent if  $c - a + b = 0$**

**$p(t)$  does not belongs to  $[S]$**

**$V$  is not a subset of  $[S]$**

**Hence  $V \neq [S]$**