

Vector Spaces – lecture 6

Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and consider the following homogeneous system $AX = 0$.

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid Ax = 0\} \neq \emptyset$$

a)

$$0 \in S$$

b)

$$\text{If } x_1, x_2 \in S \Rightarrow Ax_1 = 0 \text{ & } Ax_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_1 + x_2) = Ax_1 + Ax_2 = 0 + 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 \in S$$

c)

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \quad A(\alpha x) = \alpha Ax = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha x \in S.$$

Vector Space A vector space V over \mathbb{F} (or \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}), denoted by $V(\mathbb{F})$, is a non empty set, satisfying the following properties :

- ① Vector addition \Rightarrow Every pair $u, v \in V$, corresponds to a unique element $u + v \in V$. such that
(Binary operation : $V \times V \rightarrow V$ or also called as vector addition)
- ⓐ $u + v = v + u$ (commutative law)
- ⓑ $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$ (associative law)

c) There exist a unique vector $0 \in V$ such that

$$u \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus u = u \quad \forall u \in V$$

(This is also called as additive identity)

d) For every $u \in V$, there exist a unique $(-u) \in V$ such that

$$u \oplus (-u) = (-u) \oplus u = 0$$

($-u$ is called additive inverse of u)

2) Scalar multiplication \Leftrightarrow For each $u \in V$ and $\alpha \in F$ there corresponds a unique element $\alpha \otimes u \in V$ such that

a) $\alpha \otimes (\beta \otimes u) = \underline{\alpha \beta} \otimes u$ + $\alpha, \beta \in F$ & $u \in V$

b) $1 \otimes u = u$ + $u \in V$

c) $F \times V \rightarrow V$ such that $(\alpha, u) \mapsto \alpha \otimes u$

③ Distributive law \Rightarrow For given $\alpha, \beta \in F$ and $u, v \in V$

a) $\alpha \otimes (u+v) = \alpha \otimes u + \alpha \otimes v$

b) $(\alpha+\beta) \otimes u = \alpha \otimes u + \beta \otimes u$

Elements of F are called scalars and that of V are called vectors.

- # If $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$, then $V(\mathbb{F})$ is called real vector space.
- # If $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$, then $V(\mathbb{F})$ is called complex vector space.

Theorem \rightarrow Let $V(\mathbb{F})$ be a vector space. Then

- ① $u \oplus v = u \iff v = 0$
- ② $\alpha \otimes u = 0 \iff$ Either $\alpha = 0$ or $u = 0$
- ③ $(-1) \otimes u = -u$

Proof \rightarrow ① If $v = 0$, then $u \oplus v = u \otimes 0 = u$

$$\Leftarrow \text{ If } u \oplus v = u \\ \Rightarrow (-u) \oplus (u \oplus v) = (-u) \oplus u = 0$$

$$(-u \oplus v) \oplus v = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$$

② Suppose $\alpha = 0$, then

$$0 \otimes u = (0 \oplus 0) \otimes u = 0 \otimes u \oplus 0 \otimes u$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \otimes u = 0$$

// If $u = 0$, then $\alpha \otimes u = 0$

← Suppose $\alpha \otimes u = 0$

If $\alpha = 0$, then we are done.

If not, then $\alpha \in F$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \otimes 0 = \frac{1}{\alpha} \otimes (\alpha \otimes u) = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \alpha\right) \otimes u = 1 \otimes u = u$$
$$\Rightarrow u = 0$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (-1) \otimes u = -u$$

$$0 = 0 \otimes u = (1-1) \otimes u = 1 \otimes u \oplus (-1) \otimes u$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = u \oplus (-1) \otimes u$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1) \otimes u = -u$$

Examples of vector space

$$\textcircled{1} \quad V = \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad F = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (a, b) &\rightarrow a+b \end{aligned} \quad (\text{vector addition})$$

$$(F) \quad \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{scalar multiplication})$$

$$(a, b) \rightarrow a \cdot b$$

Verify that $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{R})$ is a vector space.

$V = \mathbb{R}^+$ is not a vector space over \mathbb{R} with respect to the usual addition and scalar multiplication.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \\ (-1, a) \rightarrow -a \notin \mathbb{R}^+ \end{array} \right)$$

We can make \mathbb{R}^+ a vector space over \mathbb{R} with some diff operations.

② $V = \mathbb{R}^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

If $u, v \in V$

$$u = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$v = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Vector addition

$$u + v = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Scalar multi. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\alpha \otimes u = \alpha (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \dots, \alpha a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Easy to verify that $\mathbb{R}^n(\mathbb{R})$ is a real vector space
with $0 = (0, \dots, 0)$ as zero vector.

③ $V = M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}) = \{ A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$A, B \in V$, $A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$

$$A+B = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})_{m \times n} \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$$

and given $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\alpha \cdot A = \alpha \cdot (a_{ij}) = (\alpha a_{ij}) \in M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$$

Verify $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$ is a real vector space.

④ $C^n = \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{C} \}$

$$u = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in v = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$u \oplus v = (x_1+y_1, x_2+y_2, \dots, x_n+y_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$\text{if } \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \otimes u = \alpha(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

$\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{C})$ is a complex vector space

\mathbb{C}^n can be made as real vector space

$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$(\alpha, (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) \rightarrow (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \dots, \alpha x_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

Remark: $i(1, 0, \dots) = (i, 0, \dots)$ in $\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{C})$
but $i(1, 0) \neq (i, 0)$ in $\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{R})$

⑤ $C[0,1] = \text{Set of continuous real valued functions on } [0,1]$

$f, g \in C[0,1]$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \in C[0,1]$$

|| $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in C[0,1]$

$$(\alpha \cdot f)(x) = \alpha \cdot f(x) \quad \forall x \in [0,1]$$

Verify that $C[0,1]$ is a real vector space.

⑥ $\mathbb{R}[x] = \{ f(x) \mid f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n, n=0\}$

Verify $\mathbb{R}[x]$ is a real vector space.

⑦ $P_n(x) = \{ f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid \deg(f(x)) \leq n \}$.

Subspaces

Definition \rightarrow let $V(F)$ be a vector space. A non empty subset $W \subseteq V$ is said to be a subspace of V if W is a vector space with respect to the binary operation commuting from V .



A non empty subset W is a subspace of V if $\underline{\alpha \cdot u + \beta \cdot v \in W}$ & $\alpha, \beta \in F (\mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$ & $u, v \in W$

$$(+ = \oplus, \alpha \cdot u = \alpha \otimes u)$$

\Rightarrow Note that $u, v \in W$

Now $\alpha u, \beta v \in W$ (Scalar mult)

$\Rightarrow \alpha u + \beta v \in W$ (by vector addition)

\Leftarrow we are given $\alpha u + \beta v \in W$ $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F(\mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C})$
 $\& u, v \in W$

Vector addition take $\alpha = \beta = 1$

then $1 \cdot u + 1 \cdot v = u + v \in W \quad \forall u, v \in W$

Scalar multi take $\beta = 0$

then $\alpha \cdot u + 0 \cdot v = \alpha u \in W$

Note that

$$u + v = v + u \quad (\because u, v \in W \subseteq V)$$

$$(u + v) + w = u + (v + w) \quad (\because u, v, w \in W \subseteq V)$$

If we take $\alpha = -1$ and $\beta = 0 \Rightarrow (-1)u + 0 \cdot v = -u \in W$

|| $u + (-u) = 0 \in W$ (by vector addition)

Distributive law : Holds true because they are the elements
of V