

SC223 - Linear Algebra

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Vector Spaces

● **Definition:** A Vector space is a set V with a **field** $(\mathbb{F}, +_F, \times)$, and two binary operations, vector addition $+$ and scalar multiplication \cdot that satisfy the following axioms:

▶ $(V, +)$ is an **Abelian group**:

▶ $\forall x, y \in V, x + y \in V.$

▶ $\exists \theta \in V, \forall x \in V, x + \theta = \theta + x = x.$

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▶ $\forall x, y, z \in V, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z).$

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▶ **Closure with respect to Scalar multiplication:** $\cdot : \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V.$

▶ **Scalar Multiplication identity:** $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $1 \cdot v = v, \forall v \in V.$

▶ **Distributivity:** $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}, \forall u, v \in V, a \cdot (u + v) = a \cdot u + a \cdot v,$ and

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}, \forall u \in V, (a +_F b) \cdot u = a \cdot u + b \cdot u.$

▶ **Compatibility of field and scalar multiplication:**

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}, \forall u \in V, (a \times b) \cdot u = a \cdot (b \cdot u).$

Properties of Vector Spaces

- **Proposition 1:** Every vector space has a unique additive identity.
- **Proposition 2:** Every vector in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.
- **Proposition 3:** $\forall v \in V, 0 \cdot v = \theta$
- **Proposition 4:** $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}, a \cdot \theta = \theta$.
- **Proposition 5:** $\forall v \in V, (-1) \cdot v = -v$.

Since $W \neq \emptyset$, $\exists v \in W$.

Since W is closed w.r.t \cdot ,

$$0 \cdot v \in W$$

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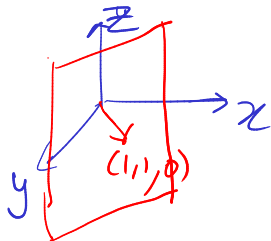
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$$V = \mathbb{R}^3, W = \{(x, y, z) \in V \mid ax + by + cz = d\}. \quad \underline{\underline{d=0}}$$



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Four fundamental Subspaces of A .

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- Direct sum notation: $W = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$.

● **Proposition 8:** Let U_1, \dots, U_n be subspaces of V . Then $V = U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_n$ if and only if: (1) $V = U_1 + \dots + U_n$, and (2) The only representation of $\theta \in V$ is (θ, \dots, θ) .

● **Proposition 9:** Let V be a VS with subspaces U_1, U_2 . Then $V = U_1 \oplus U_2$ iff $V = U_1 + U_2$ and $U_1 \cap U_2 = \{\theta\}$.