

1. Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an affine space and  $S$  and  $T$  two affine subspaces of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Show that if  $S \subseteq T$  then  $S \parallel T$ .
2. In  $\mathbf{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$  consider the affine subspaces

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \gamma = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \delta = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

Which of the following is true?

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| 1. $\alpha \in \beta$       | 5. $\beta \parallel \delta$  |
| 2. $\alpha \in \gamma$      | 6. $\gamma \parallel \delta$ |
| 3. $\alpha \in \delta$      | 7. $\beta \subseteq \gamma$  |
| 4. $\beta \parallel \gamma$ | 8. $\gamma \subseteq \delta$ |

3. Consider the following affine subspaces of  $\mathbf{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$

$$Y : \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 - 2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 - 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$Z : \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = -1 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

1. Determine the dimensions of  $Y$  and  $Z$ .
2. What are the parametric equations of the two affine subspaces?
3. Is  $Y \parallel Z$ ?

4. In  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbb{R})$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) consider the line

$$L = P + \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \quad \text{and the hyperplane} \quad H : \alpha_1 x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n + \beta = 0.$$

Show that  $L \parallel H$  if and only if

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n v_n = 0.$$

5. Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a finite field. Determine
  1. the number of points in an affine subspace of  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbf{K})$ ,
  2. the number of lines passing through a given point of  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbf{K})$  and
  3. the number of hyperplanes passing through a given point of  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbf{K})$ .
6. Which of the following are affine subspaces?

1.  $A = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - 2 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbf{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .
  2.  $B = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbf{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .
  3.  $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1^4 + x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbf{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$ .
7. For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Fix a function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Which of the following are affine subspaces?
1.  $A = \{f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : a_n f^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f' + g = 0\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})_a$ .
  2.  $B = \{f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : f^3 - 5f^2 + 6f = 0\} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R})_a$ .
8. Let  $H$  be the affine plane in  $\mathbf{A}^3(\mathbb{C})$  with equation  $2x + y - 1 = 0$ . In each of the following cases calculate the coordinates of  $\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z)$  where  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{A}^3$  and  $\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{u}} : \mathbf{A}^3 \rightarrow H$  is the projection in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3$ , where
1.  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0, 0)$
  2.  $\mathbf{u} = (i, 0, 0)$
  3.  $\mathbf{u} = (2i, i, 1)$
9. Show that the hyperplane  $H = \mathbf{a} + \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_{n-1} \rangle$  of  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbb{R})$  is described by the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 - a_1 & \dots & x_n - a_n \\ v_{1,1} & \dots & v_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{n-1,1} & \dots & v_{n-1,n} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{v}_i = (v_{i,1}, \dots, v_{i,n})$  and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

10. In an affine  $n$ -dimensional space  $X$  let  $H$  be a hyperplane and  $Y$  a  $d$ -dimensional affine subspace. Show that for  $d \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  exactly one of the following holds

1.  $\dim(H \cap Y) = d - 1$ ,
  2.  $H \parallel Y$ .
11. Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a  $\mathbf{K}$ -vector space and let  $\mathbf{W}$  be a vector subspace of  $\mathbf{V}$ . Show that  $\mathbf{V}/\mathbf{W}$  has a structure of a vector space. (*Hint.* this is a quotient of vector spaces, in particular it is a quotient of groups.)

1. Let  $A$  be an affine space and  $S$  and  $T$  two affine subspaces of  $A$ . Show that if  $S \subseteq T$  then  $S \parallel T$ .

Let  $V$  be the vector space associated to  $A$

Let  $W$  be the vector subspace of  $V$  associated to  $S$

Let  $U$  be the vector subspace of  $V$  associated to  $T$

Recall that  $W = \{ \vec{PQ} : P, Q \in S \}$

$U = \{ \vec{PQ} : P, Q \in T \}$

$\Rightarrow U \subseteq W /$

$W$  is a vector subspace of  $V$

$U$  is a vector subspace of  $V$

$\Rightarrow U$  is a vector subspace of  $W$

$\Rightarrow S \parallel T$

2. In  $\mathbf{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$  consider the affine subspaces

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \quad \gamma = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \delta = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

Which of the following is true?

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1)  $\alpha \in \beta$  if there exists  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

this is equivalent to the existence of  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\begin{cases} 2 = 1+t \\ 1 = 1+3t \\ 2 = t \\ 1 = t \end{cases}$

from the last two equations we see that there is no such  $t \Rightarrow \alpha \notin \beta$

Rem a different, but equivalent way of thinking about this is:

$$\alpha \in \beta \Leftrightarrow \text{if point } p \in \beta \quad \overrightarrow{\alpha p} \in \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

2)  $\alpha \in \gamma$ ? Let  $p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \gamma$ . Then  $\alpha \in \gamma \Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{\alpha p} \in \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$

i.e.  $\alpha \in \gamma \Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{\alpha p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \leq 2$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{rank } A = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha \in \gamma$$

Rem a different but equivalent way of thinking about this is the following

$$\text{Let } y \Leftrightarrow \exists t, s \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\star)$$

$(\star)$  is a system of 4 equations in the unknowns  $t, s$

the augmented matrix of this system is

$$C \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \text{ so the system } (\star) \text{ is compatible with a unique solution } (t, s) = (1, -1)$$

3.)  $\alpha \in \delta$ ? Since  $\delta$  is a hyperplane passing through the origin

$$\alpha \in \delta \Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{\alpha} \in \langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

↳ not possible since the last coordinate has to be 0

$$4.) \beta \parallel \gamma? \quad W_\beta = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \quad W_\gamma = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \quad \text{so} \quad \beta \parallel \gamma \Leftrightarrow W_\beta \subseteq W_\gamma \text{ or } W_\gamma \subseteq W_\beta$$

since  $\dim \gamma = \dim W_\gamma = 2 \Rightarrow \dim W_\beta = \dim \beta$

$$\beta \parallel \gamma \Leftrightarrow W_\beta \subseteq W_\gamma$$

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly dependent

we checked in 2.) that this is the case

so  $\beta \parallel \gamma$

$$5.) \beta \parallel \delta \Leftrightarrow W_\beta \subseteq W_\delta = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \text{ which is not possible because of the last coordinate}$$

so  $\beta \nparallel \delta$

$$6.) \gamma \parallel \delta \Leftrightarrow W_\gamma \subseteq W_\delta \text{ which is not possible because of the last coordinate}$$

$\gamma$

so  $\gamma \nparallel \delta$

$$7.) \beta \subseteq \gamma? \quad \text{By 4.) } \beta \parallel \gamma \quad \text{so } \beta \subseteq \gamma \Leftrightarrow \text{a point in } \beta \text{ lies in } \gamma$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \gamma \text{ which is true } \Rightarrow \beta \subseteq \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta \subseteq \gamma \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W_\gamma = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \leq 2$$

$$\left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \right) \text{ has rank } 3 \Rightarrow \beta \neq \gamma$$

8)  $\beta \subseteq \delta$ ? If  $\beta \subseteq \delta$  then  $\beta \parallel \delta$  (by exercise 1) but by 5)  $\beta \nparallel \delta$  so  $\beta \notin \delta$

3. Consider the following affine subspaces of  $A^4(\mathbb{R})$

$$Y : \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 - 2 = 0 \\ 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

$$Z : \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = -1 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 = 3 \end{cases} \quad (**)$$

1. Determine the dimensions of  $Y$  and  $Z$ .

2. What are the parametric equations of the two affine subspaces?

3. Is  $Y \parallel Z$ ?

1). Let  $A$  be the matrix of the system  $(*)$  and  $\tilde{A}$  the augmented matrix

$$\tilde{A} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \text{rank}(\tilde{A}) = 2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{rank}(\tilde{A}) = 2 \\ \text{rank}(A) = 2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{the system} \\ \text{is compatible} \end{array} \Rightarrow Y \neq \emptyset$$

$$\dim(Y) = \dim A^4(\mathbb{R}) - \text{rank}(A) = 4 - 2 = 2$$

Let  $B$  be the matrix of the system  $(**)$  and  $\tilde{B}$  the augmented matrix

$$\tilde{B} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & +3 & 3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 6 & 2 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{So } \text{rank } B = \text{rank } \tilde{B} = 2$$

$$\dim(Z) = \dim A^4(\mathbb{R}) - \text{rank}(A) = 4 - 2 = 2$$

2.) We obtain parametric equations by finding all solutions to (\*) and (\*\*)

$$\tilde{A} \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 3 & -3 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & 3 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 2 \\ x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - x_3 \\ x_2 = 3 - x_3 + 3x_4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - x_3 \\ x_2 = 3 - x_3 + 3x_4 \\ x_3 = x_3 \\ x_4 = x_4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{cases} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
we choose  
 $x_3, x_4$  as free variables

↑  
a parametrization for Y

$$\tilde{B} \sim \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \sim \left( \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 2 \\ x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 2 - x_3 \\ x_2 = -1 - x_3 + 3x_4 \\ x_3 = x_3 \\ x_4 = x_4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{cases} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Is Y || Z?

$$W_Y = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \quad (\text{this follows from the parametrization})$$

$$W_Z = W_Y \quad (\text{from the parametrization of } Z)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \parallel Z, \text{ yes.}$$

4. In  $\mathbf{A}^n(\mathbb{R})$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) consider the line

$$L = P + \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \quad \text{and the hyperplane } H: \alpha_1 x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n + \beta = 0. \quad (\star)$$

Show that  $L \parallel H$  if and only if

$$\alpha_1 v_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n v_n = 0.$$

- Let  $W_L$  be the direction of  $L$  and let  $W_H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be the vector subspace associated to  $H$
- We have  $W_L = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$  and  $W_H: \alpha_1 x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n = 0$  the homogeneous equation corresponding to  $(\star)$
- $L \parallel H \Leftrightarrow W_L \subseteq W_H$  or  $W_H \subseteq W_L$
- Since  $\dim L = 1 \leq n-1 = \dim H$ , we have  $L \parallel H \Leftrightarrow W_L \subseteq W_H$
- Since  $W_L$  is generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$ , we have  $L \parallel H \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in W_H$
- Clearly,  $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} \in W \Leftrightarrow \alpha_1 v_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n v_n = 0$

Remember forget about normal vectors until further notice

5. Let  $K$  be a finite field. Determine

1. the number of points in an affine subspace of  $A^n(K)$ ,
2. the number of lines passing through a given point of  $A^n(K)$  and
3. the number of hyperplanes passing through a given point of  $A^n(K)$ .

Let  $q = |K|$ , i.e.  $K$  has  $q$  elements

1. Let  $X$  be an affine subspace of  $A^n(K)$

Recall that as a set  $A^n(K) = K^n$  and  
that the affine subspaces of  $K^n$  are

$g + W$  for some  $g \in K^n$  and some vector subspace  $W$

moreover  $W$  is the associated vector subspace of  $g + W$

so  $\dim(g + W) = \dim W$  and  $|g + W| = |W|$

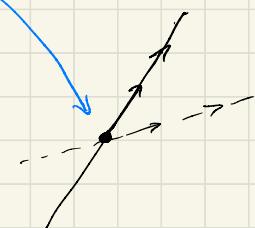
since  $W$  is itself a vector space over  $K$ , it has  $q^{\dim W}$  elements

$$\Rightarrow |g + W| = q^{\dim W}$$

So,  $|X| = q^{\dim X}$

2. # lines passing through a given point =

$$= \frac{\# \text{ non-zero vectors}}{\# \text{ vectors proportional to a given vector}} =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \# \left\{ (\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) \in \mathbb{K}^n : \text{not all } v_i \text{ are zero} \right\} = \\
 &= \# \left\{ t(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n) : t \in \mathbb{K}, t \neq 0 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} \quad \text{since } n = \dim \mathbb{K}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

3. # hyperplanes passing through a given point =

if we choose the given point to be the origin of a coordinate system  
in  $\mathbb{A}^n(\mathbb{K})$

$$= \# (n-1) \text{-dimensional vector subspaces of } \mathbb{K}^n =$$

an  $(n-1)$ -dim. vector subspace of  $\mathbb{K}^n$  is described  
up to a non-zero constant by an equation  
of the form  $a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0$  where not all  $a_i$  are zero

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \# \left\{ (a_1, \dots, a_n) : a_i \in \mathbb{K} \text{ not all zero} \right\} \\
 &\quad \# \text{ non-zero constants} \\
 &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} \quad \text{where } n > \dim \mathbb{K}^n
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Which of the following are affine subspaces?

1.  $A = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - 2 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .
2.  $B = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .
3.  $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1^4 + x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0\} \subseteq \mathbb{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$ .

Recall that  $\mathbb{A}^n(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  viewed as an affine space

1.)  $A$  is an affine subspace because it is described by one linear eq.  
it is in fact a plane in  $\mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$

2.) Notice that

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2x_3 = (x_1 - x_2 - x_3)^2$$

which is zero if and only if  $x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$

$$\text{so } B = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{R}) : x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0\}$$

so  $B$  is a plane in  $\mathbb{A}^3(\mathbb{R})$

3.)  $C : \underline{x_1^4} + x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 = 0$

looks suspicious

notice that  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in C$  so, if  $C$  is an affine space it is in fact a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

notice that  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in C$  but  $2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin C$

$\Rightarrow C$  is not a vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$\Rightarrow C$  is not an affine subspace of  $\mathbb{A}^4(\mathbb{R})$  by

7. For  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Fix a function  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Which of the following are affine subspaces?

$$1. A = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : a_n f^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f' + g = 0\} \subseteq C^\infty(\mathbb{R})_a.$$

$$2. B = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : f^3 - 5f^2 + 6f = 0\} \subseteq C^\infty(\mathbb{R})_a.$$

Recall: .  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is the set of functions  $f$  for which all derivatives  $f^{(n)}$  exist ( $\forall n$ )

- $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is a real vector space with

$$(af + bg)(x) = a \cdot f(x) + b \cdot g(x) \quad \forall x$$

$$\forall f, g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

- We denote by  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})_a$  the vector space  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  viewed as an affine space

- $(af + bg)^{(n)} = a f^{(n)} + b g^{(n)}$   $n$ -th derivative of a linear combination of functions

1.)  $a_n f^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f'$  is linear in  $f$  since

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall f_1, f_2 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

$$a_n (\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2)^{(n)} + a_{n-1} (\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2)^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 (\alpha f_1 + \beta f_2)' =$$

$$= \alpha (a_n f_1^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f_1') + \beta (a_n f_2^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f_2^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f_2')$$

$\Rightarrow a_n f^{(n)} + a_{n-1} f^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_1 f'$  is a linear equation in  $f$

$\Rightarrow A$  is a hyperplane in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$

$$2.) \quad B : f^3 - 5f^2 + 6f = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(f-2)(f-3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(x)(f(x)-2)(f(x)-3) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

So, all functions in  $B$  take values in  $\{0, 2, 3\}$

The constant function  $f \equiv 0 \in B$  (this is the zero element in  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$ )

so if  $B$  is an affine subspace it is a vector subspace of  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$

Notice that the constant function  $g \equiv 2 \in B$

$$\text{but } 2 \cdot g \equiv 4 \notin B$$

$\Rightarrow B$  is not a vector subspace of  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$

$\Rightarrow B$  is not an affine subspace of  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$  by

8. Let  $H$  be the affine plane in  $\mathbf{A}^3(\mathbb{C})$  with equation  $2x + y - 1 = 0$ . In each of the following cases calculate the coordinates of  $\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z)$  where  $(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{A}^3$  and  $\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{u}} : \mathbf{A}^3 \rightarrow H$  is the projection in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3$ , where

1.  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0, 0)$
2.  $\mathbf{u} = (i, 0, 0)$
3.  $\mathbf{u} = (2i, i, 1)$

1. A line passing through  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 0, 0)$

has parametric equations  $\ell: \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot t \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$

Let  $H: 2x + y - 1 = 0$  be the given plane

$\ell \cap H$  is obtained for those values  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  which satisfy

$$2(x_0 + t) + y_0 - 1 = 0 \iff 2t + 2x_0 + y_0 - 1 = 0$$

$$\iff t = \frac{1 - 2x_0 - y_0}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \cap H \text{ is the point } \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1 - 2x_0 - y_0}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2x_0 - y_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{u}}(x, y, z) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2x - y \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

2. and 3. are similar.