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Lecture- 03

Linear Algebra

Examples of Vector Spaces, and  
Subspaces

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# Recap *of previous lecture*

- 1 Definition of Vector space
- 2 Examples of vector spaces





# Topics

*to be covered*

- 1 Examples of vector spaces
- 2 Properties of vector spaces
- 3 Subspace
- 4 Properties of Subspace





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$V(F)$  is a Vector Space

- $V \neq \emptyset$
- $F$  is a field
- There exist

1. vector addition

$\forall x, y \in V, x + y \in V$  (unique)

2. Scalar multiplication

$\forall \alpha \in F, x \in V, \alpha x \in V$  (unique)

①  $x + y = y + x \quad \forall x, y \in V$

②  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z \quad \forall x, y, z \in V$

③ There exist  $0 \in V : x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in V$

④  $\forall x \in V \exists y \in V : x + y = 0$

⑤  $\alpha(x + y) = \alpha x + \alpha y \quad \forall \alpha \in F \quad \forall x, y \in V$

⑥  $(\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, \forall x \in V$

⑦  $(\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in F \quad \forall x \in V$

⑧  $1 \cdot x = x \quad \forall x \in V$



Properties of vector space  $\rightarrow$ :

Let  $V(F)$  be a V.S.

$$\textcircled{i} \quad 0 \cdot x = 0 \quad \forall x \in V$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in F$$

$$\textcircled{iii} \quad \alpha(x+y) = \alpha x + \alpha y \quad \forall \alpha \in F, x, y \in V$$

$$\textcircled{iv} \quad (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in F, x \in V$$

$$\textcircled{v} \quad \alpha(-x) = (-\alpha)x = -(\alpha x) \quad \forall x \in V, \alpha \in F$$



## Subspaces



let  $V(F)$  be any vector space

, and  $W$  be a non-empty subset of  $V$

then  $W$  is said to be a subspace of  $V$   
if

(i)  $0 \in W$  ( $0$  is 0 vector)

(ii)  $\forall x, y \in W \Rightarrow x - y \in W$

(iii)  $\forall \alpha \in F, \forall x \in W \Rightarrow \alpha x \in W$



Ex

$$V = \{ (a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$F = \mathbb{R}$$

Vector addition

$$(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2)$$

Scalar multiplication

$$\alpha (a_1, a_2) = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2)$$

$V(F)$  is a vector space  $0 = (0, 0)$

$$W_1 = \{ (a_1, a_2) \mid a_1 = a_2 \}$$

$$W_1 = \{ (k, k) \mid k \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

①  $0 = (0, 0) \in W_1$  ✓

②  $x = (k, k), y = (k', k')$   
 $x - y = (k - k', k - k') \in W_1$

③  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x \in W$   
 $\alpha x = \alpha (k, k) = (\alpha k, \alpha k) \in W_1$

$W_1$  is a subspace of  $V$ .



## Result - I

let  $V(F)$  be a v.s and  $\emptyset \neq W \subseteq V$ .

Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$

$\Leftrightarrow W(F)$  is a vector space

w.r.t vector addition

, and scalar multiplication  
that made  $V(F)$  a vector space.

See all  
proofs in  
Friedberg





## Subspace Test - I

Let  $V(F)$  be a vector space  
 , and  $\phi \neq W \subseteq V$ , then  $W$  is a subspace  
 if  $\checkmark \iff$

$$(i) \quad \forall x, y \in W \Rightarrow x + y \in W$$

$$(ii) \quad \forall \alpha \in F \quad \forall x \in W \Rightarrow \alpha x \in W$$

## Subspace Test -II

Let  $V(F)$  be a vector space

, and  $\emptyset \neq W \subseteq V$ , then

$W$  is a subspace of  $V$

$$\iff \forall \alpha, \beta \in F \quad \forall x, y \in W$$

$$\implies \alpha x + \beta y \in W$$



Subfield  $\rightarrow$

Let  $(F, +, \cdot)$  be any field  
a non-empty subset  $K$   
of  $F$  is said to be  
a subfield of  $F$   
if

①  $\forall a, b \in K \Rightarrow a - b \in K$

②  $\forall a, b \in K, b \neq 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot b^{-1} \in K$

Ex  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

$x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}, a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{Q}$   
 $y = \boxed{a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}}, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$

①  $x - y = (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

②  $y \neq 0 \Rightarrow a_2 \neq 0 \text{ or } b_2 \neq 0$   
 $x \cdot y^{-1} = x/y = \frac{(a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2})}{a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{a_2 - b_2\sqrt{2}}{a_2 - b_2\sqrt{2}}$

$$= \frac{(a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2 \cdot 2) + \sqrt{2}(a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2)}{(a_2^2 - 2b_2^2)}$$
  
 $\in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$



Ex  
Q

$\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  subfields of  $\mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$

$\mathbb{Q}(i)$  is subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{Q}$  is subfield of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{i} (a+ib) + (c+id) \\ = (a+c) + i(b+d) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{ii} (a+ib)(c+id) \\ = (ac-bd) + i(ad+bc) \end{aligned}$$



FACT  $\rightarrow$ :

Every field is  
a subfield of itself.

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Q}(i) = \{a+bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Example  $\rightarrow$ :

If  $F$  is a field

and  $K$  is a subfield of  $F$

then  $F(K)$  is a vector space

Ex  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q})$  is vector space

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  , , , , ,

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\mathbb{Q})$  , , , , ,



$\phi(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space

$\phi(\mathbb{Q})$  , , , , ,

$\phi(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  , , , , ,

$\phi(\mathbb{Q}(i))$  , , , , ,

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{R})$  , , , , ,

$\phi(\phi)$  , , , , ,

$\mathbb{Q}(\mathbb{Q})$  , , , , ,

$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  , , , , ,



## Space of $n$ Tuples



let  $F$  be any field, and  $K$  be a subfield of  $F$ .

Define  $V = F^n = \{ (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F \}$

Then  $V(K)$  is a vector space  
w.r.t

1. Vector addition  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n)$
2. Scalar multiplication  $\alpha \in K, \alpha(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \dots, \alpha a_n)$

Zero-vector:  $0 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$



# If  $F$  is a field  
 $K$  is subfield of  $F$

then  $F^n(K)$  is a vector space

Ex  $F = \mathbb{R}, K = \mathbb{R}$

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

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{R})$  — — —

$\mathbb{R}^2(\mathbb{R})$  — — —

$\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$  — — —

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

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = \{ (a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^3 = \{ (a_1, a_2, a_3) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^4 = \{ (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$F = \mathbb{R}, K = \mathbb{Q}$$

$\mathbb{R}^n(\mathbb{Q})$  is a v-s

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q})$  . . .

$\mathbb{R}^2(\mathbb{Q})$  . . .

$\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{Q})$  . —

$\mathbb{R}^4(\mathbb{Q})$  —



$$F = \mathbb{R}, K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$$

$\mathbb{R}^n(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  is a v-s

$\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  is a v-s

$\mathbb{R}^2(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  is a v-s

$\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  is a v-s





$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{C}$$

$\phi^n(\mathbb{C})$  is a v.s

$\phi(\mathbb{C})$  , , ,

$\phi^2(\mathbb{C})$  , , ,

$\phi^3(\mathbb{C})$  — — —

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$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{R}$$

Homework

$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{Q}$$

Homework

$$\Phi = \{a+ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\Phi^2 = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_1, x_2 \in \Phi\}$$

$$= \{(a_1+ib_1, a_2+ib_2) \mid a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\Phi^3 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \Phi\}$$

$$= \{(a_1+ib_1, a_2+ib_2, a_3+ib_3) \mid \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, a_3 \\ b_1, b_2, b_3 \end{matrix} \in \mathbb{R}\}$$





## Space of Matrices



let  $F$  be any field, and  $K$  be a subfield of  $F$ .

for  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $V = F^{m \times n} = \left\{ A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid \begin{matrix} a_{ij} \in F \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{matrix} \right\}$

Then  $V$  is a vector space over  $K$  w.r.t

1. vector addition

$$(a_{ij})_{m \times n} + (b_{ij})_{m \times n} = (a_{ij} + b_{ij})_{m \times n}$$

2. Scalar multiplication

$$\alpha (a_{ij})_{m \times n} = (\alpha a_{ij})_{m \times n}$$

Zero-vector

$$O = (0)_{m \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$F = \mathbb{R}, \quad K = \mathbb{R}$$

$$F = \mathbb{R}, \quad K = \mathbb{Q}$$

$$F = \mathbb{R}, \quad K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ is a v.s.}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ is a v.s.}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \\ i=1,2 \\ j=1,2,3 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ is a v.s.}$$



$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{C}$$

$\Phi^{m \times n}(\mathbb{C})$  is a v.s

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$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{R}$$

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$$F = \mathbb{C}, K = \mathbb{Q}(i)$$

$\Phi^{m \times n}(\mathbb{Q}(i))$  is a v.s

$\Phi^{n \times n}(\mathbb{Q}(i))$  is a v.s



## 2 Mins Summary

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# THANK YOU

