

# Vector Space

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- Given the elements  $u, v, w$  of  $V$ , we have
  1. The sum of  $u$  and  $v$ , denoted by  $u + v$ , is in  $V$ .
  2.  $u + v = v + u$
  3.  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$
  4. There is a zero vector  $0$  in  $V$  such that,  $u + 0 = u, 0 + u = u$
  5. for each  $u$  in  $V$ , there is a vector  $-u$  in  $V$  such that  $u + (-u) = 0$

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  6. The scalar multiple of  $u$  by  $c$ , denoted by  $cu$ , is in  $V$
  7. If  $c$  is a number,  $c(u + v) = cu + cv$
  8.  $(u + v)c = cu + cv$
  9. If  $c, d$  are two number, then  $(cd)v = c(dv)$
  10. For all elements  $u$  of  $V$ , we have  $1 \cdot u = u$  (1 here is the number one).

# Recall: Subspaces

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- Let  $V$  be a vector space, and let  $H$  be a subset of  $V$ . Assume that  $H$  satisfies the following conditions:
  1. The zero vector of  $V$  is in  $H$ .
  2. If  $u, v$  are elements of  $H$ , then their sum  $u + v$  is also an element of  $H$ .
  3. If  $v$  is an element of  $H$  and  $c$  a number, the vector  $cv$  is in  $H$ .
- Properties (1), (2), and (3) guarantee that a subspace  $H$  of  $V$  is itself a vector space, under the vector space operations already defined in  $V$ .
- Every subspace is a vector space.

# Linear Combination

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- Let  $V$  be a vector space, and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be elements of  $V$ . Let  $n$  real number  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , then the vector  $w$  obtained by

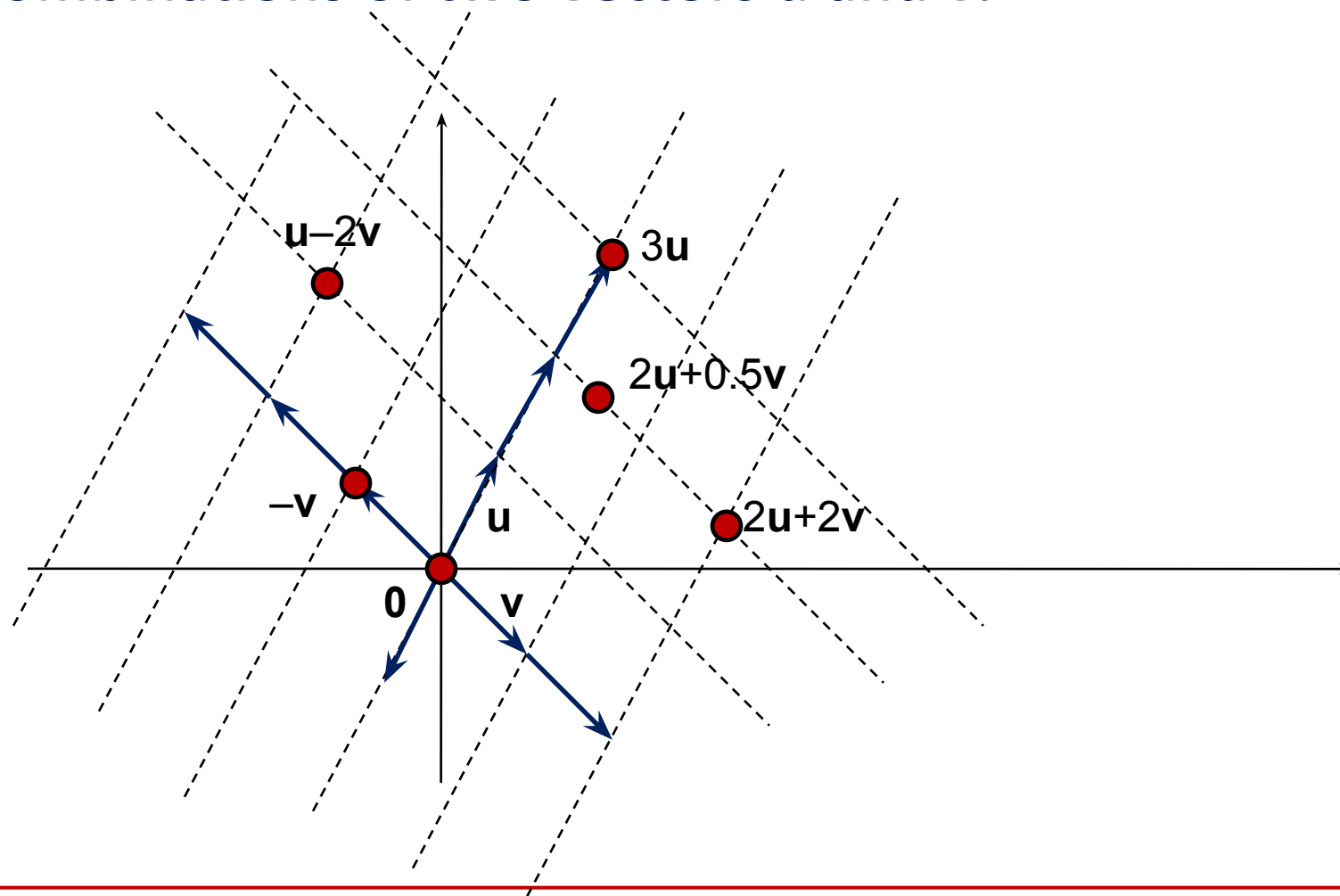
$$w = c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_n v_n$$

is called a **linear combination** of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , and  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  are called coefficients of the linear combination.

- The set of all linear combinations of  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a subspace of  $V$

# Picture

- Linear combinations of two vectors  $u$  and  $v$ .



# A Subspace Spanned by a Set

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- The set consisting of only the zero vector in a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ , called the zero subspace and written as  $\{0\}$ .
- $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  denotes the set of all vectors that can be written as linear combinations of  $v_1, \dots, v_p$ .

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▪ **Solution:** The zero vector is in  $H$ , since  $0 = 0v_1 + 0v_2$ .

▪ To show that  $H$  is closed under vector addition, take two arbitrary vectors in  $H$ , say,

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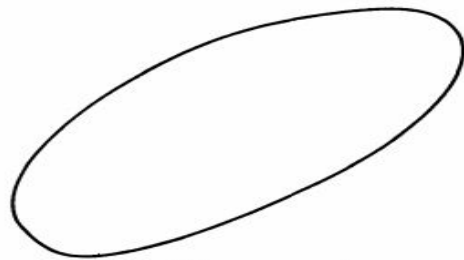
• **Theorem 1:** If  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  are in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

• We call  $\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  the subspace spanned (or generated) by  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ .

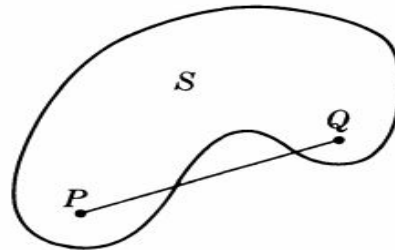
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# Convex Sets

- Let  $S$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$ . We shall say that  $S$  is convex if given points  $P, Q$  in  $S$  then the line segment between  $P$  and  $Q$  is contained in  $S$ .



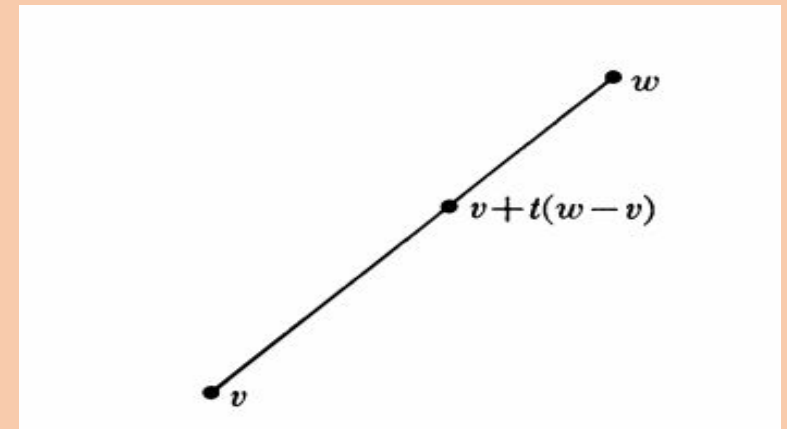
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Not convex

- The line segment between  $P$  and  $Q$  consists of all points  $(1 - t)P + tQ$  with  $0 \leq t \leq 1$

- Line Segment: If  $v, w$  are elements of  $V$ , let  $u = w - v$ . Then the line segment between  $v$  and  $w$  is the set of all points  $v + tu$ , or  $v + t(w - v), 0 \leq t \leq 1$



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