

$$(a) \{ (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a^3 = b^3 \} = V$$

$V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

$$a^3 = b^3 \Leftrightarrow a = b \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \{ (a, a, c) \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

- $0 = (0, 0, 0) \in V$ . (additive identity)
- Let  $x = (x_1, x_1, x_2)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_1, y_2) \in V$   
 $x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2) \in V \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow$  closed under addition
- Let  $x = (x_1, x_1, x_2)$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $ax = (ax_1, ax_1, ax_2) \in V \Rightarrow$  closed under scalar multiplication.

So,  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$$(b) \{ (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{C}^3 : a^3 = b^3 \} = V$$

$V$  subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ ?

No, it's not closed under addition.

Let  $\omega$  be a primitive root of 1 ( $\omega^3 = 1$ ).

$$\text{Let } x = (1, 1, 0) \in V$$

$$y = (1, \omega, 0) \in V$$

$$x + y = (2, 1 + \omega, 0)$$

$$\omega - \text{primitive root of } 1 \Rightarrow 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \omega = -\omega^2$$

$$(1 + \omega)^3 = (-\omega^2)^3$$

$$= -(\omega^3)^2$$

$$= -1 \neq 8 = 2^3.$$