

Math 218  
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$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a+b \\ a+b & b \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are scalars} \right\}$   
Standard Addition and scalar multiplication

Take  $u, v \in V$  so  $u = \begin{bmatrix} x & x+y \\ x+y & y \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{bmatrix} x' & x'+y' \\ x'+y' & y' \end{bmatrix}$

Axiom 1:

$$u+v = \begin{bmatrix} x+x' & (x+y)+(x'+y') \\ (x+y)+(x'+y') & y+y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+x' & (x+x')+(y+y') \\ (x+x')+(y+y') & y+y' \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore  $u+v$  has the form of elements of  $V$  so  
 $u+v \in V$

Axiom 2:

$$u+v = \begin{bmatrix} x+x' & (x+y)+(x'+y') \\ (x+y)+(x'+y') & y+y' \end{bmatrix} \quad v+u = \begin{bmatrix} x'+x & (x'+y')+(x+y) \\ (x'+y')+(x+y) & y'+y \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $u+v = v+u$  from the commutativity of addition in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Axiom 3:

similar to 2.

Axiom 4: Is there  $O_V \in V$  such that  $u + O_V = u$ ?

If so, then  $O_V = \begin{bmatrix} c & c+d \\ c+d & d \end{bmatrix}$  for some  $c$  and  $d$

$$u + O_V = u \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x+c & (x+y)+(c+d) \\ (x+y)+(c+d) & y+d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x & x+y \\ x+y & y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x+c = x \\ y+d = y \\ (x+y)+(c+d) = x+y \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c = 0 \\ d = 0 \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $0_V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Axiom 5: check that  $-u = \begin{bmatrix} -x & -(x+y) \\ -(x+y) & -y \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{when } u = \begin{bmatrix} x & x+y \\ x+y & y \end{bmatrix}$$

Axiom 6:

$k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$ku = \begin{bmatrix} kx & k(x+y) \\ k(x+y) & ky \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx & kx+ky \\ kx+ky & ky \end{bmatrix} \in V$$

Axiom 7:

Continue as before

Note: If  $V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & ab \\ ab & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  where  $a$  &  $b$  are scalars

then for example axiom 6 doesn't work since

$$ku = k \begin{bmatrix} x & xy \\ xy & y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx & kxy \\ kxy & ky \end{bmatrix} \notin V$$

If it were in  $V$  then instead of  $kxy$  we should have  $k^2xy$ .

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It is not a vector space since if we take

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -3 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$B$  is also a  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrix

But  $A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  not invertible

so Axiom 1 doesn't hold.

(Note: Notice that also Axiom 4 doesn't hold since  $0_V = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is not in the vector space)

(d)  $W =$   $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  such that  $AB = BA$  for a fixed  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$

$$W = \{ A \mid AB = BA \}$$

To see if it is a subspace check

① if  $u, v \in W$  then  $u+v \in W$ ?

$u$  and  $v$  are in  $W$  then  $u = A_1$  where  $A_1 B = B A_1$ ,  
 $v = A_2$  where  $A_2 B = B A_2$

$$u+v = A_1 + A_2.$$

Is  $u+v$  in  $W$ ? (i.e. is  $u+v$  an  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $(u+v)B = B(u+v)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{True since } (A_1 + A_2)B &= A_1 B + A_2 B = B A_1 + B A_2 \\ &= B(A_1 + A_2) \end{aligned}$$

②  $k \in \mathbb{R}, u \in W$  is  $ku \in W$ ?

$ku = kA_1$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix

$$(kA_1)B = kA_1 B = B(kA_1)$$

Therefore,  $ku \in W$ .

So,  $W$  is a subspace.

$$(a) A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve the system  $Ax = 0$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 & -5 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so if } x &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } & x_3 &= t \\ & x_2 &= \frac{3}{2}t \\ & x_1 &= t - \frac{3}{2}t = -\frac{1}{2}t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Solution Space} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Ax = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \left( x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \right) \text{ or } \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} x_1 = -\frac{1}{2}t \\ x_2 = -\frac{3}{2}t \\ x_3 = t \end{array} \right\}$$

So the solution space is a line with

$$\text{parametric equation } \begin{cases} x = -\frac{1}{2}t \\ y = -\frac{3}{2}t \\ z = t \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Notice that I renamed  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  by  $x, y, z$ . Of course, you can also leave them.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad p_1 &= 2 + x + 4x^2 \\ p_2 &= 1 - x + 3x^2 \\ p_3 &= 3 + 2x + 5x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Can  $-9 - 7x - 15x^2$  be equal to  $k_1 p_1 + k_2 p_2 + k_3 p_3$  for some  $k_1, k_2, k_3$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} -9 - 7x - 15x^2 &= k_1 p_1 + k_2 p_2 + k_3 p_3 \\ &= k_1 (2 + x + 4x^2) + k_2 (1 - x + 3x^2) + k_3 (3 + 2x + 5x^2) \\ &= (2k_1 + k_2 + 3k_3) + (k_1 - k_2 + 2k_3)x + (4k_1 + 3k_2 + 5k_3)x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2k_1 + k_2 + 3k_3 = -9 \\ k_1 - k_2 + 2k_3 = -7 \\ 4k_1 + 3k_2 + 5k_3 = -15 \end{cases}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 1 & 3 & -9 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & -15 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -9 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & -15 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 7 & -3 & 13 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{so } k_3 = 4 \quad k_2 = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{1}{3} = 1 \quad k_1 = -7 + 4 + 1 = -2$$

(a) False if  $b \neq 0$

$x_1$  is a solution for  $Ax=b$  so  $Ax_1=b$

$x_2$  is a solution for  $Ax=b$  so  $Ax_2=b$

$$A(x_1+x_2) = 2b$$

so  $x_1+x_2$  is a solution to the system  $Ax=2b$ .

(b) True

For  $k=1$  we get  $u+v \in W$  for all  $u, v \in W$   
 for  $v=0$  we get  $ku \in W$  for all  $u \in W$ .

(c) True

(d) True

want:  $W_1 \cap W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$

Given:  $W_1$  is a subspace of  $V$

$W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$

want: if  $u, v \in W_1 \cap W_2$  then  $u+v \in W_1 \cap W_2$   
 $k$  is a scalar  $ku \in W_1 \cap W_2$

$$u \in W_1 \cap W_2 \Rightarrow u \in W_1 \text{ and } u \in W_2$$

$$v \in W_1 \cap W_2 \Rightarrow v \in W_1 \text{ and } v \in W_2$$

But  $W_1$  is a subspace so  $u+v \in W_1$   
 $ku \in W_1$

and  $W_2$  is also a subspace so  $u+v \in W_2$   
 $ku \in W_2$

Therefore  $u+v \in W_1 \cap W_2$   
 $ku \in W_1 \cap W_2$

(e) False

counterexample

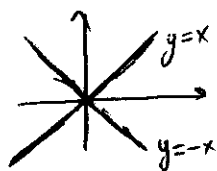
$$\text{Span}\{(1,1)\} \neq \text{Span}\{(1,1), (2,2)\}$$

Note: if  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces,  $W_1 \cup W_2$  need not be a subspace.

Take for example,  $W_1$  is the line  $y=x$

$W_2$  is the line  $y=-x$

Both are subspaces but  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is not.



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If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$  is linearly independent  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  no element can be written as a linear combination of the others.

So take any subset  $S'$  of  $S$ , no element can be written as a linear combination of the others  
 $\Leftrightarrow S'$  is linearly independent.

2<sup>nd</sup> method:

By contradiction,

Say there is a subset  $S' = \{v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_k}\}$  of  $S$  that is linearly dependent. (without loss of generality)

So, there is a nontrivial solution  $(c_1^*, \dots, c_k^*)$  for the equation  $c_1 v_{i_1} + \dots + c_k v_{i_k} = 0$

But then  $(c_1^*, \dots, c_k^*, 0, \dots, 0)$  is a nontrivial solution for the equation

$$c_1 v_1 + \dots + c_k v_k + \dots + c_r v_r = 0$$

So  $S$  is linearly dependent which is not true.

Therefore  $S'$  is linearly independent.

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