

# Linear Vector Spaces

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# 1 Motivation to Vector Spaces

## Review 12th Class

Let the vectors be:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} \\ \vec{b} &= b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j}\end{aligned}$$

## Vector Addition

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (a_1 + b_1)\hat{i} + (a_2 + b_2)\hat{j}$$

## Scalar Multiplication

If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then:

$$\alpha\vec{a} = \alpha a_1\hat{i} + \alpha a_2\hat{j}$$

For example, let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$  and  $\alpha = 3$ . Then:

$$\alpha\vec{a} = 6\hat{i} + 12\hat{j}$$

## 1.1 Properties of Vector Spaces

1. **Commutativity:**  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{b} + \vec{a}$

2. **Associativity of Addition:**  $\vec{a} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) + \vec{c}$

3. **Existence of Zero Vector:** There exists a zero vector  $\vec{0} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j}$  such that:

$$\vec{a} + \vec{0} = \vec{a} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

4. **Existence of Additive Inverse:** For all vectors  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ , there exists  $-\vec{a} = (-a_1)\hat{i} + (-a_2)\hat{j} + (-a_3)\hat{k}$  such that:

$$\vec{a} + (-\vec{a}) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

5. **Distributivity of Scalar Multiplication:**  $\alpha(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = \alpha\vec{a} + \alpha\vec{b}$

6. **Distributivity over Scalars:**  $(\alpha + \beta)\vec{a} = \alpha\vec{a} + \beta\vec{a}$

7. **Associativity of Scalars:**  $(\alpha\beta)\vec{a} = \alpha(\beta\vec{a})$

8. **Multiplicative Identity:**  $1 \cdot \vec{a} = 1a_1\hat{i} + 1a_2\hat{j} = \vec{a}$

## 2 What is Field?

A non-empty set  $F$  together with two binary operations  $+$  (called addition),  $\cdot$  (called multiplication) is said to be a field if the following conditions are satisfied:

1.  $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in F$

{Commutativity of Addition}

2.  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in F$

{Commutativity of Multiplication}

3.  $\forall a, b, c \in F$ :

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c) \text{ {Associativity of Addition}}$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \text{ {Associativity of Multiplication}}$$

4. **Existence of addition and multiplicative identity:**

- $\exists 0 \in F$  such that  $a + 0 = a \quad \forall a \in F$
- $\exists 1 \in F$  such that  $a \cdot 1 = a \quad \forall a \in F$

5. **Existence of additive and multiplicative inverses:**

- $\forall a \in F, \exists b \in F$  such that  $a + b = 0$
- $\forall a \in F, a \neq 0, \exists b \in F$  such that  $a \cdot b = 1$

(Note:  $b$  is denoted by  $-a$ )

(Note:  $b$  is denoted by  $a^{-1}$ )

6. **Distributivity:**

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot (b + c) &= ab + ac \\ (a + b) \cdot c &= ac + bc \quad \forall a, b, c \in F \end{aligned}$$

Note: Closure property holds for all operations.

## Example of Finite Field

**Ex:** Let  $p$  be prime.

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

**and binary operation:**

1.  $a + b$  = least non-negative remainder when  $a + b$  is divided by  $p$ .

$$(a + b) = (a + b) \bmod p$$

2.  $ab$  = least non-negative remainder when  $ab$  is divided by  $p$ .

$$ab = (ab) \bmod p$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot) \text{ is a field.}$$

**Note:**  $p$  is prime.

## Fields

- $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$
- $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$
- $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$  where  $p$  is prime
- $(\mathbb{Z}_3, +, \cdot)$  where  $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$

**Example:**  $(\mathbb{Z}_3, +, \cdot)$  where  $p = 3$ .

- Addition table:

+	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

- Multiplication table:

·	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

**Note:** In  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,

$$a + b = (a + b) \bmod p, \quad ab = (ab) \bmod p.$$

### 3 Vector Spaces

Let  $F$  be any field, and  $V$  be a non-empty set. We say that  $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a **vector space over  $F$**  if we can define operations:

1. **Vector Addition:** Denoted by  $+$  :  $\forall u, v \in V, u + v \in V$  (unique element).
2. **Scalar Multiplication:**  $\forall \alpha \in F, \forall v \in V, \alpha \cdot v \in V$  (unique element).

Such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (A1)  $u + v = v + u \quad \forall u, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (A2)  $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w) \quad \forall u, v, w \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (A3)  $\exists 0 \in V$  such that  $u + 0 = u \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (A4)  $\forall u \in \mathbb{V}, \exists y \in \mathbb{V}$  such that  $u + y = 0$ .  
(Note:  $y$  is denoted by  $-u$ ).
- (S1)  $\alpha \cdot (u + v) = \alpha \cdot u + \alpha \cdot v \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, u, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (S2)  $(\alpha + \beta) \cdot v = \alpha \cdot v + \beta \cdot v \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (S3)  $(\alpha\beta) \cdot v = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot v) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
- (S4)  $1 \cdot v = v \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}$ .

#### Important Notes

- $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a **vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$** . We write  $V(\mathbb{F})$  as a **vector space**.
- If  $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space, then elements of  $V$  are called **vectors**, and elements of  $\mathbb{F}$  are called **scalars**.

### 4 Properties of Vector Space

If  $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space:

1.  $0 \cdot v = 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
2.  $\alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}$ .
3.  $(-\alpha) \cdot v = -(\alpha \cdot v) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
4.  $\alpha \cdot (-v) = -(\alpha \cdot v) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .
5.  $(-\alpha) \cdot (-v) = \alpha \cdot v \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{V}$ .

#### Key Points

- $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space if:
  - $\mathbb{V}$  is a non-empty set.
  - $\mathbb{F}$  is a field.
  - There exists unique operations (vector addition and scalar multiplication) satisfying all axioms.
- Every field  $\mathbb{F}$  is a vector space over itself.

## 5 Subspace of a Vector Space

Let  $V(\mathbb{F})$  be any vector space, and  $W$  be a non-empty subset of  $V$ . Then  $W$  is said to be a **subspace** of  $V$  if:

1.  $0 \in W$  (*Zero element of  $V$  is in  $W$* ).
2.  $u, v \in W \implies u + v \in W$ .
3.  $u \in W \implies -u \in W$ .
4.  $\alpha \in F, u \in W \implies \alpha u \in W$ .

### Example

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  (i.e.,  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ) and  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Define:

$$W = \{(a, 0, a) : a \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

- **Vector Addition:**  $(a_1, 0, a_1) + (a_2, 0, a_2) = (a_1 + a_2, 0, a_1 + a_2)$ .
- **Scalar Multiplication:**  $\alpha(a, 0, a) = (\alpha a, 0, \alpha a)$ .

Since  $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space, from (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv),  $W$  is a **subspace** of  $V$ .

*Vector spaces are subspaces of fields (some field  $\mathbb{F}$ ).*

## Result

If  $V(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space and  $\phi \neq W \subseteq V$ , then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if:

1.  $W$  is a vector space w.r.t. vector addition and scalar multiplication that make  $V(\mathbb{F})$  a vector space.

### 5.1 Subspace Test-1

Let  $V(\mathbb{F})$  be a vector space, and  $\phi \neq W \subseteq V$ . Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if:

1.  $x, y \in W \implies x + y \in W$ .
2.  $\alpha x \in W \quad \forall \alpha \in F, x \in W$ .

### 5.2 Sub-field of a Field

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be any field, and  $K$  a non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{F}$ .  $\mathbb{F}$  is said to be a **sub-field** of  $\mathbb{F}$  if:

- $\forall a, b \in K \implies a - b \in K$ .
- $\forall a, b \in K, b \neq 0 \implies a.b^{-1} \in K$ .

### Example

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

1. Let  $x = a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}$  and  $y = a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}$ .

$$x - y = (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \quad (\text{since } a_1 - a_2 \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } b_1 - b_2 \in \mathbb{Q}).$$

2. If  $y \neq 0 \implies a_2 \neq 0$  or  $b_2 \neq 0$ , then:

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}}{a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{a_2 - b_2\sqrt{2}}{a_2 - b_2\sqrt{2}}$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{(a_1a_2 - b_1b_2) + \sqrt{2}(a_2b_1 - b_2a_1)}{a_2^2 - 2b_2^2} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}).$$

- $\mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2}$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2}$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2}$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2}$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  is sub-field of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

## 6 Space of $n$ -Tuples

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be any field and  $k$  be a sub-field of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Define:

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

Then  $V(F)$  is a vector space if:

1. **Vector Addition:**

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) + (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n).$$

2. **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$\alpha \in k, \quad \alpha(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \dots, \alpha a_n).$$

3. **Zero Vector:**

$$O = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Examples:

- $F = \mathbb{R}, k = \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $\mathbb{R}^n(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space.
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^1(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space.
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^2(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space.
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$  is a vector space, ...
  - $\mathbb{R}^n = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
    - \*  $\mathbb{R}^4 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
- $F = \mathbb{C}, k = \mathbb{C}$ :
  - $\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space.
  - $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space.
  - $\mathbb{C}^2(\mathbb{C})$  is a vector space.
- $F = \mathbb{C}, k = \mathbb{R}$ :
- $F = \mathbb{C}, k = \mathbb{Q}$ :

## 7 Space of Matrices

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be any field and  $k$  be a sub-field of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Define:

$$V = F^{m \times n} = \{A = (a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid a_{ij} \in F \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}.$$

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:**

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

3. **Zero Matrix:**

$$O = (0)_{m \times n}.$$

**Note**

- $\mathbb{C} = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathbb{C}^2 = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2) \mid a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{F}\}$
- $\mathbb{C}^2 = \{(a_1 + ib_1, a_2 + ib_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathbb{C}^3 = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_3) \mid a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3 \in \mathbb{F}\}$
- $\mathbb{C}^3 = \{(a_1 + ib_1, a_2 + ib_2, a_3 + ib_3) \mid a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $\mathbb{C}^2(\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}])$  or  $(a + b\sqrt{2}, a_1 + b_1\sqrt{2}) \quad (a_2 + b_2\sqrt{2})$



## 8 Space of Polynomials

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be any field, and  $k$  be a sub-field of  $F$ . Define

$$F[x] = \{a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots\} \quad \text{where } a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots \in F \quad \text{and all } a_i = 0 \text{ except finitely many.}$$

For  $(1+x)$ ,

$$f(t) = 1 + x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots \quad \text{where } a_i = 0 \text{ and } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Polynomial is eventually zero sequences.  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$

Then  $F[x]$  is a vector space over  $k$ , w.r.t:

1. **Vector Addition:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3, \\ g(x) &= b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies f(x) + g(x) = (a_0 + b_0)x + (a_1 + b_1)x^2 + (a_2 + b_2)x^3 + \dots$$

2. **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$\alpha f(x) = \alpha a_0x + \alpha a_1x^2 + \alpha a_2x^3 + \dots$$

3. **Zero Vector:** Zero Polynomial

$$O(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3 + \dots$$

**Note:** Zero polynomial of degree is not defined. Some say that its degree is  $-1$ .]

### Examples

- $F = \mathbb{R}, k = \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $\mathbb{R}(x)(\mathbb{R})$  is a Vector Space
- $F = \mathbb{R}, k = \mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\mathbb{R}(x)(\mathbb{Q})$  is a Vector Space
- $F = \mathbb{R}, k = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ 
  - $\mathbb{R}(x)(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}))$  is a Vector Space.
- $F = \mathbb{Q}, k = \mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\mathbb{Q}(x)(\mathbb{Q})$  is a Vector Space
- $F = \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}], k = \mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}](x)(\mathbb{Q})$  is a Vector Space.
- $F = \mathbb{C}, k = \mathbb{R}$ 
  - $\mathbb{C}(x)(\mathbb{R})$  is a Vector Space.
  - Also,**
  - $\mathbb{C}(x)(\mathbb{Q})$  is a Vector Space
  - $\mathbb{C}(x)(\mathbb{Q}\sqrt{2})$  is a Vector Space.
  - $\mathbb{C}(x)(\mathbb{Q})(i)$  is a Vector Space.
  - $\mathbb{C}(x)(\mathbb{C})$  is a Vector Space.

## 9 Space of Functions

Let  $F$  be any field, and  $k$  be a sub-field of  $F$ . Suppose  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Define

$$F^S = \{f \mid f : S \rightarrow F\} \quad (\text{collection of all functions from } S \text{ to } F).$$

Then  $F^S$  is a vector space over  $k$ , w.r.t:

1. **Vector Addition:** For  $f, g \in F^S$ ,

$$(f + g)(s) = f(s) + g(s) \quad \forall s \in S$$

(Addition  $f + g$  is field addition).

2. **Scalar Multiplication:** For  $\alpha \in k, f \in F^S$ ,

$$(\alpha f)(s) = \alpha f(s) \quad \forall s \in S$$

3. **Zero Vector:** Zero function:

$$\begin{aligned} O : S \rightarrow F \quad \text{such that} \quad O(s) = 0 \quad \forall s \in S \\ f(0)(s) = f(s) + 0(s) = f(s) + 0 = f(s) \implies f + 0 = f \end{aligned}$$

**Example:** Let  $S = \{u, v\}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ .

$$F^S = \{f \mid f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2\}$$

$$F^S = \{O, f, g, h\}$$

$$f(u) = 0, f(v) = 1,$$

$$g(u) = 1, g(v) = 0$$

$$h(u) = 1, h(v) = 1$$

$\mathbb{F}^S(\mathbb{F})$  is a vector space.

**Note:** Two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are equal if their domain and co-domain are equal, also their value on each point is also equal.

## 10 Space of Sequence

Let  $F$  be any field, and  $k$  be a sub-field of  $F$ . Define

$$V = F^\infty = \{\langle a_n \rangle \mid a_n \in F, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\langle a_n \rangle = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, \dots \rangle$$

Then  $\mathbb{V}$  is a vector space over  $k$  w.r.t:

1. **Vector Addition:**

$$\langle a_n \rangle + \langle b_n \rangle = \langle a_n + b_n \rangle$$

2. **Scalar Multiplication:**

$$\alpha \cdot \langle a_n \rangle = \langle \alpha a_n \rangle$$

$$\forall \alpha \in K$$

3. **Zero Vector:**

$$\langle 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbb{R}, \quad \mathbf{k} = \mathbb{R}$$

$$F^\infty = \{\langle a_n \rangle = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots \rangle \mid a_1, a_2, \dots \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Examples:**

$$\langle 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots \rangle$$

**Operations:**

$$\langle a_n \rangle = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle b_n \rangle = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots \rangle$$

$$\langle a_n \rangle + \langle b_n \rangle = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, \dots \rangle$$

$$\alpha \langle a_n \rangle = \langle \alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \alpha a_3, \dots \rangle$$

**Example with zero vector:**

$$\langle a_n \rangle + \langle 0 \rangle = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \rangle + \langle 0, 0, 0, \dots \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_1 + 0, a_2 + 0, a_3 + 0, \dots \rangle$$

$$= \langle a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots \rangle$$

## 11 Properties of Subspaces

#1. Let  $\mathbb{V}(F)$  be a vector space, then  $W = \{0\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

1.  $0 \in V$

2. Let any  $x, y \in W$ , so  $x = y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x - y = 0 - 0 = 0 \in W$$

3.  $\alpha \in F, x \in W \Rightarrow \alpha \cdot 0 = 0 \in W$

#2. If  $\mathbb{V}(F)$  is a vector space, then  $V$  is a subspace of itself.

**Note:**  $\{0\}$  is called the **trivial subspace** of  $V$ .

1. Any subspace other than  $\{0\}$  is called a **non-trivial subspace**.

2. If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  and  $W \neq V$ , then  $W$  is called a **proper subspace** of  $V$ .

$$V = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} \neq \{(0, 0)\}$$

Then  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Also,  $W \neq V \Rightarrow W$  is a proper subspace of  $V$ .

**#3. If  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  are subspaces of  $V(F)$ , then**

$$W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3 \cap \dots \cap W_n$$

**is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{V}$ .**

**Proof:** Let  $x, y \in W_1 \cap W_2 \cap \dots \cap W_n$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in F$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x, y &\in W_i \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \\ \Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y &\in W_i \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ (since } W_i \text{ is a subspace)} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha x + \beta y &\in W_1 \cap W_2 \cap \dots \cap W_n \\ \Rightarrow W_1 \cap W_2 \cap \dots \cap W_n &\text{ is a subspace.} \end{aligned}$$

**#4. Union of two subspaces need not be a subspace.**

**Example:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ .

$$W_1 = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(0, y) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Then  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  both are subspaces. But  $W_1 \cup W_2$  need not be a subspace of  $V$ .

$$x = (1, 0) \in W_1 \subseteq W_1 \cup W_2$$

$$y = (0, 1) \in W_2 \subseteq W_1 \cup W_2$$

Now

$$x + y = (1, -1) \notin W_1, \notin W_2 \quad \notin W_1 \cup W_2$$

**#5. Union of two subspaces is a subspace if and only if one of them is contained in the other.**

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Let } \mathbb{V}(F) &\text{ be a vector space.} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Let } W_1, W_2 &\text{ be subspaces of } V. \end{aligned}$$

**To show  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{V}$ ,**

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{either } W_1 \subseteq W_2 \text{ or } W_2 \subseteq W_1.$$

Let  $W_1 \cup W_2$  be a subspace.

**To show:**  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$  or  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$ .

Let if, neither  $W_1$  is contained in  $W_2$ , i.e.,  $W_1 \not\subseteq W_2$ , nor  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \exists x \in W_1 : x &\notin W_2 \\ \Rightarrow \exists y \in W_2 : y &\notin W_1 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in W_1 \subseteq W_1 \cup W_2 \\ y &\in W_2 \subseteq W_1 \cup W_2 \\ x, y &\in W_1 \cup W_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow x + y &\in W_1 \cup W_2 \quad (\text{since } W_1 \cup W_2 \text{ is a subspace)} \\ \Rightarrow x + y &\in W_1 \quad \text{or } x + y \in W_2 \\ \Rightarrow x + y &\in W_1, \text{ or } x + y \in W_2 \\ (x + y) - x &\in W_1 \quad \text{or } (x + y) - y \in W_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$y \in W_1 \quad \text{and } x \in W_2$$

This is a contradiction on sign of Shukla Sir.

$\therefore$  Either  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$  or  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$ .

**Converse Part :**

Let  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$  or  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$ .

**To show:**  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a subspace.

& if

$$\text{since } W_1 \subseteq W_2 \Rightarrow W_1 \cup W_2 = W_2 \quad (\text{subspace of } V).$$

$$W_2 \subseteq W_1 \Rightarrow W_2 \cup W_1 = W_1 \quad (\text{subspace of } V).$$

**Question.** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$  considered as a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then which of the following is (are) subspace(s) of  $V$ ?

(A).  $W_1 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in V : a_1 = 2a_2 + 3a_3\}$

(i)  $0 = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, \dots)\} \Rightarrow a_1, a_2, a_3$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 2a_2 + 3a_3 \Rightarrow 0 = 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 \in W. \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \Rightarrow x_1 = 2x_2 + 3x_3 \\ y &= (y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n) \Rightarrow y_1 = 2y_2 + 3y_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$x - y = (x_1 - y_1, x_2 - y_2, \dots, x_n - y_n) \Rightarrow x_1 - y_1 = 2(x_2 - y_2) + 3(x_3 - y_3)$$

$$x - y = (F_{\neq}, F_{\neq}, \dots, F_{\neq}) \Rightarrow F_{\neq} = 2F_{\neq}$$

**For subspace:**

$$\begin{aligned} 0_v &\in W, \quad x - y \in W \\ \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{F}, \alpha x &\in W \quad \text{where } W \text{ satisfies.} \\ \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, x &= (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \text{ and} \\ x_1 &= 2x_2 + 3x_3 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha x_1 &= 2\alpha x_2 + 3\alpha x_3 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 &= 2x_2 + 3x_3 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore W_1$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

## 12 Subspaces in Vector Spaces

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

$$x + y \text{ or } x - y \in w_1 \cup w_2$$

Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in W_1 \cap W_2$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 \subseteq W_1 \cup W_2,$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \in W_2, \mathbf{y} \in W_1, W_2.$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj} = 0.$$

Let

$$W_2 = \left\{ (a_{ij}) \in V \mid \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 0 \right\}.$$

For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have:

**Then,  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces over  $V = \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$ .**

## 12.1 Conditions

- i)  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$
- ii)  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$
- iii)  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

## 12.2 Sum of Two Subspaces

Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space, and suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $V$ .

**Then the set ,**

$$W_1 + W_2 = \{\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x} \in W_1, \mathbf{y} \in W_2\}.$$

This is called the **sum of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$** .

## 12.3 Theorem

Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space, and let  $W_1, W_2$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

- i)  $W_1 + W_2$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- ii)  $W_1 \subseteq W_1 + W_2, W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2$ .
- iii) If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  such that  $W_1 \subseteq W$  and  $W_2 \subseteq W$ ,  
then  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq W$ .

From this, we can say that  $W_1 + W_2$  is the smallest subspace which contains both the subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ .

Thus,  $W_1 + W_2$  is the **smallest subspace** containing both  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ .

**Proof:**

1.

$$W_1 + W_2 = \{x + y \mid x \in W_1, y \in W_2\}$$

(i)  $0 \in W_1, 0 \in W_2$

$$0 = 0 + 0 \in W_1 + W_2 \implies 0 \in W_1 + W_2$$

(ii) Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}, u \in W_1 + W_2$ .

**To show:**  $\alpha u + \beta v \in W_1 + W_2$ .

Now

$$u = x_1 + y_1, x_1 \in W_1, y_1 \in W_2 \quad \text{and} \quad v = x_2 + y_2, x_2 \in W_1, y_2 \in W_2.$$

Now,

$$\alpha u + \beta v = \alpha(x_1 + y_1) + \beta(x_2 + y_2) \implies \alpha x_1 + \beta x_2 + \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2$$

Since

$$\alpha u + \beta v \in W_1 + W_2 \implies W_1 + W_2 \text{ is a subspace.}$$

(2.) Let  $x \in W_1$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x(\in W_1) + 0(\in W_2) \in W_1 + W_2, \\ x \in W_1 + W_2 &\implies \boxed{W_1 \subseteq W_1 + W_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $y \in W_2$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + y &= y \in W_1 + W_2, \\ y \in W_1 + W_2 &\implies \boxed{W_2 \subseteq W_1 + W_2}. \end{aligned}$$

(3.) Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$  and  $W_1, W_2 \subseteq W$ . Then let

$$\begin{aligned} z &\in W_1 + W_2, \\ z &= x + y, x \in W_1, y \in W_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$x \in W_1 \subseteq W \implies x \in W, \quad y \in W_2 \subseteq W \implies y \in W,$$

$$z = x + y \implies z \in W.$$

$$\boxed{W_1 + W_2 \subseteq W}.$$

$W_1 + W_2$ (smallest subspace)	$W_1, W_2$ (subspaces of $W$ )
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**Ex:**  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\},$$

$$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$W_1 + W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

### 13 Direct Sum of Two Subspaces

Let  $V(\mathbb{F})$  be any vector space, and let  $W_1, W_2$  be two subspaces of  $V$ . Then we say ' $V$ ' is a **direct sum** of  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , and we write:

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2$$

**If:** (i)  $V = W_1 + W_2$  (i.e.,  $\forall x \in V \implies x = u + v, u \in W_1, v \in W_2$ )

(ii)  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$

**Ex:** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$W_1 = \{(a, 0) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

$$W_2 = \{(0, b) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \\ \implies (x, y) &= (x, 0) + (0, y), \quad \text{where } (x, 0) \in W_1 \text{ and } (0, y) \in W_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\implies \mathbb{R}^2 = W_1 + W_2}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & (x, y) \in W_1 \cap W_2 \\ \implies (x, y) & \in W_1 \text{ \& } (x, y) \in W_2 \\ \implies & y = 0 \text{ \& } x = 0 \\ \implies & (x, y) = (0, 0) \\ \implies & W_1 \cap W_2 = \{(0, 0)\} \\ \implies & \mathbb{R}^2 = W_1 \oplus W_2 \end{aligned}$$

### Definition:

Let  $P_n(\mathbb{F})$  denote the space of all polynomials of degree at most  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}$ . i.e.,

$$P_n(f) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n \mid a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}\}$$

**Ex:**

$$P_1(\mathbb{R}) = \{a_0 + a_1x \mid a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$P_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Ex:**

$$P_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W_1 = \{c + dx^2 \mid c, d \in \mathbb{R}\},$$

$$W_2 = \{ex \mid e \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

### 13.1 Verify (i) $W_1$ and $W_2$ are subspaces (Home-work):

$$\begin{aligned} \forall V \in P_2(\mathbb{R}) \\ \implies V = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \\ V = (a_0 + a_2x^2) + a_1x \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies P_2\mathbb{R} = W_1 + W_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 &\in W_1 \cap W_2 \\ \implies a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 &\in W_1 \text{ \& } a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \in W_2 \\ \implies a_1 &= 0 \text{ \& } a_0 = 0, a_2 = 0 \\ \implies a_0 = a_1 = a_2 &= 0 \\ \implies a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 &= 0 + 0.x + 0.x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\implies W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\} = P_2(\mathbb{R}) = W_1 \oplus W_2$

$$W_1 = \{c + dx^2 \mid c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W_2 = \{ex \mid e \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 = a + bx^2 \quad \text{and} \quad y = c + dx^2 \\ \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F} \\ \alpha x + \beta y = \alpha(a + bx^2) + \beta(c + dx^2) \\ = (\alpha a + \beta c) + (\alpha b + \beta d)x^2 \in W_1 \\ \implies W_1 \text{ is a subspace of } P_2(\mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_2 &= \{ex \mid e \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ x = ex \quad \text{and} \quad y = fx \\ \alpha, \beta &\in \mathbb{F} \\ \alpha x + \beta y &= \alpha ex + \beta fx \\ &= (e\alpha + f\beta)x \in W_2 \\ \implies W_2 &\text{ is a subspace of } P_2(\mathbb{R}) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:**

Let  $V(F)$  be a V.S. and  $W_1, W_2$  be subspaces of  $V$ .

$$\text{Then } V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \iff \forall x \in V, x = u + v, \text{ for unique vectors } u \in W_1, v \in W_2.$$

**Example:**

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

$$W_1 = \{(x_1, 0) \mid x_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(0, x_2) \mid x_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}^2 &= W_1 \oplus W_2 \\ \forall (x_1, x_2) &\in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x_1, x_2) &= (x_1, 0) + (0, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(1, 3) = (1, 0) + (0, 3)$$

**Definition: For Direct Sum:**

$$V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3$$



$\iff$

- i.  $W_1, W_2, W_3$  are subspaces of  $V$
- ii.  $V = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$ , i.e.,  $\forall x \in V, x = u_1 + u_2 + u_3, u_i \in W_i, i = 1, 2, 3$
- iii.  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}, (W_1 + W_2) \cap W_3 = \{0\}$   
 $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus W_3 \oplus \dots \oplus W_n$

- i.  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  are subspaces of  $V$
- ii.  $V = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_n$
- iii.  $(W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_{i-1}) \cap W_i = \{0\}, \forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

## 14 Quotient Space

Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space, and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Define a relation " $\sim$ " on  $V$  as:

For  $a, b \in V$ ,

$$a \sim b \iff a - b \in W$$

Then,  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

### 14.1 Equivalence Classes

$$\bar{x} = \{y \in V \mid y \sim x\} = \{y \in V \mid y - x \in W\}$$

Equivalence class of  $x$ :

$$\bar{x} = \{y \in V \mid y - x = w, w \in W\} = \{y = a + w, w \in W\}$$

$$\bar{x} = \{x + W \mid w \in W\}$$

(\*)

$$\bar{x} = x + W$$

Now:

$$\bar{a} = \bar{b} \iff a \sim b$$

$$\iff a - b \in W$$

$$\text{i.e. } a + W = b + W$$

$$\implies a - b \in W$$

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a} &= \bar{0} \\ \iff a + W &= 0 + W = W \\ \iff a &\sim 0 \\ \iff a - 0 &\in W \\ \iff a &\in W \end{aligned}$$

(\*)

Now, let  $V(F)$  be any vector space and  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . Then the set

$$\frac{V}{W} = \{\bar{x} = x + W \mid x \in V\}$$

is a vector space over  $F$ .

### 14.2 Operations in $\frac{V}{W}$ :

1. **Vector addition**:

$$\bar{x} = x + W, \bar{y} = y + W$$

$$\bar{x} + \bar{y} = (x + y) + W$$

2. **Scalar multiplication**:

$$\alpha \cdot \bar{x} = \alpha(x + W) =$$

$$(\alpha x) + W$$

3. **Zero vector**:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{0} &= 0 + W \\ \bar{x} + \bar{0} &= (x + 0) + W \\ \implies x + W &= \bar{x} \\ \forall \bar{x} &\in \frac{V}{W} \\ \boxed{\bar{0} = 0 + W = W}\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $0 + W$  is the zero vector.

## 15 Linear Combination

Let  $V(F)$  be a vector space and  $W$  be a subspace, and

$$\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k \in V \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in F.$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \mathbf{x}_k \in V$$

is called a **linear combination** of  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$ .

**$\mathbf{x}$  is the Linear Combination of  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \dots, \mathbf{x}_k$**

### Example 1:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Consider,

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = (1, 0, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_2 = (0, 1, 1), \quad \mathbf{x}_3 = (0, 0, 1).$$

Let  $\mathbf{u} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathbf{x}_3$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \alpha_1(1, 0, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1, 1) + \alpha_3(0, 0, 1) \\ &= (\alpha_1, 0, 0) + (0, \alpha_2, \alpha_2) + (0, 0, \alpha_3) \\ &= (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_2 + \alpha_3). \end{aligned}$$

For  $\alpha_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 1$ , we get:

$$(1, 0, 0 + 1) = (1, 0, 1).$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{x}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3$ .

### Example 2:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Consider,

$$\mathbf{d}_1 = (1, 0, 1), \quad \mathbf{d}_2 = (0, 1, 1).$$

Let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3)$ . Check if  $\mathbf{u}$  is a linear combination of  $\mathbf{d}_1$  and  $\mathbf{d}_2$ . Assume:

$$\mathbf{u} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{d}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{d}_2.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (1, 2, 3) &= \alpha_1(1, 0, 1) + \alpha_2(0, 1, 1) \\ &= (\alpha_1, 0, \alpha_1) + (0, \alpha_2, \alpha_2) \\ &= (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2). \end{aligned}$$

Equating components:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= 1, \\ \alpha_2 &= 2, \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

However,  $1 + 2 \neq 3$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{u}$  is **not** a linear combination of  $\mathbf{d}_1$  and  $\mathbf{d}_2$ .

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## 16 Linear Span

Let  $V(F)$  be a vector space, and let  $S$  be any non-empty subset of  $V$ . Then we define the *linear span* of  $S$  by  $L(S)$  or  $\text{Span}(S)$  or  $\langle S \rangle$ . It is defined as:

$$L(S) = \{\mathbf{u} \mid \mathbf{u} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \mathbf{v}_k, \alpha_i \in F, \mathbf{v}_i \in S, \text{ and } k \text{ is finite}\}.$$

If  $S = \emptyset$ , then  $L(S) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

$$L(S) = \text{Set of all linear combinations of elements of } S.$$

### 16.1 Examples.

#### Example 1

Let  $S = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} L(S) &= \{\alpha_1(1, 1, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1, 1) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \alpha_2) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $L(S)$  is the set of all linear combinations of  $\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$ .

## Example 2:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ . Consider,

$$S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

Find  $L(S)$ .

### Solution:

We have,

$$L(S) = \left\{ \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Expanding, we get:

$$L(S) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 & \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 & \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Thus,  $L(S)$  is the set of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 & \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 & \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## 16.2 Properties of Linear Span

1. Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space and  $S \subseteq V$ . Then:

1.  $L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
2.  $S \subseteq L(S)$ .
3. If  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  such that  $S \subseteq W$ , then  $L(S) \subseteq W$ .

$L(S)$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  that contains  $S$ .

2. Let  $L(S) = S$ . Then  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

### Proof:

**Forward:** Let  $L(S) = S$ . Then  $S$  is a subspace.

**Converse:** Let  $S$  be a subspace. Also,  $S \subseteq S$ . Thus,  $L(S) = S$ .

3. If  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq V$ , then:

$$L(S_1 \cup S_2) = L(S_1) + L(S_2).$$

4.  $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq V$  then :

$$L(S_1) \subseteq L(S_2)$$

5.  $L(L(S)) = L(S)$

## Illustration:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$S_1 = \{(1, 0)\},$$

$$S_2 = \{(0, 1)\}.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} L(S_1) &= \{\alpha_1(1, 0) \mid \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(\alpha_1, 0) \mid \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ L(S_2) &= \{\alpha_2(0, 1) \mid \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{(0, \alpha_2) \mid \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \\ L(S_1 \cup S_2) &= \{\alpha_1(1, 0) + \alpha_2(0, 1) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \boxed{\{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} L(S_1) + L(S_2) &= \{(\alpha_1, 0) + (0, \alpha_2) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ &= \{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \mid \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}. \end{aligned}$$

# Linearly Dependent Set

Let  $V(F)$  be a vector space, and  $S \subseteq V$ , we say that  $S$  is linearly dependent over  $F$

If there exist  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k \in S$   
and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in F$

(not all zero) i.e.  $\exists$  at least one  $\alpha_i \neq 0$

such that

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{zero vector})$$

i.e.,  $\exists u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k \in S$   
such that the equation

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k = \mathbf{0}$$

has at least one non-zero solution.

**Example.** Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  
 $S = \{(1, 1, 2), (2, 4, 2), (3, 0, 1)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= (1, 2, 1), \\ u_2 &= (2, 4, 2), \\ \alpha_1 &= -2 \neq 0, \\ \alpha_2 &= 1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-2 \cdot (1, 2, 1) + 1 \cdot (2, 4, 2) = (-2, -4, -2) + (2, 4, 2) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$\implies S$  is linearly dependent.

**Check whether**  $S = \{(1, 2, 1), (2, 4, 2), (3, 0, 1)\}$  **is L.D.?**

**Solution:**

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = \mathbf{0} \implies (0, 0, 0)$$

Consider matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduce:

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1, \quad R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow \frac{R_2}{-6}, \quad R_3 \rightarrow \frac{R_3}{-2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } x_1 = 2x_2, \quad x_2 = x_3$$

$$\implies \alpha_1 = 2\alpha_2, \quad \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0$$

Thus,  $S$  is linearly dependent.

## 17 Linear Independence and Dependence

Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space, and  $S \subseteq V(F)$ , then  $S$  is said to be linearly independent if  $S$  is not linearly dependent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \forall u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k \in S, \quad \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k = 0 \\ \implies \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

### 17.1 Linear dependence and linear independence of finite set

Let  $V(F)$  be any vector space and

$$S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq V$$

Then  $S$  is linearly independent if:

$$\begin{aligned} \iff \boxed{\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_k u_k = 0} \\ \boxed{\implies \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_k = 0} \end{aligned}$$

### Example

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}_3(\mathbb{R})$

$$S = \{x + 1, x + x^2, x^2 + x^3\}$$

Consider:

$$\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3 = 0 \implies 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$$

$$\implies \alpha_1(x + 1) + \alpha_2(x + x^2) + \alpha_3(x^2 + x^3) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$$

$$\alpha_1 + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x^2 + \alpha_3 x^3 = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$$

$$\implies \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 = 0, \quad \alpha_2 t + \alpha_3 x^2 = 0x + 0x^2$$

$$\alpha_1 = 0, \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0, \quad +\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = 0, \alpha_3 = 0}$$

$\therefore S$  is linearly independent.