

Subspaces

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Goals • Subspaces

• Linear combinations • Span

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$$C(\mathbb{R}) = \{f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is continuous}\}$$

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$$C'(\mathbb{R}) = \{f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ with } f' \text{ continuous}\}$$

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$$C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) = \{f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ has continuous derivatives of all orders}\}$$

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$$\mathbb{R}[x] = \{f \mid f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is a polynomial function}\}$$

Each of these satisfies $f, g \in W \Rightarrow f+g \in W, \lambda f \in W, 0 \in W$

In fact, each is a vector space in its own right.

Defn A subset $W \subseteq V$ of an F -vs is a subspace of V when W is an F -vs with addition and scalar multiplication inherited from V , write $W \leq V$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V \times V & \xrightarrow{+} & V \\ \cup & & \cup \\ W \times W & \xrightarrow{+} & W \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F \times V & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & V \\ \cup & & \cup \\ F \times W & \xrightarrow{\cdot} & W \end{array}$$

Prop A subset $W \subseteq V$ is a subspace iff

(1) $0 \in W$, (2) $u, v \in W \Rightarrow u + v \in W$, & (3) $u \in W \Rightarrow \lambda u \in W$

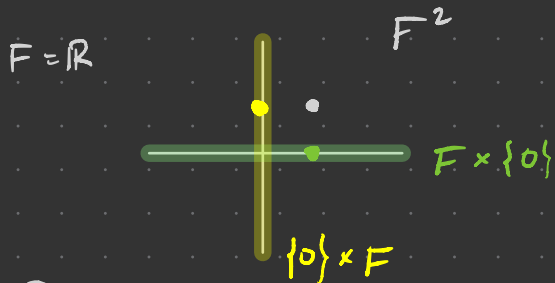
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(1) $0 \in W$ & (2') $u, v \in W \Rightarrow u + \lambda v \in W$.

Pf Two. I Lemma 2.9 $\square$

E.g. $\{(x, 0) \mid x \in F\} \leq F^2 \geq \{(0, y) \mid y \in F\}$

Q Is $F \times \{0\} \cup \{0\} \times F$ a subspace of F^2 ?



NO!

E.g.

$\{0\}, V \leq V$

Q If $U, W \leq V$, is $U \cap W \leq V$? YES!

(1) $0 \in U$ and $0 \in W \Rightarrow 0 \in U \cap W$

(2') Suppose $u, v \in U \cap W$, $\lambda \in F$. Then $u + \lambda v \in U$
and $u + \lambda v \in W$ (b/c U, W subspaces) so $u + \lambda v \in U \cap W$. $\square$

Fix V an F -vs.

Defn For $S \subseteq V$, a linear combination of vectors in S is a vector of the form $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i = \lambda_1 u_1 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n$ for some $\lambda_i \in F$, $u_i \in S$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
Note $n=0$ get empty sum $= 0$  Always finitely many terms!

E.g. Is $(-1, 4)$ a linear combination of vectors in $\{(3, 2), (2, -1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$?

Looking for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a(3, 2) + b(2, -1) = (-1, 4)$, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3a + 2b = -1 \\ 2a - b = 4 \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right)$$

so $a=1$, $b=-2$ works. Indeed, $1 \cdot (3, 2) - 2(2, -1) = (3-4, 2+2) = (-1, 4)$.

Defn For $S \subseteq V$, the span of S is

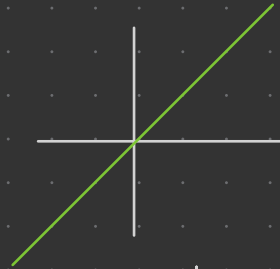
$$\text{span}(S) := \{ \text{linear combos of vectors in } S \}.$$

Note $\text{span}(\emptyset) = \{0\}$.

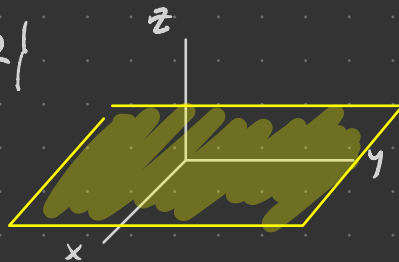
E.g. $\cdot \text{span}\{v\} = \{\lambda v \mid \lambda \in F\}$

$\cdot \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{(1,1)\} = \{(a,a) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\cdot \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{(1,0,0), (0,1,0)\} = \{a(1,0,0) + b(0,1,0) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$
 $= \{(a,b,0) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$



Spanning sets are not unique!



$$\begin{aligned}\text{span} \{(1,0,0), (0,1,0)\} &= \text{span} \{(1,0,0), (0,2,0)\} \\ &= \text{span} \{(1,0,0), (0,1,0), (2,3,0)\} \\ &= \text{span } \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}\end{aligned}$$

Prop Let $S \subseteq V$. Then

$$(1) \text{span } S \leq V$$

$$(2) \text{ If } S \subseteq W \leq V, \text{ then } \text{span } S \leq W$$

(3) Every subspace of V is the span of some subset of V .

Pf (1) If $S = \emptyset$, then $\text{span } S = \{0\} \leq V$.

If $S \neq \emptyset$, then $\exists u \in S$ so $0 \cdot u = 0 \in \text{span } S$. Given

$\sum \lambda_i u_i, \sum \mu_j v_j \in \text{span } S$ with $\lambda_i, \mu_j \in F, u_i, v_j \in S$, get

$$\sum \lambda_i u_i + \lambda \sum \mu_j v_j = \sum \lambda_i u_i + \sum (\lambda \mu_j) v_j \in \text{span } S$$

for all $\lambda \in F$, so $\text{span } S \subseteq V$.

(2) If $S \subseteq W \subseteq V$, then $\text{span } S \subseteq W$

(2) Justify this statement:

$$S \subseteq \text{span } S \subseteq \text{span } W = W.$$

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① If $u \in S$, then $u = 1 \cdot u$ is a lin combo of elts of S so $u \in \text{span } S$.

② Have $W \subseteq \text{span } W$ by ①. Suppose $\sum \lambda_i u_i \in \text{span } W$ with $\lambda_i \in F, u_i \in W$.

Then this is in W b/c W is closed under scalar mult'n and add'n. Thus $\text{span } W \subseteq W$ as well, thus $\text{span } W = W$.

③ By (1), $\text{span } S$ is a vector space. Apply span to $S \subseteq W$ to get containment.

(3) $W = \text{span } W$ for $W \subseteq V$. $\square$

Say $S \subseteq V$ generates $W \subseteq V$ when $\text{span } S = W$.

E.g. (1) $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ generates $F[x]$

(2) $\{(1,0), (0,1)\}$ generates F^2

(3) Set $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{\substack{| \\ \text{with pos'n } i}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0) \in F^n$. Then $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ generates F^n .
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = a_1 e_1 + a_2 e_2 + \dots + a_n e_n$

(4) For set S and $s \in S$, define

$$\chi_s : S \longrightarrow F \\ t \longmapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = s \\ 0 & \text{if } t \neq s \end{cases}$$

Then for S finite, $\{\chi_s \mid s \in S\}$ generates F^S .

Q What if S is infinite?