

Vector Space Definition Let V be a nonempty set on which the operations of addition $+$ and scalar multiplication have been defined:

- (i) $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is defined $\forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in V$
- (ii) $c\mathbf{u}$ is defined $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V, \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$.

The set V is called a vector space if additionally, $\forall \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in V$ and $\forall b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ the following axioms hold:

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| (A1) | $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in V$ | V closed under addition |
| (A2) | $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ | addition is commutative |
| (A3) | $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$ | addition is associative |
| (A4) | $\exists \mathbf{0} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ | existence of a zero vector |
| (A5) | $\exists -\mathbf{u} \in V$ such that $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ | existence of a negative element |
| (A6) | $c\mathbf{u} \in V$ | closed under scalar multiplication |
| (A7) | $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ | distributive property I |
| (A8) | $(b + c)\mathbf{u} = b\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{u}$ | distributive property II |
| (A9) | $c(\beta\mathbf{u}) = (c\beta)\mathbf{u}$ | commutativity of scalar multiplication |
| (A10) | $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ | scalar multiplication identity element |

Sometimes the symbols \oplus and \odot will be used to denote vector addition and scalar multiplication, respectively. This will only be done when vector addition and scalar multiplication is defined in some (confusing) nontraditional way. Then $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ will be written $\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v}$ and $c\mathbf{u}$ will be written $c \odot \mathbf{u}$. As one example

$$3(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = 3 \odot (\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{v})$$

EXAMPLE $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector space if

$$u + v \equiv (u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

$$ku \equiv (ku_1, \dots, ku_n) \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $\vec{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$. Note V is closed under addition (A1) and scalar multiplication (A6).

EXAMPLE Spaces of real matrices (for $n=2$)

$V = M_{22} =$ set of all 2×2 matrices $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$u + v \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} + v_{11} & u_{12} + v_{12} \\ u_{21} + v_{21} & u_{22} + v_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{matrix} \\ \text{addition} \end{array}$$

$$ku \equiv \begin{bmatrix} ku_{11} & ku_{12} \\ ku_{21} & ku_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where in this case

$$\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with these definitions M_{22} is a vector space

Clearly

$M_{mn} =$ set of all $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

is as well.

EXAMPLE $V = P_n$

$P_n \equiv$ set of all n^{th} degree polynomials

Here $u \in P_n \Rightarrow \exists a_k$ such that

$$u(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

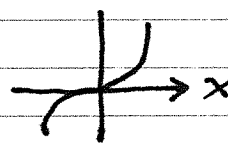
Usual addition and scalar multiplication
 $\Rightarrow P_n$ is a vector space.

EXAMPLE $V = C^n[a, b]$ or $C^n(I)$ $I = [a, b]$

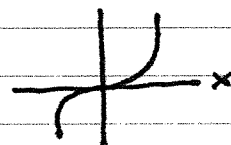
Is the set of $f(x)$ defined on $[a, b]$ that are n times continuously differentiable.
When $n=0$, $C^0[a, b] \equiv C[a, b]$ the space of continuous functions on $[a, b]$.

With regular addition and mult. all C^n are vector spaces.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}x^3 & x > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{6}x^3 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^2 & x > 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x^2 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$f''(x) = |x|$$



For this $f(x)$, $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$, $f' \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, $f'' \in C(\mathbb{R})$

Note the nesting of these vector spaces

$$C^n(I) \subset \dots \subset C^2(I) \subset C^1(I) \subset C(I)$$

EXAMPLE Zero Vector

$$V = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x = 0\} = \{0\} \text{ (one element)}$$

EXAMPLE Line thru origin

$$V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) : \exists t \in \mathbb{R}, x_k = a_k t\}$$

EXAMPLE Nullspace $V = N(A)$ $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

$$N(A) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Ax = 0\}$$

check closed under + and \cdot .

Let $u, v \in N(A)$. Then $Au = 0$ and $Av = 0$.

$$Au + Av = A(u+v) = 0 \Rightarrow u+v \in N(A)$$

$$A(ku) = kAu = 0 \Rightarrow ku \in N(A), \forall k \in \mathbb{R}$$

EXAMPLE Planes in \mathbb{R}^3

$$V_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3 = 0\}$$

$$V_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3 = 1\}$$

Here V_1 is a vectorspace but V_2 is not.

V_2 not closed w.r.t. addition. Let $u, v \in V_2$ and $w \equiv u+v$

$$au_1 + bu_2 + cu_3 = 1$$

$$av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3 = 1$$

 add

$$aw_1 + bw_2 + cw_3 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow w \notin V_2$$

EXAMPLE $V = \{u \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} : u^T = u\}$

Set of symmetric real 2×2 matrices.

EXAMPLE $V = \{f : f(x) = a_1 + a_2 \sin x \text{ for some } a_k\}$

First two terms of a Fourier series.

EXAMPLE $V = \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with addition redefined

Let $u, v \in V$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$u \oplus v \equiv uv \quad \text{matrix product}$$

$$k \odot v \equiv kv$$

$$\vec{0} \equiv I \quad \text{identity}$$

Addition is closed and associative but

$$* \quad u \oplus v \neq v \oplus u \quad \forall u, v.$$

Existence of $\vec{0}$ is satisfied

$$u \oplus \vec{0} = uI = u$$

There is not always $-u \in V$ s.t. $u + (-u) = \vec{0}$.
Were there such a $v \equiv -u$ then

$$* \quad u \oplus v = uv = I \Rightarrow v = u^{-1} \text{ inverse}$$

but not all matrices have an inverse.

Some scalar properties (A6)-(A9) are not satisfied either.

EXAMPLE Unusual vector space

$V \equiv \mathbb{R}^+$ = set of nonnegative real numbers

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \equiv uv \quad u, v \geq 0$$

$$k\vec{u} \equiv u^k \quad u \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{0} \equiv 1$$

First note that V is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication since $u+v \geq 0$ and $ku \geq 0$. Thus (A1) and (A6) are satisfied.

$$(A2) \quad \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u} = uv$$

Addition is also associative

$$(A3) \quad \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = uvw$$

The existence of a zero vector and negative element is more interesting. Again note $\vec{0} = 1$ and $-\vec{u} = u^{-1}$

$$(A4) \quad \vec{u} + \vec{0} = 1 \cdot u = u = \vec{u}$$

$$(A5) \quad \vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = u \cdot \frac{1}{u} = 1 = \vec{0}$$

Finally

$$(A7) \quad c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = (uv)^c = u^c v^c = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}$$

$$(A8) \quad (b+c)\vec{u} = u^{(b+c)} = u^b u^c = b\vec{u} + c\vec{u}$$

$$(A9) \quad c(b\vec{u}) = (u^b)^c = u^{bc} = (bc)\vec{u}$$

$$(A10) \quad 1\vec{u} = u^1 = u = \vec{u} \quad \square$$

EXAMPLE Solution spaces of linear ODE's

We consider solutions to a second order linear homogeneous differential equation.

$$V = \{ u \in C^2[0,1] : u'' + p(x)u' + q(x)u = 0 \}$$

with the usual addition and scalar multiplication.

From the general theory of ODE's we know V must be a sum of two independent solutions, i.e. if $u \in V$ then $\exists c_K$ such that

$$u(x) = c_1 u_1(x) + c_2 u_2(x)$$

EXAMPLE (Not a vector space) $V = \mathbb{R}$

Reverse the usual operations of addition and multiplication on $V = \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\vec{u} \oplus \vec{v} \equiv uv$$

$$k \odot \vec{u} \equiv k + v$$

$$\vec{0} \equiv 1$$

$$-\vec{u} \equiv \frac{1}{u} \quad u \neq 0$$

One can verify this is not a vector space. (A8)??

$$(b+c) \vec{u} = (b+c+u)^*$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b \vec{u} = b+u \\ c \vec{u} = c+u \end{array} \right\} \text{sum does not equal } *$$

EXTRA ODD (POTENTIAL) SPACES

① $V \equiv \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \equiv (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$$

$$k\vec{u} \equiv (ku_1, ku_2)$$

$$\vec{0} \equiv (1, 1)$$

② $V \equiv \mathbb{R}^2$

Different addition/scalar multiplication

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \equiv (u_1 + u_2, v_1 + v_2) \quad k\vec{u} \equiv (2ku_1, 2ku_2)$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \equiv (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2) \quad k\vec{u} \equiv (ku_1, ku_2)$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \equiv (u_1 + u_2, v_1 + v_2) \quad k\vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

Theorem Cancellation Law for Vector Addition
Let V be a vector space and $x, y, z \in V$

$$x + z = y + z \Rightarrow x = y$$

Pf/

$$x = x + 0$$

$$= x + (z + (-z))$$

$$= (x + z) + (-z)$$

↓

$$= (y + z) + (-z)$$

$$= y + (z + (-z))$$

$$= y + 0$$

$$= y$$

□

Theorem Let $a, b, c \in V$. Then

$$a = b \Rightarrow a + c = b + c$$

Pf/

$$a = b$$

$$a + 0 = b + 0$$

$$(a + c) + (-c) = (b + c) + (-c)$$

$$x + z = y + z$$

In thm above!

Hence $x = y$ or $a + c = b + c$

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Theorem Let V be a vector space.
Let $\vec{u} \in V$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$(i) \quad 0\vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

$$(ii) \quad k\vec{0} = \vec{0}$$

$$(iii) \quad (-1)\vec{u} = -\vec{u}$$

$$(iv) \quad k\vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad k=0 \text{ or } \vec{u} = \vec{0}$$

Proof of (i) only

Closure properties (A1)+(A6) $\Rightarrow 0\vec{u} + 0\vec{u} \in V$

$$0\vec{u} + 0\vec{u} = (0+0)\vec{u} \quad (A8)$$

$$0\vec{u} + 0\vec{u} = 0\vec{u} \quad \text{prop. of real nos.}$$

By (A5) there exists an $-0\vec{u} \in V$

$$-0\vec{u} + (0\vec{u} + 0\vec{u}) = 0\vec{u} + (-0\vec{u}) \quad (A2), (A5)$$

$$(-0\vec{u} + 0\vec{u}) + 0\vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad (A5), (A3)$$

$$\vec{0} + 0\vec{u} = \vec{0} \quad (A5)$$

$$\underline{0\vec{u} = \vec{0}} \quad (A4)$$

In all we used (A1)-(A6) and (A7) to prove this annoyingly obvious fact $\ddot{\text{c}}$

EXAMPLE Careful vector algebra

Let V be any vector space. Solve for u .

$$2u + v = 3w$$

$$(2u + v) + (-v) = 3w + (-v)$$

$$2u + (v + (-v)) = 3w + (-v)$$

$$2u + 0 = 3w + (-v)$$

$$2u = 3w + (-v)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(2u) = \frac{1}{2}(3w + (-v))$$

$$(\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2)u = \frac{1}{2}(3w + (-v))$$

$$1 \cdot u = \frac{1}{2}(3w + (-v))$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2}(3w + (-v))$$

requires justification
(later in notes)

(A3)

(A5)

(A4)

(A9)

real numbers

(A10)

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So, in all we used axioms

(A3) (A4) (A5) (A9) (A10)