

4.1. Vector spaces and subspaces

def A vector space - a nonempty set V , objects - "vectors", with two operations:

* addition $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$ for $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$

* multiplication by scalars $c\vec{u} \in V$ for $\vec{u} \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$,

such that: $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} = \vec{u} + (\vec{v} + \vec{w})$,

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$,

$c(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = c\vec{u} + c\vec{v}, (c+d)\vec{u} = c\vec{u} + d\vec{u}$

$c(d\vec{u}) = (cd)\vec{u}$

\exists zero-vector $\vec{0} \in V$ s.t. $\vec{u} + \vec{0} = \vec{u} \forall \vec{u}$

$\forall \vec{u} \exists$ negative $-\vec{u}$ s.t. $\vec{u} + (-\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$

$1 \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{u}$

Corollaries: $\vec{0}$ is unique, $-\vec{u}$ is unique

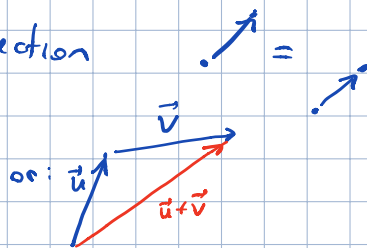
$0 \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{0}, c\vec{0} = \vec{0}, -\vec{u} = (-1)\vec{u}$.

(Main example up to now)

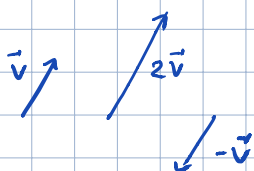
Ex: spaces $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 1$

Ex: set of arrows (directed line segments) in \mathbb{R}^2 . Two arrows are considered equal if they have same length and point in the same direction

addition: by parallelogram rule



scalar multiplication:



Ex: S - space of all doubly-infinite sequences of numbers $y_k = \{\dots, y_{-2}, y_{-1}, y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots\}$
 - "discrete-time signals"
 $\{y_k\} + \{z_k\} = \{y_k + z_k\}, c\{y_k\} = \{cy_k\}$

Ex: for $n \geq 0, P_n$ - set of polynomials of degree $\leq n, \vec{p}(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_n t^n$ (*)
 degree of \vec{p} = highest power of t whose coeff in (*) is $\neq 0$.
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real coeffs

for $\vec{p}(t) = a_0 \neq 0$, degree = 0. If all $a_j = 0, \vec{p} \equiv 0$ is called the zero polynomial (its degree is not defined)

sum: for $\vec{q}(t) = b_0 + b_1 t + \dots + b_n t^n$,

$\vec{p} + \vec{q}$ is: $(\vec{p} + \vec{q})(t) = \vec{p}(t) + \vec{q}(t) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)t + \dots + (a_n + b_n)t^n$

$c \cdot \vec{p}$: $(c\vec{p})(t) = c\vec{p}(t) = ca_0 + (ca_1)t + \dots + (ca_n)t^n$

$\vec{0}$ = zero polynomial $(-1)\vec{p} = -\vec{p}$ negative.

Ex: $V =$ the set of all real-valued functions on a set D

$$(f+g)(t) = f(t) + g(t), (cf)(t) = cf(t)$$

e.g. $D = \mathbb{R}, f = 1 + \sin 3t, g = 2 + 7t$

then: $(f+g)(t) = 3 + \sin 3t + 7t, (2g)(t) = 4 + 14t$

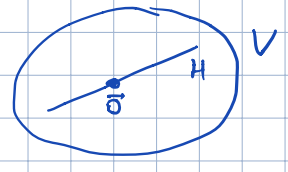
zero vector: $f(t) = 0 \quad \forall t$

• each function is a "point" of V

def A subspace of a vector space V is a subset $H \subset V$ satisfying:

- (a) $\vec{0} \in H$
- (b) $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in H$ if $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in H$
(H closed under addition)
- (c) $c\vec{u} \in H$ if $\vec{u} \in H, c \in \mathbb{R}$
(H closed under scalar multiplication)

• A subspace $H \subset V$ is automatically a vector space



Ex: $H = \{\vec{0}\} \subset V$ is a subspace - zero subspace of V

Ex: let $\mathbb{P} =$ all polynomials in t

- $\mathbb{P} \subset \{\text{functions on } \mathbb{R}\}$ - subspace
- $\mathbb{P}_n \subset \mathbb{P}, n \geq 0$ subspace

Ex: \mathbb{R}^2 is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 (not even a subset!)

But: $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 which "looks and acts" like \mathbb{R}^2

Ex: a line not through $\vec{0}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 - not a subspace

• Subspace spanned by a set

THM: If $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ are in V , then $H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$ is a subspace of V
 $\{ c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \vec{v}_p \}$

H - subspace spanned / generated by $\{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$
 $\{ \vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p \}$ - spanning / generating set for H .

Ex: $H = \{ \text{vectors of form } (a-b, b-a, a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \}$ show that $H \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ subspace

Sol: $\begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ b-a \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = a \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_1} + b \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_2}$. Thus $H = \text{Span} \{ \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \}$ - subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

§2 | Null spaces, column spaces and linear transformations (3)

Recall: for A $m \times n$ matrix,

$\text{Nul } A = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } A\vec{x} = \vec{0}\}$ - subspace of \mathbb{R}^n

$\text{Col } A = \text{Span}\{\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n\} = \{\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m \text{ s.t. } \vec{b} = A\vec{x} \text{ for some } \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ - subspace of \mathbb{R}^m

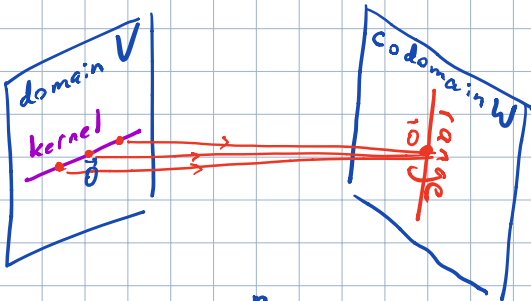
Can describe as $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p\}$
 with $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_p$ from the parametric vector solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{0}$.

def A lin. transf. T from a v.sp. V into a v.sp. W is a rule assigning to each vector \vec{x} in V a vector $T(\vec{x})$ in W s.t.

(i) $T(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = T(\vec{u}) + T(\vec{v})$ (ii) $T(c\vec{u}) = cT(\vec{u})$
 any \vec{u}, \vec{v}

kernel (or null space) of T : set of all \vec{u} in V s.t. $T(\vec{u}) = \vec{0}$. ← subspace of V .

range of T : all vectors of form $T(\vec{x})$ in W ← subspace of W .



Ex: $T: V = \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow W = \mathbb{R}^m$
 $\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x}$
 A $m \times n$ matrix

$\ker T = \text{Nul } A$
 $\text{range } T = \text{Col } A$

Ex: $V =$ functions on $[a, b]$ which have continuous derivatives
 $W =$ continuous functions on $[a, b]$

$D: V \rightarrow W$ linear transf.
 $f \mapsto f'$

$\ker D = \{\text{constant functions on } [a, b]\}$
 $\text{range } D = W$.