

1.6 Subspaces

1.32 Definition: ~~Let U be~~

Let V be a vector space (with addition & scalar multiplication).
Let U be a subset of V . Then U is a subspace of V if U is also a vector space with the same addition and scalar multiplication.

1.34 Conditions of subspace:

U is a subspace of V if and only if it satisfies:

ADDITIVE Identity: $0 \in U$

Closed Under Addition: $u, w \in U$ implies $u+w \in U$

Closed Under Scalar Multiplication: $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and $u \in U$ implies $au \in U$.
($\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$)

1.35 Examples of Subspaces:

a) If $b \in \mathbb{F}$, then $U = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}^4 \mid x_3 = 5x_4 + b \}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{F}^4 if and only if $b=0$.
such that

Proof: Additive Identity: $\rightarrow 0 \in U \rightarrow \overset{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)}{(0, 0, 0, 0)} \in U_1?$

$$x_3 = 5x_4 + b$$

$$0 = 5(0) + b$$

$$0 = b$$

So additive identity is satisfied if and only if $b=0$. (Otherwise, if $b \neq 0$, then the statement $0=b$ will be false.)

$0 = b \neq 0 \rightarrow$ contradiction)

Closed under addition:

Let $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in U_1$

Then $x_3 = 5x_4 + b$ and $y_3 = 5y_4 + b$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So we have } x_3 + y_3 &= (5x_4 + b) + (5y_4 + b) \\ &= 5(x_4 + y_4) + 2b \end{aligned}$$

If $b=0$, we have $x_3 = 5x_4$ and $y_3 = 5y_4$, and $x_3 + y_3 = 5(x_4 + y_4)$

So if $b=0$, then $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) + (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3, x_4 + y_4)$

So if $b=0$, then U_1 is closed under addition. $\subseteq U_1$

Closed under ^{Scalar} multiplication:

Let $a \in \mathbb{F}$ and $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U_1$.

Then $a(x_3 = 5x_4 + b)$

So we have $ax_3 = 5ax_4 + ab$

if $b=0$, then $x_3 = 5x_4$ and $ax_3 = 5(ax_4)$

So if $b=0$, then $a(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (ax_1, ax_2, ax_3, ax_4) \in U_1$

So U_1 is closed under scalar multiplication.

\therefore Therefore, U_1 is a subspace of V .

(b) Let U_2 be the set of continuous real-valued functions on the interval $[0, 1]$. Then U_2 is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]} = \{f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$

Additive Identity:

The zero function is continuous. So $0 \in U_2$.

Closed under Addition:

Let $f, g \in U_2$ (Let $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous)

Sum of two continuous functions is continuous.

So $f+g \in U_2$

Closed Under scalar multiplication

Let $a \in \mathbb{F}$, $f \in U_2$. (Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous.)

Scalar ~~multiplication~~ multiple of continuous functions is continuous.

So $af \in U_2$.

So U_2 is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{[0,1]}$.

Sum of Subspace


1.36 Definition: Sum of subsets

Let U_1, \dots, U_m be subsets of V . The sum of U_1, \dots, U_m is denoted $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ and is the set of all possible sums of elements of U_1, \dots, U_m .

In other words, $U_1 + \dots + U_m = \{u_1 + \dots + u_m : u_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m \in U_m\}$

1.37 Example. Let \mathbb{F}^3 be a vector space. $(x, 0, 0) \in U$
 $(0, y, 0) \in W$
Let $U = \{(x, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : x \in \mathbb{F}\}$
and $W = \{(0, y, 0) \in \mathbb{F}^3 : y \in \mathbb{F}\}$
Then $U+W = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{F}\}$

$(x, 0, 0) \in U$
 $(0, y, 0) \in W$
 $(x, 0, 0) + (0, y, 0) \in U+W$
 $= (x+0, 0+y, 0+0) \in U+W$
 $= (x, y, 0) \in U+W$

1.39 Sum of Subspaces is the smallest containing subspace. 

Suppose U_1, \dots, U_m are subspaces of V . Prove that $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is the SMALLEST subspace of V containing U_1, \dots, U_m .

Proof: First, we ~~claim~~ claim that $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a subspace of V .

Since U_1, \dots, U_m are subspaces of V we have:

Additive Identity: $0 \in U_1, \dots, 0 \in U_m$

Closed Under Addition: $u_1, w_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m, w_m \in U_m$ imply

$$u_1 + w_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m + w_m \in U_m.$$

Closed Under Scalar Multiplication: $a \in \mathbb{F}, u_1 \in U_1, \dots, u_m \in U_m$ imply

$$au_1 \in U_1, \dots, au_m \in U_m.$$

~~we~~ we have $0 = \underbrace{0 + \dots + 0}_m \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$

So $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ contains the additive identity.

We also have: If $u, w \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$ then we can write

$$u = u_1 + \dots + u_m \text{ and } w = w_1 + \dots + w_m.$$

$$\text{So } u+w = (u_1 + \dots + u_m) + (w_1 + \dots + w_m)$$

$$= (u_1 + w_1) + \dots + (u_m + w_m) \in U_1 + \dots + U_m.$$

Therefore, $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is closed under addition.

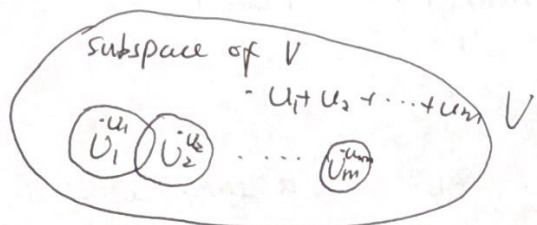
Let $a \in F$. We also have $au = a(u_1 + \dots + u_m)$
 $= au_1 + \dots + au_m \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$

Therefore, $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is closed under scalar multiplication.

So $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ a subspace of V .

Next, we claim that $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is the **SMALLEST** subspace of V containing U_1, \dots, U_m .

Let $i=1, \dots, m$. Let $x_i \in U_i$. Then $x_i = \underbrace{0 + \dots + 0}_{i-1 \text{ terms}} + \underbrace{x_i}_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ term}} + \underbrace{0 + \dots + 0}_{m-i \text{ terms}}$



$$\in U_1 + \dots + U_{i-1} + U_i + U_{i+1} + \dots + U_m$$

$$= U_1 + \dots + U_m$$

Observe that every subspace of V that contains U_1, \dots, U_m must also contain finite sums of elements of U_1, \dots, U_m .

(This is due to the property of closed under addition for subspaces.)
 This means in particular that every subspace that contains U_1, \dots, U_m must contain the subspace $U_1 + \dots + U_m$.

Since $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is contained in every subspace that contains U_1, \dots, U_m .

So $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is the **SMALLEST** subspace that contains U_1, \dots, U_m .

Direct Sums

1.40 Definition: direct sum

Let U_1, \dots, U_m be subspaces of V . Then $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum if each element of $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is written in only one way as the sum $u_1 + \dots + u_m$, where $u_i \in U_i, \dots, u_m \in U_m$.

• $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$ is the NOTATION to denote the direct sum.

1.44 Condition of a direct sum

Let U_1, \dots, U_m be subspaces of V . Then $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum if and only if the only way to write 0 as a sum $u_1 + \dots + u_m$, where $u_i \in U_i, \dots, u_m \in U_m$, is by taking $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$.

Proof:

Forward direction: If $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum, then the only way to write 0 is taking $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$.

Suppose $U_1 \oplus \dots \oplus U_m$ is a direct sum.

Then, by definition of the direct sum, we can only write 0 in one way - by taking $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$ as a sum $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ ($0 = u_1 + \dots + u_m$).

Backward direction: If the only way to write 0 as a sum $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ is by taking $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$, then $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum.

Suppose the only way to write $0 = u_1 + \dots + u_m$ is to take $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$.

We claim that $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum. Let $v \in U_1 + \dots + U_m$.

Then by 1.40, we can write $v = u_1 + \dots + u_m$ where $u_i \in U_i, \dots, u_m \in U_m$.

We need to show that this representation is unique. To show this,

consider ANOTHER representation $v = v_1 + \dots + v_m$ where $v_1 \in U_1, \dots, v_m \in U_m$. Subtract \star and \star , we get $0 = (u_1 - v_1) + \dots + (u_m - v_m)$.

Since we assumed in the backward direction that the only way to write 0 as a sum $u_1 + \dots + u_m$ is to take $u_1 = 0, \dots, u_m = 0$, we have from $\star - \star$ that we need to take

$$u_1 - v_1 = 0, \dots, u_m - v_m = 0$$

So $u_1 = v_1, \dots, u_m = v_m$.

So $v = v_1 + \dots + v_m$
 $= u_1 + \dots + u_m$

Therefore, our representation of v is unique, that is, written in only ONE way.

So $U_1 + \dots + U_m$ is a direct sum.

1.45 Direct sum of two spaces.

Suppose U and W are subspaces of V . Then $U+W$ is a direct sum if and only if $U \cap W = \{0\}$.

Forward direction: If $U+W$ is a direct sum, then $U \cap W = \{0\}$.

Suppose $U+W$ is a direct sum. Suppose $v \in U \cap W$

Then $0 = v + (-v)$,

where $v \in U$ and $-v \in W$. Since $0 \in U+W$, by the definition of direct sum, we can write 0 in ONLY ONE way.

Namely, we conclude $v=0$. Therefore, $U \cap W \subset \{0\}$.

At the same time, we know that $U \cap W$ is a subspace of V , which means in particular $0 \in U \cap W$, or $\{0\} \subset U \cap W$.

Since $U \cap W \subset \{0\}$ and $\{0\} \subset U \cap W$, we conclude $U \cap W = \{0\}$.

Backward direction: If $U \cap W = \{0\}$, then $U+W$ is a direct sum.

Suppose $U \cap W = \{0\}$. Let $u \in U$, $w \in W$ satisfy $0 = u+w$.

But $0 = u+w$ implies $u = -w \in W$.

So $u \in U$ and $u \in W$; namely, $u \in U \cap W$.

So $u \in \{0\}$, and so $u=0$.

And $0 = u+w$ with $u=0$ implies $w=0$.

So the only way to write 0 as a sum $u+w$ is to take $u=0, w=0$.

By 1.44, $U+W$ is a direct sum.