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Quotients of Vector Spaces

3.79 Definition

Suppose $v \in V$ and U is a subspace of V .

Then $v+U$ is the subset of V .

defined

$$v+U = \{v+u : u \in U\}$$

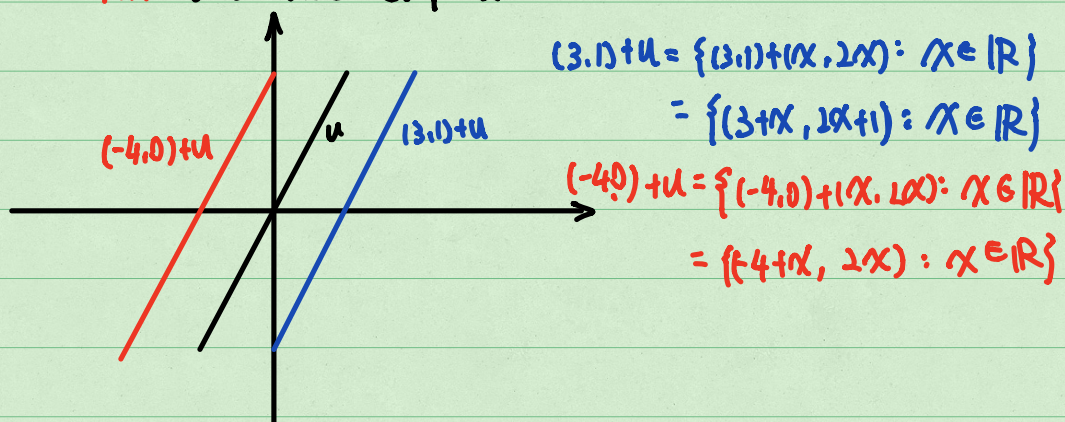
3.80 Example

Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $U = \{(x, 2x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Then U is the line in \mathbb{R}^2 through the origin with slope 2.

So $(3, 1) + U$ is a line in \mathbb{R}^2 that contains the point $(3, 1)$ and has slope 2.

and $(-4, 0) + U$ is a line in \mathbb{R}^2 that contains the point $(-4, 0)$ and has slope 2.



Prove: Since $(7, 0)$ and $(17, 20)$ lie on the same line,

$$(7, 0) + U = (17, 20) + U$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Proof: } (17, 20) + U &= \{(17, 20) + (x, 2x) : (x, 2x) \in U\} \\
&= \{(17+x, 20+2x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
(7, 0) + U &= \{(7, 0) + (x, 2x) : (x, 2x) \in U\} \\
&= \{(7+x, 2x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
&= \{(17-10x, 20+2x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
&= \{(17-(10-x), 20-2(10-x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
\text{let } y &= 10-x &= \{(17+y, 20+2y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
\text{Since } x &\in \mathbb{R} &= \{(17, 20) + (y, 2y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
\therefore y &\in \mathbb{R} &= (17, 20) + U
\end{aligned}$$

3.81 Definition

- An affine subset of V is a subset of V of the form $v+U$ for some $v \in V$ and some subspace U of V .
- If U is a subspace of V , for all $v \in V$, the affine subset $v+U$ is said to be parallel to U .

3.82 Example

- Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $U = \{(x, 2x) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ as in Example 3.80. Then all the lines in \mathbb{R}^2 with slope 2 are parallel to U . And these lines are affine subsets in \mathbb{R}^2 .

- Let $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $U = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3, x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Then the affine subsets of \mathbb{R}^3 are all the planes in \mathbb{R}^3 that are parallel to U .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{for example, } (0, 0, 2) + U &= \{(0, 0, 2) + (x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \\
&= \{(x, y, 2) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}
\end{aligned}$$

is an affine subset of \mathbb{R}^3 and is parallel to U .

3.83 Definition

Let U be a subspace of V . Then the quotient space V/U is the set of all affine subsets of V parallel to U .

Written: $V/U = \{v+U : v \in V\}$

3.84 Example:

• If $U = \{(x, 2x) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$, then \mathbb{R}^2/U is the set of all lines in \mathbb{R}^2 that have slope 2.

• If U is a line in \mathbb{R}^3 containing the origin, then \mathbb{R}^3/U is the set of all lines in \mathbb{R}^3 , parallel to U .

For example, $U = \{(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\mathbb{R}^3/U_1 = \{(0, 0, z) + U : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$U_2 = \{(0, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\mathbb{R}^3/U_2 = \{(x, 0, 0) + U_2 : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$

3.85 Two affine subsets parallel to U are equal or disjoint.

Let U be a subspace of V and $v, w \in V$.

Then the following are equivalent:

a). $v-w \in U$

b). $v+U = w+U$

c). $(v+U) \cap (w+U) = \emptyset$

Proof: a) implies b)

Suppose a) holds: $v-w \in U$ let $u \in U$ be arbitrary.

Since U is a subspace of V , in particular it is closed under addition. Since $u \in U$ and $v-w \in U$, we have $(v-w)+u \in U$. for all $u \in U$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}v+u &= w+v-w+u \in V \\ &= w+(v-w+u) \in w+U\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore v+U \subset w+U$$

Similarly, for all $u \in U$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}w+u &= v+w-v+u \\ &= v+(-v+w)+u \in U \\ &\in v+U\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore w+U \subset v+U$$

So we conclude the set equality.

$$v+U = w+U. \text{ which is b.}$$

b) implies c)

Suppose b) holds: $v+U = w+U$

Then there exists $u \in U$ that

$$v+u \in v+U = w+U$$

$$\therefore v+u \in v+U \text{ and } v+u \in w+U.$$

$$\text{That is, } v+u \in (v+U) \cap (w+U)$$

In other words,

$$(v+U) \cap (w+U) \neq \emptyset, \text{ which is c)}$$

c) implies a)

Suppose c) holds: $(v+U) \cap (w+U) \neq \emptyset$. Then there exist

$$\begin{aligned}u_1, u_2 \in U \text{ that satisfies} \\ v+u_1 &= w+u_2\end{aligned}$$

Since U is a subspace of V , it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, which means $u_1, u_2 \in U$. In fact, we have, $v-w = u_2 - u_1$
 $= -(u_1 - u_2) \in U,$

which is a).

3.86 Definition

Let U be a subspace of V . Then:

- addition is defined on V/U by

$$(v+U) + (w+U) = (v+w) + U$$

- scalar multiplication is defined on V/U by

$$\lambda(v+U) = (\lambda v) + U$$

3.87 Quotient space is a vector space

Let U be a subspace of V . Then V/U is a vector space with respect to the operations defined in 3.86.

Proof:

Let $v, w \in V$ be arbitrary.

First, we need to show that the operations of addition and scalar multiplication make sense of V/U .

Suppose $\hat{v}, \hat{w} \in V$ satisfy $v+U = \hat{v}+U$ and $w+U = \hat{w}+U$.

First, we will show that addition makes sense on V/U .

Since U is a subspace of V , it is closed under addition.

So $(v+\hat{v}) + (w-\hat{w}) \in U$.

or $(v-w) - (\hat{v}-\hat{w}) \in U$

$$\text{By 3.85 } (v+w)+U = (v+w)+U$$

So addition makes sense on V/U

Now, let $\lambda \in F$ be arbitrary. Suppose $\hat{v} \in V$ satisfy $v+U = \hat{v}+U$. By 3.85, $v-\hat{v} \in U$. Since U is a subspace of V , it is closed under scalar multiplication. Which means $\lambda(v-\hat{v}) \in U$.

So we have,

$$\lambda v - \lambda \hat{v} = \lambda(v - \hat{v}) \in U$$

$$\text{By 3.85 } \lambda v + U = \lambda \hat{v} + U$$

So scalar multiplication makes sense on V/U .

Next, we will show that V/U satisfies all axioms of a vector space.

Let $v, w, x \in V$ and $\lambda \in F$.

- Commutativity: $(v+U) + (w+U) = (v+w)+U$
 $= (w+v)+U$
 $= (w+U) + (v+U)$
- Associativity: $((v+U) + (w+U)) + (x+U) = (v+w+U) + (x+U)$
 $= ((v+w)+x)+U$
 $= (v+(w+x))+U$
 $= (v+U) + ((w+x)+U)$
 $= (v+U) + ((w+U) + (x+U))$
- Additive identity: $(v+U) + (0+U) = (v+0)+U$
 $= v+U$
- Additive inverse: $(v+U) + (-v+U) = (v+(-v))+U$
 $= 0+U$

• Multiplicative identity: $1(v+U) = (1v) + U$
 $= v + U$

• Distributive properties: $a(v+U) + (w+U) = a(v+w) + U$
 $= a(v+w) + U$
 $= (av+aw) + U$
 $= (av+U) + (aw+U)$
 $= a(v+U) + a(w+U)$

and: $(a+b)(v+U) = (a+b)v + U$
 $= (av+bv) + U$
 $= (av+U) + (bv+U)$
 $= a(v+U) + b(v+U)$

3.88 Definition

Let U be a subspace of V . The quotient map is the linear map $\pi: V \rightarrow V/U$ defined by
 $\pi(v) = v+U$ for all $v \in V$.

3.89 Dimension of a quotient space

Suppose V is finite-dimensional and U is a subspace of V . Then $\dim V/U = \dim V - \dim U$

Proof: Let $\pi: V \rightarrow V/U$ be the quotient map.

First, we claim $\text{null } \pi = U$.

Since, $v \in U$, we have $v - 0 = v \in U$, so by 3.85.

$$v+U = 0+U$$

In fact, we have

$$\pi(v) = v+U = 0+U.$$

So $v \in \text{null } \pi$, and so $U \subset \text{null } \pi$.

If $v \in \text{null } \pi$, then $\pi(v) = 0+U$.

Since we also have $\pi(v) = v+U$.

We conclude,

$$v+U = 0+U$$

By 3.85 $v = v-0 \in U$

So $\text{null } \pi \subset U$.

Therefore, we conclude the set equality $\text{null } \pi = U$.

Next claim, $\text{range } \pi = V/U$

July.23 Let $w \in \text{range } \pi$

Then $w = \pi(v)$ for some $v \in V$

By 3.88.

We have $w = \pi(v)$

$$= v+U \in V/U$$

\therefore We get $\text{range } \pi \subset V/U$

Suppose we have $v+U \in V/U$

By 3.88

$v+U = \pi(v) \in \text{range } \pi$

So $V/U \subset \text{range } \pi$

$\therefore \text{range } \pi = V/U$