

4.1: Intro to Linear Spaces.

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Def: V is a linear space (vector space)

if $\forall f, g \in V$ and $c, k \in \mathbb{R}$

(1) $(f+g)+h = f+(g+h)$

(2) $f+g = g+f$

(3) \exists a neutral element $\mu \in V$ s.t. $f+\mu = f \forall f \in V$.
 μ is unique and denoted by 0 .

(4) $\forall f \in V \exists g \in V$ s.t. $f+g = 0$. This g is unique & denoted by $(-f)$.

(5) $L(f+g) = Lf + Lg$

(6) $(c+k)f = cf + kf$

(7) $L(kf) = (ck)f$

(8) $1f = f$.

Key: A linear space is a set over which addition and scalar mult. are defined. Zero must be defined.

examples

\mathbb{R}^n

$F(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$

(set of sets from $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

matrices.

\mathbb{R}

\mathbb{C}

Def: A subset W of a linear space V is called a subspace of V if.

- (a) W contains the neutral element 0 of V .
- (b) W is closed under addition.
- (c) W is closed under scalar mult.

Which are subspaces.

Ex: Diagonal 3×3 matrices

Ex: 3×3 matrices w/ non-neg. entries

Ex: 3×3 matrices in RREF form.

Ex: The geometric sequences.

Def: Span, LI, Basis, & coords in a linear space.

Thm: If a lin. space V has a basis w/ n elements, then all other bases of V consist of n elements as well. We say $\dim(V) = n$.

To find a basis...

- (a) write a typical element in terms of arb. const.
- (b) using the arb. constants as coefficients, express your typical element as a lin comb. of some elements of V . (SPAN)
- (c) verify that these elements of V are L.I.
... if so, it is a basis.

Find a basis & determine dim.

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ex: The space of all diag 2×2 matrices

ex: The space of all polys ^{$f(x)$} in P_2 s.t. $f(x) = 0$.

ex: The space of all matrices s.t. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} S = S \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$