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**Announcements** Hand in 6.2 #27 Monday. Hand in #7, 8, 13 from 3.7 handout on Wednesday.

**Definition** A set  $V$  is a **vector space** over a field  $F$  if  $V$  is an Abelian group and for each  $a \in F, u \in V$ , there is an element  $au \in V$  such that  
(1)  $a(u + v) = au + av$ ; (2)  $(a + b)v = av + bv$ ;  
(3)  $a(bv) = (ab)v$ ; (4)  $1_F u = u$

**Example**  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
 $n \times n$  matrices over field,  $F$ , is a vector space over  $F$   
For fields  $E$  and  $F$  such that  $E \subseteq F$ ,  $F$  is a vector space over  $E$

**Proposition** (1)  $0_F \bullet v = 0_V$ ; (2)  $-1_F \bullet v = -v$

**Proof:** You do it.

Note that  $0_F \bullet v \in V$ , thus its inverse  $-(0_F \bullet v) \in V$ , and by definition of additive inverses in an Abelian group,  $0_F \bullet v + -(0_F \bullet v) = 0_V$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad 0_F \bullet v &= 0_F \bullet v + 0_V \\
 &= 0_F \bullet v + 0_F \bullet v + -(0_F \bullet v) \text{ (by comment noted above)} \\
 &= (0_F + 0_F)v + -0_F \bullet v \text{ (definition vector space)} \\
 &= 0_F \bullet v + -0_F \bullet v \\
 &= 0_V
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad -1_F \bullet v &= -1_F \bullet v + 0_V \\
 &= -1_F \bullet v + v + -v \\
 &= -1_F \bullet v + 1_F \bullet v + -v \text{ (definition vector space)} \\
 &= (-1_F + 1_F)v + -v \\
 &= 0_F v + -v \\
 &= 0_V + -v \text{ (by part (1))} \\
 &= -v
 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition** Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$ . Let  $U \subseteq V$ . We say  $U$  is a *subspace* of  $V$  if  $U$  is a vector space over  $F$  under the same operations as in  $V$ .

**Proposition** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . Let  $U \subseteq V$ . Then  $U$  is a subspace iff

- (1)  $U \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (2)  $u + v \in U \forall u, v \in U$ ;
- (3)  $au \in U \forall a \in F, u \in U$ .

**Proof:** HW

To prove the forward implication assume  $U$  is a subspace.

Then we have that  $U$  is an Abelian group, hence  $0 \in U$ , and so  $U \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $u, v \in U$ , then by additive closure of the Abelian group  $U$ ,  $u + v \in U$ .

If  $a \in F$  and  $u \in U$ , then as  $U$  is a vector space over  $F$ , we have  $au \in U$ .

To prove the converse, assume  $U \subseteq V$  and the three properties hold.

Let  $u \in U$ . We know  $u$  exists by (1)  $U \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $0_F \in F$ , then  $0_F \cdot u \in U$  by (3). Since  $u \in V$  and  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ , then  $0_F \cdot u = 0_V$ . Thus  $0_V \in U$ .

Similarly  $-1_F \cdot u \in -u \in U$ .

So then if  $u, v \in U$ , we have  $-v \in U$  and (2) gives us that  $u - v \in U$ .

Thus  $U \leq V$ . Since  $U \subseteq V$ , then  $U$  inherits its operations from  $V$ .

$\therefore U$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Definition** Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over  $F$ . A mapping  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is said to be a *linear transformation* if

$$(1) T(u + v) = T(u) + T(v) \forall u, v \in V.$$

$$(2) T(au) = aT(u) \forall a \in F, u \in V.$$

**Example**  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Definition** A set  $S$  of vectors is said to be *linearly dependent* over  $F$  if there are vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in S$  such that  $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$  where  $a_i \in F$  and not all the  $a_i$  are 0.

**Example**  $\{1 + i, i, 2 + 3i\}$  is linearly dependent over  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $-2(1 + i) + -1 \cdot i + 2 + 3i = 0$ .

**Definition** A set  $S$  *spans* the vector space  $V$  if for every element  $v \in V$  there are vectors  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in S$  such that  $v = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$  for some  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

**Example**  $\{1 + i, i, 2 + 3i\}$  spans the vector space  $\mathbb{C}$  as we can write  $a + bi = 3a(1 + i) + bi + -a(2 + 3i) \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition** A set  $S$  is a *basis* for  $V$  if  $S$  is a linearly independent set and  $\text{span}(S) = V$  where  $\text{span}(S) = \{ a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \cdots + a_nv_n \mid a_i \in F, v_i \in S, n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ .

**Example**  $\{1, i\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\{1 + i, 2i\}$  is also a basis for  $\mathbb{C}$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , as we can write  
 $a + bi = a(1 + i) + \frac{1}{2}(b - a)2i$  for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Example**  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is linearly independent  $\Rightarrow$   
 $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + a_3v_3 = 0$  only if  $a_i = 0 \forall i$ .

**Examples**  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$   
 $\{1, i\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}[i]$ .

**Theorem** Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots\}$  be an infinite basis for a vector space  $V$ . Then any basis for  $V$  will be infinite.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

Then  $w_1 = a_{1_1}v_1 + a_{2_1}v_2 + \cdots + a_{m_1}v_{m_1}$

where  $m_1$  is the largest index of the  $a_{i_1}$ 's such that  $a_{i_1} \neq 0$ .

And  $w_2 = a_{1_2}v_1 + a_{2_2}v_2 + \cdots + a_{m_2}v_{m_2}$  where

where  $m_2$  is the largest index of the  $a_{i_2}$ 's such that  $a_{i_2} \neq 0$ .

Let  $m_r$  be the largest index of the  $a_{i_r}$ 's such that  $a_{i_r} \neq 0$  for at least one of the linear combinations for  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ .

Let  $t > m_r$ . Then since  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ ,

$v_t$  is a linear combination of  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ , hence is a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{m_r}$ . Thus  $v_t = a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_{m_r}v_{m_r}$ .

But then  $0 = -1_F v_t + a_1v_1 + \cdots + a_{m_r}v_{m_r}$  not all  $a_i$ 's are 0, namely  $-1_F$ , a contradiction to linear independence of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots\}$ .

Thus any basis for  $V$  must be infinite.

**Theorem** If  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$ , and  $X = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , then every basis for  $V$  has  $n$  vectors.

**Proof:**

Let  $Y = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  be another basis.

Without loss of generality, we can assume  $n \leq m$ .

$w_1 \in \text{span}(X)$ , so  $w_1 = a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n$  for some  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F$ .

Since  $w_1$  is an element in a basis,  $w_1 \neq 0$ , and  $\exists a_i$  such that  $a_i \neq 0$ .

Without loss of generality, assume  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then

$$v_1 = a_1^{-1}(w_1 - a_2v_2 - \dots - a_nv_n).$$

Then  $\text{span}(X) = \text{span}\{w_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . \*\*Go through this.

Let  $u \in V$ . Then, since  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ , we have

$$u = b_1v_1 + b_2v_2 + \dots + b_nv_n \text{ for some } b_i \in F.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } u &= b_1(a_1^{-1}(w_1 - a_2v_2 - \dots - a_nv_n) + b_2v_2 + \dots + b_nv_n \\ &= d_1w_1 + d_2v_2 + \dots + d_nv_n \text{ where } d_1 = b_1a_1^{-1} \text{ and } d_i = b_1a_i \text{ for } i \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $u \in \text{span}\{w_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . So  $\{w_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  spans  $V$ .

Now  $w_2 \in V$ , hence  $w_2 \in \text{span}\{w_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , so

$$w_2 = k_1w_1 + k_2v_2 + \dots + k_nv_n \text{ for some } k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \in F.$$

We claim  $k_i \neq 0$  for some  $i = 2, \dots, n$  (otherwise  $w_2 = k_1w_1$ , which contradicts linear independence of the  $w_i$ 's).

Without loss of generality, assume  $k_2 \neq 0$ . Then

$$v_2 = k_2^{-1}(k_1w_1 - k_3v_3 - \dots - k_nv_n).$$

We now have  $\text{span}\{w_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} = \text{span}\{w_1, w_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Continuing, we get  $\text{span}\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\} = V$ .

If  $n < m$ , then  $w_{n+1} \in \text{span}\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ , hence is a linear combination of  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ . This contradicts the linear independence of the  $w$ 's.  $\therefore n = m$ .

**Definition** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $F$ . The *dimension* of  $V$  is the size of the basis.

**Theorem** If  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$  and  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = V$ , then there is a set  $B \subseteq \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $B$  is a basis for  $V$ .

**Proof:**

If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent, then  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and we're done.

If not, then  $\exists a_i \in F$ , not all 0, such that  $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n = 0$ .

Without loss of generality assume  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then

$$v_1 = a_1^{-1}(-a_2v_2 - \dots - a_nv_n). \text{ Thus, } \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = \text{span}\{v_2, \dots, v_n\}.$$

We can continue in this manner deleting  $v_i$ 's until the remaining elements are linearly independent.

**Theorem** If  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is a linearly independent set, then there is a set  $B$  such that  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is a basis for  $V$ .

**Proof:**

If  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} = V$ , then  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and we're done.

If not,  $\exists v_{n+1} \in V$  such that  $v_{n+1} \notin \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Claim:  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}\}$  is a linearly independent set.

Suppose  $a_1v_1 + a_2v_2 + \dots + a_nv_n + a_{n+1}v_{n+1} = 0$ .

If  $a_{n+1} \neq 0$ , then  $v_{n+1} = a_{n+1}^{-1}(-a_1v_1 - a_2v_2 - \dots - a_nv_n)$ .

But this contradicts that  $v_{n+1} \notin \text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  by assumption.

So  $a_{n+1} = 0$ . And by linear independence of  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ , all  $a_i = 0$ , hence

$\{v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}\}$  is a linearly independent set.

If  $\text{span}\{v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}\} = V$ , then  $B = \{v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}\}$  are we're done.

If not, repeat the procedure until  $\{v_1, \dots, v_t\} = V$  for some  $t$ .