

## Vector Spaces and Subspaces

- ① Let  $v = (3, 4) \in V$ . Then:  
 $1 \boxplus v = 1 \boxplus (3, 4) = (-4, 3) \neq (3, 4)$ . So VS 5 fails. (on the exam, you don't have to quote the number of the axiom.) There are other VS axioms that fail here, but you only need to pick one.
- ② If  $T$  is linear,  $T: V \rightarrow W$ , then  $T(0_V) = 0_W$ .  
Here  $T(0_V) = 0_V$ , so  $0_V \in W$ .  
Let  $x, y \in W$ . Then  $T(x+y) = T(x) + T(y) = x+y$ . So  $x+y \in W$ .  
Let  $\lambda \in F$  and  $x \in W$ . Then  $T(\lambda x) = \lambda T(x) = \lambda x$ . So  $\lambda x \in W$ .
- ③ Let  $f_0$  refer to the zero vector in  $V$ . That is,  $f_0(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Then  $f_0(1) = 0 = -f(2)$ , so  $f_0 \in V$ .  
Suppose  $f, g \in V$ . Then  $(f+g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = -f(2) - g(2) = -(f+g)(2)$ .  
Then  $f+g \in V$ .  
Suppose  $f \in V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(\lambda f)(1) = \lambda(f(1)) = \lambda(-f(2)) = -(\lambda f)(2)$ .  
So  $\lambda f \in V$ .
- ④ Not a subspace. To prepare for the exam, come up with at least three reasons why not.

⑤  $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

then  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $W_1$ .

Set  $a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

then  $\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ a_3 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so all the  $a_i = 0$ .

then our spanning set is independent, so a basis.

$\dim(W_1) = 3$ .

$W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & b \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ a \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$   
 $= \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ . Setting  $a_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + a_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$ ,

we get  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 \\ -a_1 & a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $a_1 = a_2 = 0$ .

$\dim(W_2) = 2$

For  $W_1 \cap W_2$ , since  $a_{11} = 0$  in  $W_2$  and  $a_{11} = a_{22}$  in  $W_1$ ,  
 $a_{11} = a_{22} = 0$  in the intersection.  $W_1$  has no restriction on  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{21}$ , so only the restriction in  $W_2$  applies. then  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = 1$ .

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in W_1 + W_2$ .

Since  $A$  is arbitrary, we have  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq W_1 + W_2$ .

Since  $W_1 + W_2 \subseteq M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  by definition, we have

$$W_1 + W_2 = M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}). \text{ So } \dim(W_1 + W_2) = 4. \text{ A}$$

basis would be the standard basis.

### Spanning, Independence, Bases.

① If  $a(u+v) + b(u+2v) = 0$ , then  
 $(a+b)u + (a+2b)v = 0$ . Since  $\{u, v\}$  is independent,  
 $a+b=0$  and  $a+2b=0$ . So  $a+b - (a+2b) = -b = 0$ . Then  $a=0$ .  
 So  $\{u+v, u+2v\}$  is independent. Since it's an independent  
 set of size 2 in a space of dimension 2, it's a basis.

② (a) Let  $a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 = 0$  be a non-trivial representation of zero.  
 Then  $T(a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2) = a_1 T(v_1) + a_2 T(v_2) = 0$ . Since  
 for  $a_1, a_2$  are not both zero, this is a non-trivial representation  
 as well.

(b) This is false. Come up with a counterexample.

③ Consider the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\} =$   
 $\{(1, 0, \dots, -1), (0, 1, \dots, -1), (0, 0, 1, \dots, -1), \dots, (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, -1)\}$ .

Then  $S$  spans  $W$ , as  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i v_i = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, -(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}))$

If  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i v_i = 0$ , then  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{n-1} = 0$ , via corresponding

coordinates with  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

So  $S$  is a basis, and  $\dim(W) = n-1$ .

④ Since  $W_i \neq V$ ,  $\dim W_i \leq n-1$ . This is because a subset of  $V$   
 of dimension  $n$  would be equal to  $V$ .

Suppose  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = n-1$  as well. Since  $W_1 \cap W_2 \subseteq W_1$ ,  
 we'd have  $W_1 \cap W_2 = W_1$  in that case. For the same  
 reason we'd have  $W_1 \cap W_2 = W_2$ . Then, if  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2) = n-1$ ,  
 $W_1 = W_2$ . So  $\dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$  is at most  $n-2$ .

⑤ Suppose  $a_1(v_1+w) + a_2(v_2+w) + \dots + a_n(v_n+w) = 0$ , and not all the  $a_i$  are zero.

$$\text{Then } a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)w = 0.$$

Since  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is independent,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \neq 0$ . Let  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\sum a_i}$ .

Thus  $\lambda$  exists, because  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  is a non-zero element in a field.

$$\text{Then } w = \frac{a_1}{\lambda}v_1 + \dots + \frac{a_n}{\lambda}v_n. \text{ Hence } w \in \text{span}\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}.$$

## Transformations

① If  $R(T) = N(T)$ , then rank + nullity of  $T$  is an even number. But the Dimension theorem says rank + nullity =  $\dim(V)$ , which is odd. So not possible.

Note: If  $\dim(V)$  is even, this is possible.

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ by } T(a, b) = (b, 0).$$

②  $T$  can't be onto anyway. The rank  $(T) \leq \dim(\mathbb{R}^5)$  by the dimension theorem. So it's not possible for  $R(T) = P_5(\mathbb{R})$ , since  $\dim(P_5) = 6$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \textcircled{4} T(\lambda A + B) &= T \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_{11} + b_{11} & \lambda a_{12} + b_{12} \\ \lambda a_{21} + b_{21} & \lambda a_{22} + b_{22} \end{pmatrix} = (\lambda a_{11} + b_{11} - (\lambda a_{22} + b_{22}), -2(\lambda a_{22} + b_{22}) - \lambda a_{12} + b_{12}) \\ &= (\lambda(a_{11} - a_{22}) + b_{11} - b_{22}, \lambda(-2a_{22} - a_{12}) + (-2b_{22} - b_{12})) \\ &= \lambda(a_{11} - a_{22}, -2a_{22} - a_{12}) + (b_{11} - b_{22}, -2b_{22} - b_{12}) \\ &= \lambda T(A) + T(B). \end{aligned}$$

⑥  $N(T)$  satisfies  $a_{11} = a_{22}$ ,  $a_{12} = -2a_{22}$ .

$$N(T) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & -2a_{11} \\ a_{21} & a_{11} \end{pmatrix} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

These vectors are not multiples of each other, so independent.  
Then a basis for  $N(T)$  is  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ .

$T(E^{11}) = (1, 0)$ ,  $T(E^{12}) = (0, -1)$ . Since  $\{(1, 0), (0, -1)\}$  is independent, it must be a basis for  $R(T)$ , as  $\dim V - \dim(N(T)) = 4 - 2 = 2$ . So we know  $\dim(R(T)) = 2$ .

4. (a)  $T: P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_3(\mathbb{R})$  by  $T(f) = f$ . (Clearly  $N(T) = \{0\}$ , so  $T$  is one-to-one. But  $T$  is not onto, as  $x^3 \notin \text{Ran}(T)$ .)

(b)  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $T(a,b) = a$ .

Not one-to-one as  $T(1,0) = T(1,1)$ .

Onto, as for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $T(x,0) = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad T(\lambda f + g) &= x((\lambda f + g)(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(\lambda f + g)(x) \\ &= x((\lambda f)(x) + g(x)) + \frac{d}{dx}(\lambda f)(x) + \frac{d}{dx}(g(x)) \\ &= \lambda x f(x) + x g(x) + \lambda f'(x) + g'(x) \\ &= \lambda x f(x) + \lambda f'(x) + x g(x) + g'(x) \\ &= \lambda T(f(x)) + T(g(x)). \end{aligned}$$