

## Section 3.4

## Subspaces

Def: A subspace  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subset of  $V$  which in itself a vector space.

Remember:

A vector space is a set whose elements are

- 1) closed under addition
- 2) closed under scalar multiplication
- 3) satisfy all 8 axioms on page 157

our vector space  $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

The set  $V$  is:

closed under addition

- if  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in V$ , then  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

closed under scalar multiplication

- if  $\vec{u} \in V$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\gamma\vec{u} \in V$

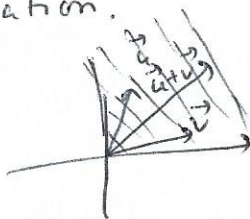
Ex.

Determine if

$S =$  1st quadrant of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is closed under addition or scalar multiplication.

addition

Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in S$



Scalar

$S$  is closed under

scalar multy

let

$\vec{u} \in S$ , let  $s = -1$

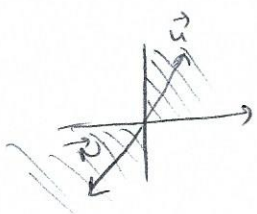
Then  $-u \notin S$

$S$  is not closed under scalar multiplication

Determine if

$T = 1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  quadrant of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

is closed under addition or scalar multiplication.



addition?  
Let  $u, v \in S$ .  $T$  is not closed under addition.

Scalar mult?  
 $T$  is closed under scalar multiplication

Ex: Let  $V$  be any vector space and let  $S = \{ \vec{0} \}$

$S$  is closed under addition.

$$\vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} \in S$$

$S$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

$$\vec{0} \in S \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda \vec{0} = \vec{0} \in S$$

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you can check for yourself

all the axioms are satisfied

$S = \{ \vec{0} \}$  is a subspace of any vector space.

$S =$  "zero vector space"

Theorem:

if a non-empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, then it is a subspace of  $V$ .

Let  $V = M_{23}$   $\rightarrow$  vector space of all  $2 \times 3$  matrices.

Let  $S =$  the set of all  $2 \times 3$  matrices with second row = all zeros.

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$S$   
is  $S$  a subspace of  $M_{23}$ ?

closed under addition?

Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in S$ , so,  $u = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $v = \begin{bmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

where  $u_{11}, u_{12}, u_{13}, \dots, v_{13} \in \mathbb{R}$

Then  $u + v = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} + v_{11} & u_{12} + v_{12} & u_{13} + v_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in S$

$\Rightarrow S$  is closed under addition

closed under scalar mult?

Let  $u \in S$  and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$

$u = \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $r \in \mathbb{R}$

Then  $ru = r \begin{bmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} & u_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ru_{11} & ru_{12} & ru_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow S$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$

Let  $S =$  the  $x$ -axis and the  $y$ -axis

$S = \{ (x, 0) \parallel (0, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$

closure under addition

Let  $u, v \in S$

Let  $u = (1, 0)$ ,  $v = (0, 1)$ , then  
 $u + v = (1, 1) \notin S$

$S$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$

$S = x-y$  plane

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

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closure:

Let  $u, v \in S$

$$u = (u_{11}, u_{12}, 0), \quad v = (v_{11}, v_{12}, 0)$$

$$u + v = (u_{11} + v_{11}, u_{12} + v_{12}, 0) \in S$$

\*1st thing to check for a subspace  
Does the subset contain zero vector if not

it is not subspace.