

Solutions Day 29, F 3/15/2024

Topic 13: Linear Algebra

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Problem 1. Which of the following are vector spaces?

- (a) \mathbf{R}^2
- (b) $\{ \text{all functions of } t \}$
- (c) $\{ (x, 1) \mid x \text{ any value} \}$
- (d) Set of all solutions to $P(D)x = 0$.
- (e) Set of all solutions to $P(D)x = \cos(3t)$
- (f) $\{ (x, 0, z) \}$

Solution: (a) Yes. This is a vector space, i.e., it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication. That is, $\langle x_1, y_1 \rangle + \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle = \langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \rangle$ is in \mathbf{R}^2 . Likewise, $c\langle x, y \rangle = \langle cx, cy \rangle$ is in \mathbf{R}^2 .

(b) Yes. If $f(t)$, $g(t)$ are functions and c is a scalar, then $f + g$ and cf are also functions.

(c) No. $(2, 1)$ and $(3, 1)$ are in the set, but $(2, 1) + (3, 1) = (5, 2)$ is not in the set. So the set is not closed under addition.

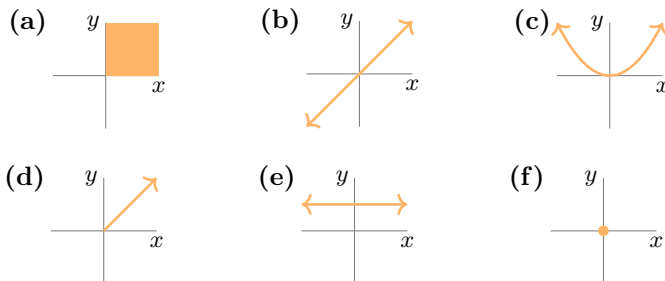
Alternatively: $0 \cdot (2, 1) = (0, 0)$ is not in the set. So it is not closed under scalar multiplication.

(d) Yes. Adding or scaling homogeneous solutions gives another homogeneous solution (this is the superposition principle). So the set is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

(e) No. Suppose x_p is a solution, i.e., $P(D)x_p = \cos(3t)$. Then $2x_p$ is not a solution, i.e., $P(D)(2x_p) = 2\cos(3t) \neq \cos(3t)$. So $2x_p$ is not in the set of solutions, i.e., the set is not closed under scalar multiplication. (Or $0 \cdot x_p = 0$ is not a solution.)

(f) Yes. Closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Problem 2. Are the following shaded (orange) sets vector spaces?

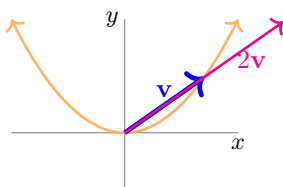


Solution: (a) No. Not closed when scaling by -1 .

(b) Yes. Adding two vectors on a line through the origin produces another vector on the same line. Likewise for scaling.

(c) No. Scaling an origin vector with endpoint on the curve produces a vector not on the

curve.



- (d) No. Not closed when scaling by -1 .
- (e) No. Scaling any vector by 0 gives $\mathbf{0}$, which is not in the set.
- (f) Yes. The set $\{(0,0)\}$ is closed under addition and scalar multiplication.

Problem 3. *Do the following matrix multiplications twice. First as in 18.02. Second as a linear combination of the columns.*

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution: 18.02 style: $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 + 9 \\ -2 + 15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$.

Combination of columns: $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = -1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: 18.02: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 \\ 4 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 1 + 6 \cdot 0 \\ 7 \cdot 0 + 8 \cdot 1 + 9 \cdot 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$.

Combination of columns: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$. (Picks out the middle column.)

Problem 4. *Compute $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$. (Here, \vec{v}_j represents the j th column of the matrix.)*

Solution: Linear combination of the columns:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 & \dots & \vec{v}_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + c_2 \vec{v}_2 + \dots + c_n \vec{v}_n.$$

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