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Define: A set V is a *vector space* if you can *scale* and *add* vectors in V , and

1. V is closed under scaling
2. V is closed under adding
3. addition and scaling works as usual.

Define: Let V be a vector space. A subset $H \subseteq V$ is a subspace

1. $\vec{0} \in H$
2. H is closed under adding
3. H is closed under scaling

Theorem:

$H \subseteq V$ is a subspace of V

and only if

there is a set of vectors \mathcal{U} so that $H = \text{Span } \mathcal{U}$

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1. Let $\mathbb{P}_2 = \{ at^2 + bt + c : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \}$.

Show that \mathbb{P}_2 satisfies the first *three* properties of a real vector space, by showing that \mathbb{P}_2 is closed under scaling and adding, and that addition is commutative.

1. closed under adding: if $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{P}_2$, then $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \in \mathbb{P}_2$

let a, b, c and $d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} + \vec{v} &= (at^2 + bt + c) + (dt^2 + et + f) \\ &= (a+d)t^2 + (b+e)t + (c+f)\end{aligned}$$

NOTE $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in \mathbb{P}_2$, as desired.

2. Closed under scaling: if $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{P}_2$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$
then $(r \cdot \vec{u}) \in \mathbb{P}_2$

let a, b, c and $r \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned}r \cdot \vec{u} &= r \cdot (at^2 + bt + c) \\ &= (ra)t^2 + (rb)t + (rc) \in \mathbb{P}_2 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

3a. adding is commutative if $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{P}_2$, then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$

let $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ be arbitrary

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} + \vec{v} &= (at^2 + bt + c) + (dt^2 + et + f) \\ &= (a+d)t^2 + (b+e)t + (c+f) \\ &= (d+a)t^2 + (e+b)t + (f+c) \\ &= (dt^2 + et + f) + (at^2 + bt + c) = \vec{v} + \vec{u} \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

because adding #'s
is commutative

Note: you can use similar arguments to show that \mathbb{P}_2 also satisfies the other *seven* properties, showing that \mathbb{P}_2 is indeed a vector space.

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2. Let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2p - 3q \\ 4p \\ 1 + q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : p, q \text{ are in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Determine if H is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . If it is, write it as the span of a set of vectors.Claim: H is NOT a subspace.

we will prove that part ① of the defn. fails
(that $\vec{0} \in H$).

proof (by computation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{there are } p, q \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t.} \\ 2p - 3q = 0 \\ 4p = 0 \\ 1 + q = 0 \end{array}$$

So we must have

$$\begin{array}{l} p = 0 \\ \text{and } q = -1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{But then } 2p - 3q = 3 \neq 0.$$

$$\underline{\text{so}} \quad \vec{0} \notin H$$

so H is NOT a subspace.

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3. Let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3s + 2t \\ t - 3s \\ 2t + s \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : s, t \text{ are in } \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Determine if H is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . If it is, write it as the span of a set of vectors.

claim: H is a subspace.

we will prove this by rewriting H as a span.

$$H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3s + 2t \\ -3s + t \\ s + 2t \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} : s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \vec{w} = s \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } s, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$= \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

therefore H is a Span.

because every Span is a space,
it follows that H is a space.