

(b) Is  $V$  a vector subspace of  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$ ?

3. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $W_1, W_2$  be vector subspaces of  $V$ .

(a) Show by example that  $W_1 \cup W_2$  may not be a vector subspace of  $V$ .

(b) Show that if  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a vector subspace, then either  $W_1 \subset W_2$ , or  $W_2 \subset W_1$ .

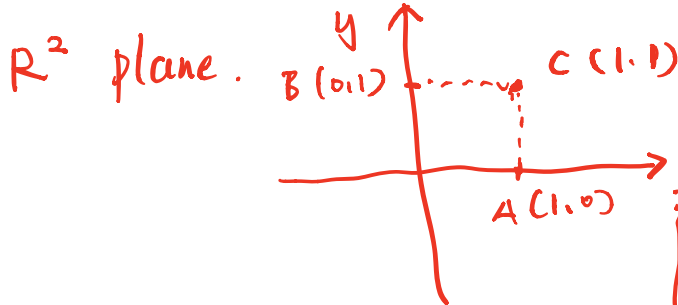
(c) If

$$V = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$$

$n=3$ .

$U_1 \quad U_2 \quad U_3$

for some vector subspaces  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  of  $V$ , show that  $U_i = V$  for some  $i$ .



x-axis:  $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$

y-axis:  $\{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$

Check x and y-axis are both subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$A: (1, 0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$$

$$B: (0, 1) \in \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$C = A + B = (1, 1)$$

Q: Does  $C$  belong x-axis or y-axis?

$C \notin x \cup y$

(b) Here, we assume there exists

$$w_1 \in \underline{W_1 \setminus W_2}$$

$$w_2 \in \underline{W_2 \setminus W_1}$$

$$w_3 = w_1 + w_2 \in W_1 \cup W_2$$

Next. ①  $\underline{w_3} \in \underline{W_1}$

$$- \underline{w_1} + w_3 \in W_1$$

$$= -w_1 + (w_1 + w_2)$$

$$= w_2 \in W_1$$

Which contradicts our assumption.

②  $w_3 \in W_2$

$$- w_2 + w_3 \in W_2$$

$$= -w_2 + (w_1 + w_2)$$

$$= w_1 \in W_2 \quad \times$$

$W_1 \subset W_2$  or  $W_2 \subset W_1$

## 2 Problems

1. In the vector space  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{C})$ , determine whether the following statements are correct.

(a) The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the span of  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(b) The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the span of  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

*a is correct.*

(a) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = a \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

if there isn't any solution for the above equation. then.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a+b & b+c \\ -a & c \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a+b=1 \\ b+c=2 \\ -a=-3 \\ c=4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a=3 \\ b=-2 \\ c=4 \end{cases}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a+b & b+c \\ -a & c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a+b=1 \\ b+c=0 \\ -a=0 \\ c=1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a=0 \\ b=1 \\ c=1 \end{cases}$$

*\* b is not correct*

2. Determine whether the following sets are linearly independent.

(a)  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  in  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

(b)  $\{x^3 - 2x^2, -x^2 + 3x - 1, (x - 1)^3\}$  in  $P_3(\mathbb{R})$

(a).  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$  (Real field,  $\mathbb{R}$ ) (Why?).

★  $a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} = 0$

Check, whether  $a$  and  $b$  are both 0?

① if  $a, b \neq 0$ ,  $a, b$  are linearly dependent.

② if  $a = b = 0$ ,  $a, b$  linearly independent.

★ :  $\begin{pmatrix} a - 2b & -3a + 6b \\ -2a + 4b & 4a - 5b \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} (0 & 0) \\ (0 & 0) \end{matrix} \\ = \vec{0} \\ \rightarrow \\ 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a - 2b = 0 \\ 4a - 5b = 0 \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 0 \\ b = 0 \end{cases}$

#, linearly independent!

(b)  $a(x^3 - 2x^2) + b(-x^2 + 3x - 1) + c(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (a+c)x^3 - (2a+3c)x^2 + (3b+3c)x - (b+c) = 0$

$\begin{cases} a+c=0 \\ 2a+3c=0 \\ 3b+3c=0 \\ b+c=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a=0 \\ b=0 \\ c=0 \end{cases}$  # linearly independent!