

# Lecture 1: Vector Spaces

Aim of Today's Lecture:

**Properties of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :** Write  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ .

For any  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in$

1. Closure Under Addition:
2. Associative Law of Addition:
3. Commutative Law of Addition:
4. Existence of Zero:

5. Existence of Negatives:

6. Closure Under Scalar Multiplication:

7. Associative Law for Scalar Multn:

8.  $1\mathbf{v} =$

9. Scalar Distributive:

10. Vector Distributive:

## **Defn of Vector Space**

Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field like  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ . A vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  is

- a. A set  $V$  of
- & b. An addition law denoted  $+$  which

This new vector is called

- & c. A scalar multn law

satisfying

Properties 1-10 called

**Eg** Set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with

addition rule:

scalar multiplication rule:

**Eg**  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is a vector space over

Define addn law as usual

Axioms

**Eg** Let  $M_{mn}(\mathbb{F})$  be the set of  $m \times n$ -matrices  
over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Define

vector addition:

scalar multiplication:

You can check all axioms. Here we'll only  
check axiom 4:

**Eg** Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be set of real polynomials.

$$p(x) =$$

$$q(x) =$$

$$\text{Vector addn: } (p + q)(x) =$$

Scalar Multn: For  $\lambda \in$

Can check 10 axioms to

$$\text{e.g. } \lambda(p(x) + q(x)) =$$

**Why vector spaces?**

Vector spaces exhibit similar

**Eg** For vectors  $\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  simplify  $2\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} - 3\mathbf{v}$ .

**Eg** For  $m \times n$ -matrices  $M, N$  simplify  $2M + N - 3M$ .

Only used

Conclusion: Much of the arithmetic for geometric vectors

## **Properties of Vector Spaces**

**Propn** In a vector space  $V$  /

1. Uniqueness of Zero: The eqns in **w**

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has a unique soln denoted **0** & called

2. Cancellation:

3. Uniqueness of negatives: For any  $\mathbf{v} \in V$ ,  
the eqn

We call

Proof: Do 1 only. Soln exists by axiom.

Suppose  $\mathbf{w} =$

**Eg**  $M_{mn}(\mathbb{F})$ . The unique negative of  $A$

**Propn** Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$ . For

$\lambda \in \mathbb{F}, \mathbf{v} \in V$

1.  $\lambda \mathbf{0} =$                       2.  $0 \mathbf{v} =$                       3.  $(-1) \mathbf{v} =$

4.  $\lambda \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0} \implies$

Proof: Do 2 only.

$0 \mathbf{v} + 0 \mathbf{v} =$

Canceln

**e.g.** Twisted  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .  $V =$

Addn:

New twisted scalar multn:

$V$  is a vector

Why?