

Solutions to Suggested Problems - Sec 4.1-4.2, 4.7  
Math 81

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Section 4.1

30.  $V = \{ (x, y, z) : x + y + z = 0 \}$

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0) \in V$  since  $0 + 0 + 0 = 0$

$\vec{0} \in V \Rightarrow V$  could be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

• closure under vector addition

Let  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \in V$  (so  $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 0$ )

$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in V$  (so  $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 0$ )

Need to show that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3)$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V \text{ if } (u_1 + v_1) + (u_2 + v_2) + (u_3 + v_3) = 0$$

$$(u_1 + v_1) + (u_2 + v_2) + (u_3 + v_3)$$

$$= (u_1 + u_2 + u_3) + (v_1 + v_2 + v_3)$$

$$= 0 + 0 = 0 \checkmark$$

So  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

• closure under scalar multiplication

Let  $c$  be a scalar

$$c\vec{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, cu_3)$$

Need to show that  $c\vec{u} \in V$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Need to verify that } (cu_1) + (cu_2) + (cu_3) = 0$$

$$(cu_1) + (cu_2) + (cu_3) = c(u_1 + u_2 + u_3)$$

$$= c(0)$$

$$= 0 \checkmark$$

So  $c\vec{u} \in V$

Since  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication,  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

31.  $V = \{(x, y, z) : 2x = 3y\}$

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0) \in V$  since  $2(0) = 3(0)$

Since  $\vec{0} \in V$ ,  $V$  could be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

• closure under vector addition

Let  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \in V$  (so  $2u_1 = 3u_2$ )

$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \in V$  (so  $2v_1 = 3v_2$ )

Need to verify  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3)$

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V$  if  $2(u_1 + v_1) = 3(u_2 + v_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(u_1 + v_1) &= 2u_1 + 2v_1 \\ &= 3u_2 + 3v_2 \\ &= 3(u_2 + v_2) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in V \checkmark$

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar

Need to check if  $c\vec{u} \in V$

$c\vec{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, cu_3)$

$c\vec{u} \in V$  if  $2(cu_1) = 3(cu_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(cu_1) &= c(2u_1) \\ &= c(3u_2) \\ &= 3(cu_2) \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So  $c\vec{u} \in V \checkmark$

Since  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication,  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

34.  $V = \{(x, y, z) : x + y + z = 3\}$

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0)$

$\vec{0} \notin V$  because  $0 + 0 + 0 \neq 3$ .

$\vec{0} \notin V \Rightarrow V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

35.  $V = \{(x, y, z) : z \geq 0\}$

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0) \in V$

But let  $\vec{u} = (0, 0, 1) \in V$  and  $c = -1$

Then  $c\vec{u} = (0, 0, -1) \notin V$

So  $V$  is not closed under scalar multiplication  
 $\Rightarrow V$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

## Section 4.2

5.  $W$  is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$   
 Is  $W$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0, 0) \in W$  since  $0 + 2(0) + 3(0) + 4(0) = 0$

Therefore  $W$  could be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

• closure under vector addition

let  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) \in W$  (so  $u_1 + 2u_2 + 3u_3 + 4u_4 = 0$ )

$\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4) \in W$  (so  $v_1 + 2v_2 + 3v_3 + 4v_4 = 0$ )

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3, u_4 + v_4)$

Need to verify that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W \text{ if } (u_1 + v_1) + 2(u_2 + v_2) + 3(u_3 + v_3) + 4(u_4 + v_4) &= 0 \\ (u_1 + v_1) + 2(u_2 + v_2) + 3(u_3 + v_3) + 4(u_4 + v_4) &= \\ &= (u_1 + 2u_2 + 3u_3 + 4u_4) + (v_1 + 2v_2 + 3v_3 + 4v_4) \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$  ✓

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar

$c\vec{u} = (cu_1, cu_2, cu_3, cu_4)$

Need to verify that  $c\vec{u} \in W$

$$\begin{aligned} c\vec{u} \in W \text{ if } (cu_1) + 2(cu_2) + 3(cu_3) + 4(cu_4) &= 0 \\ (cu_1) + 2(cu_2) + 3(cu_3) + 4(cu_4) &= c(u_1 + 2u_2 + 3u_3 + 4u_4) \\ &= c(0) \\ &= 0 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

So  $c\vec{u} \in W$  ✓

Since  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication,  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

6.  $W$  is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  such that  $x_1 = 3x_3$  and  $x_2 = 4x_4$ .  
 $\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0, 0) \in W$  since  $0 = 3(0)$  and  $0 = 4(0)$ .  
 $\vec{0} \in W \Rightarrow W$  could be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

• closure under vector addition

$$\text{Let } \vec{u} = (3u_3, 4u_4, u_3, u_4) \in W$$

$$\vec{v} = (3v_3, 4v_4, v_3, v_4) \in W$$

Need to verify  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in W$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (3u_3 + 3v_3, 4u_4 + 4v_4, u_3 + v_3, u_4 + v_4)$$

$$= (3(u_3 + v_3), 4(u_4 + v_4), u_3 + v_3, u_4 + v_4) \in W \checkmark$$

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar.

Need to verify  $c\vec{u} \in W$

$$c\vec{u} = c(3u_3, 4u_4, u_3, u_4)$$

$$= (3cu_3, 4cu_4, cu_3, cu_4) \in W \checkmark$$

Since  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^4$  is closed under vector addition and scalar multiplication,  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

7.  $W$  is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $|x_1| = |x_2|$ .

$$\vec{0} = (0, 0) \in W \text{ since } |0| = |0|$$

So  $W$  could be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$\text{But, if we let } \vec{u} = (1, -1) \in W \text{ since } |1| = |-1|$$

$$\vec{v} = (1, 1) \in W \text{ since } |1| = |1|$$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = (2, 0) \notin W \text{ since } |2| \neq |0|$$

Since  $W$  is not closed under vector addition,  $W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

10.  $W$  is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $|x_1| + |x_2| = 1$ .

$$\vec{0} = (0, 0) \notin W \text{ since } |0| + |0| \neq 1$$

$\vec{0} \notin W \Rightarrow W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

14.  $W$  is the set of all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  whose components are all nonzero.

$$\vec{0} = (0, 0, 0, 0) \notin W \rightarrow W \text{ is not a subspace of } \mathbb{R}^4.$$

15.  $x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$   
 $x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 8x_4 = 0$   
 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 6x_4 = 0$

Solve by Gaussian elimination

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - r_1 \\ r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - r_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}r_2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 5r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_3, x_4$  are arbitrary, so let  $x_3 = s, x_4 = t$

$$x_2 + 2x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_2 = -2x_4 = -2t$$

$$x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 4x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4$$

$$= 4(-2t) - s + 4t$$

$$= -4t - s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -s - 4t \\ -2t \\ s \\ t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -s \\ 0 \\ s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -4t \\ -2t \\ 0 \\ t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= s \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

20.  $x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 - 8x_4 = 0$   
 $2x_1 + 5x_2 - 5x_4 = 0$   
 $2x_1 + 7x_2 + x_3 - 9x_4 = 0$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 & -8 \\ 2 & 5 & 0 & -5 \\ 2 & 7 & 1 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\substack{r_2 \rightarrow r_2 - 2r_1 \\ r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - 2r_1}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 & -8 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & 11 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - \frac{3}{5}r_2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 & -8 \\ 0 & -5 & -2 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

$x_4$  arbitrary  $\Rightarrow$  let  $x_4 = s$

$$5x_3 + \frac{2}{5}x_4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_3 = -\frac{2}{25}x_4 = -\frac{2}{25}s$$

$$\begin{aligned} -5x_2 - 2x_3 + 11x_4 = 0 &\Rightarrow x_2 = -\frac{2}{5}x_3 + \frac{11}{5}x_4 \\ &= -\frac{2}{5}\left(-\frac{2}{25}s\right) + \frac{11}{5}s \\ &= \frac{4}{125}s + \frac{11}{5}s \\ &= 3s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3 - 8x_4 = 0 &\Rightarrow x_1 = -5x_2 - x_3 + 8x_4 \\ &= -5(3s) - \frac{2}{25}s + 8s \\ &= -5s \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -5s \\ 3s \\ -\frac{2}{25}s \\ s \end{pmatrix} = s \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 3 \\ -\frac{2}{25} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Section 4.7

1.  $W =$  the set of all diagonal  $3 \times 3$  matrices

The zero vector for  $3 \times 3$  matrices is the zero matrix,

$$0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W \text{ (it is diagonal)}$$

So  $W$  could be a subspace of  $M_{33}$

• Closure under addition

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \in W$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$$

$$A+B = \begin{pmatrix} a_1+b_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_2+b_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3+b_3 \end{pmatrix} \in W \checkmark$$

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar

$$cA = \begin{pmatrix} ca_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & ca_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ca_3 \end{pmatrix} \in W \checkmark$$

Since  $W \subset M_{33}$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_{33}$ .

6.  $W =$  the set of all  $f$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$   
 The zero element for  $\mathcal{F}$  is the zero function,  $z(x) \equiv 0$ . The zero function is not in  $W$ .  
 Therefore  $W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

7.  $W =$  the set of all  $f$  such that  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(1) = 1$ .  
 Again, the zero element for  $\mathcal{F}$  is the zero function,  $z(x) \equiv 0$ .  $\rightarrow z(1) = 0 \neq 1$ .  
 So,  $z \notin W \Rightarrow W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

9.  $W =$  the set of polynomials of the form  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  such that  $a_3 \neq 0$ .

The zero vector for  $\mathcal{P}$  is the zero polynomial,  $z(x) \equiv 0$ .

$z \notin W$  since  $a_3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

10.  $W =$  the set of polynomials of the form  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  such that  $a_0 = a_1 = 0$ .

The zero element for  $\mathcal{P}_3$  is the zero polynomial,

$z_3(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3 \Rightarrow z_3 \in W$ , so  $W$  could be a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$ .

• closure under addition

let  $p \in W \Rightarrow p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3, a_0 = a_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$$

$q \in W \Rightarrow q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3, b_0 = b_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = b_2x^2 + b_3x^3$$

Need to verify  $p+q \in W$

$$(p+q)(x) = p(x) + q(x) = (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + (a_3 + b_3)x^3 \in W \checkmark$$

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar.

Need to verify  $cp \in W$

$$(cp)(x) = c \cdot p(x) = ca_2x^2 + ca_3x^3 \in W \checkmark$$

Since  $W \subset \mathcal{P}$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

11.  $W =$  the set of all polynomials of the form  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3$  such that  $a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$

The zero polynomial,  $z_3(x) = 0 + 0x + 0x^2 + 0x^3$  is in  $W$  ( $0+0+0+0=0$ )

So  $W$  could be a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

• closure under addition

$$\text{let } p \in W \Rightarrow p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3, \text{ with } a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0$$

$$q \in W \Rightarrow q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3, \text{ with } b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0$$

Need to verify  $p+q \in W$

$$(p+q)(x) = p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + (a_2 + b_2)x^2 + (a_3 + b_3)x^3$$

$$p+q \in W \text{ if } (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) + (a_3 + b_3) = 0$$

$$(a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) + (a_3 + b_3)$$

$$= (a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + b_3)$$

$$= 0 + 0 = 0 \checkmark$$

So  $p+q \in W \checkmark$

• closure under scalar multiplication

let  $c$  be a scalar

Need to verify  $cp \in W$

$$(cp)(x) = c \cdot p(x) = ca_0 + ca_1x + ca_2x^2 + ca_3x^3$$

$$cp \in W \text{ if } (ca_0) + (ca_1) + (ca_2) + (ca_3) = 0$$

$$(ca_0) + (ca_1) + (ca_2) + (ca_3) = c(a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3)$$

$$= c(0) = 0 \checkmark$$

So  $cp \in W$

Since  $W \subset \mathcal{P}$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication,  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .