

# Math 2R Lecture 2

## Abstract Vector Space

Defn A vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  is a set  $V$  (elements are called vectors) with two operations: vector addition and scalar mult<sup>n</sup>, which satisfy the following:

$$A1 \quad u, v \in V \Rightarrow u + v \in V$$

$$A2 \quad u + v = v + u$$

$$A3 \quad u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w$$

$$A4 \quad \text{there is } \bar{0} \in V \text{ such that}$$
$$\text{for all } v \in V, \quad \bar{0} + v = v + \bar{0} = v.$$

$$A5 \quad \text{for every } v \in V, \text{ there is } -v \in V$$
$$\text{such that } v + (-v) = \bar{0}$$

$$S1 \quad a \in \mathbb{R}, v \in V \Rightarrow av \in V$$

$$S2 \quad a(v+w) = av + aw$$

$$S3 \quad (a+b)v = av + bv$$

$$S4 \quad a(bv) = (ab)v$$

$$S5 \quad 1v = v$$

Examples (b)  $\mathbb{R}^n = V$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

1)  $V = M_{mn}$  = set of  $m \times n$  matrices  
over  $\mathbb{R}$

vector add<sup>n</sup> is matrix addition  
scalar mult<sup>n</sup> is mult<sup>n</sup> of matrices  
by real numbers

$$A = (a_{ij}), \quad rA = (ra_{ij}).$$

2)  $V = \mathbb{P}_n$  = polynomials of degree  $\leq n$

A polynomial is a sum of powers  
of  $x$ , with coefficients.

degree of  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$   
is  $n$ , where  $a_n \neq 0$ .

$$a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$$

$$b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_nx^n$$

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$$a_0 + b_0 + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

$$c(a_0 + \dots + a_nx^n) = ca_0 + ca_1x + \dots + ca_nx^n$$

2)  $\mathbb{R}$   $P =$  set of all polynomials.

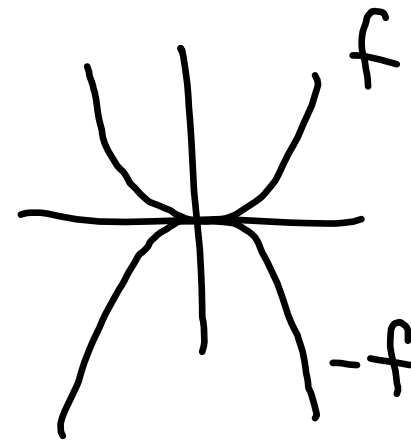
3)  $\mathbb{F}[a,b]$  = set of all functions with domain  $[a,b]$

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$\bar{0}$  function is defined by  $\bar{0}(x) = 0$ .

$$(cf)(x) = cf(x)$$

$\mathcal{C}[a,b]$  = set of continuous functions on  $[a,b]$



$f$  cont<sup>d</sup> at  $c$  if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x)$$

$\mathcal{D}[a,b]$  = set of differentiable functions

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Properties of <sup>vector</sup> addition and scalar multiplication that follow from the axioms.

Proposition: There is a unique solution to the equation  $\alpha + v = w$ , for any  $v, w \in V$ .

Proof Assume  $x + v = w$

Then  $(x + v) + (-v) = w + (-v)$  A5

$$x + (v + (-v)) = w + (-v) \quad A3$$

$$x + \bar{0} = w + (-v) \quad A5$$

$$x = w + (-v) \quad A4$$

This shows existence. Then verify uniqueness.



Prop The zero vector is unique.

Proof. Suppose there is another vector  $\bar{0}^*$ , which also ~~set~~ has the properties given in A4. i.e.

$$\text{for all } v \in V \quad v + \bar{0}^* = \bar{0}^* + v = v.$$

$$\text{Let } v = \bar{0}. \quad \text{Then } \bar{0} + \bar{0}^* = \bar{0}.$$

But also,  $\bar{0}$  satisfies A4. Take  $v = \bar{0}^*$ .

$$\text{Then } \bar{0} + \bar{0}^* = \bar{0}^*$$

$$\text{Hence } \bar{0}^* = \bar{0}.$$