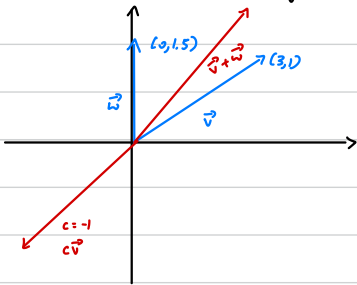


## Subspace of vector spaces (4.3)

Recall:  $V$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$  vector space  $\rightarrow$  elements in  $V$  are called vectors

(i) We have a sum of vectors

(ii) We can scale a vector by a real scalar  $c \in \mathbb{R}$



Examples

①  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n=2: \mathbb{R}^2$  ,  $n=3: \mathbb{R}^3$  

②  $V = \mathbb{R}\{x\} = \{ \text{polynomials in } x \text{ with } \mathbb{R} \text{ coeff} \}$

here  $v \in V$  a vector, is  $v = 3 - x^2 + 5x^3 + x^4$  (can be rewritten as  $\vec{v} = (3, 0, -1, 5, 0, 0, 1)$   $\leftarrow$  not canonical)

## Solving systems of linear eq.<sup>n</sup>

Ex(1)  $\begin{cases} x_1 - x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + 7x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$  } what are solutions?

$(x_1, x_2)$  unknowns we think as a vector  $\rightarrow \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in V = \mathbb{R}^2$

Solving,

$\begin{cases} x_1 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$  } only solution



Ex(2)  $\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ 3x_1 + x_2 = 0 \end{cases}$  }  $\rightarrow$  homogeneous linear equations

solutions are  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$x_1 = -x_2$  is the only constraints (i.e.  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  are sol<sup>n</sup>)

Then  $\vec{v} + \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , also a solution

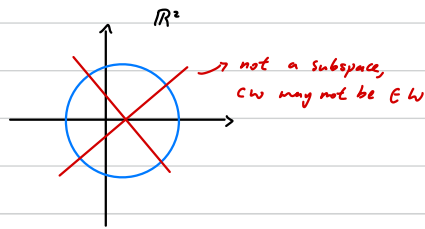
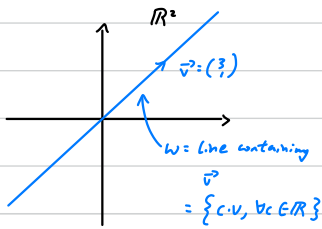
Similarly,  $c \cdot (\vec{v}) = \begin{pmatrix} -c \\ c \end{pmatrix}$  is also a solution  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

Def<sup>n</sup>: A vector subspace of  $V$  is a subset  $W \subseteq V$  such that sums & scalar multiplication of  $V$  when restricted to  $W$  make  $W$  into a vector space.

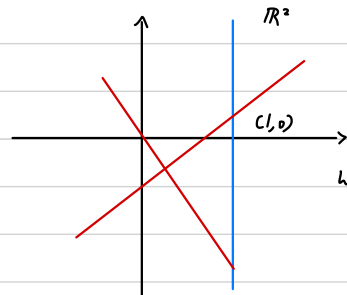
$\rightarrow$  2 vectors  $w_1, w_2 \in W$  satisfy  $w_1 + w_2 \in W$  (not just  $V$ )

Examples  $\odot V = \mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbb{R}^2 = V$



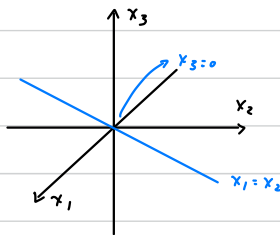
Observation: Vector subspaces must contain the origin



not a vector subspace:  
 $cw$  is not  $\in W$ ,  
 $w_1 + w_2$  is not  $\in W$   
 $W = \{(x_1, x_2) \text{ with } x_1 = 1\}$

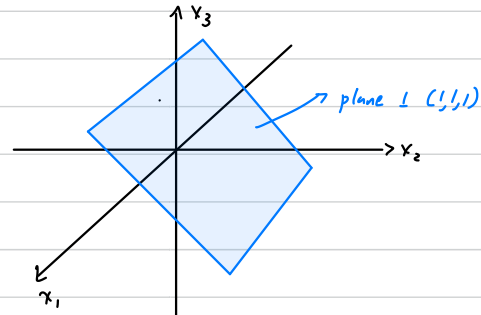
Example  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$

$W_1 = \{x_3 = 0, x_1 - x_2 = 0\}$



$W_2 = \{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$

$\psi: \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \dots$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 3x \\ -5x \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2x \\ 3x \\ -5x \end{pmatrix}$



Example:  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$ , inside consider  $W \subseteq V$  given by:

$W = \{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] : p(0) = 0\}$   $\leftarrow p(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n = 0$   
 such that  $i.e. a_0 = 0$   
 $a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n$

$\therefore W$  is a vector subspace as a polynomial with zero constant term.

BUT  $W' = \{p \in \mathbb{R}[x] : p(0) = -3\}$  IS NOT A SUBSPACE!!

Theorem:

Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider the linear system

$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0$  ( $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
 $a_{21}x_1 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = 0$   
 $\vdots$   
 $a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = 0$   
 (j which  $x_j$  called (column)  
 i which eq<sup>n</sup> (row))

Then  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \in V : \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ solves the system} \right\} \subseteq V$  IS A SUBSPACE

