

Linear Algebra 1

Lecture #12

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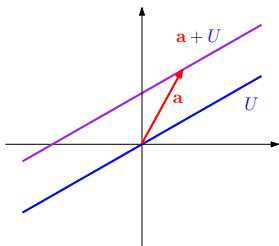
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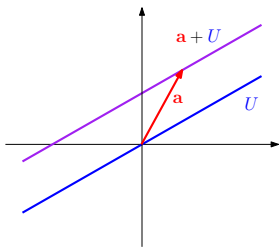
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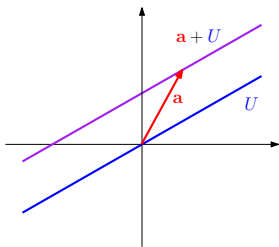
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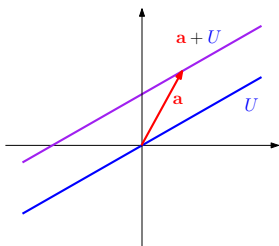
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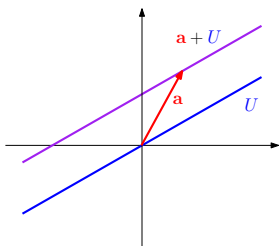
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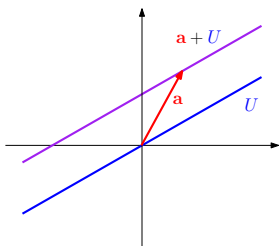
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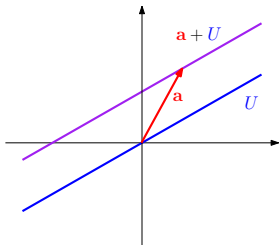
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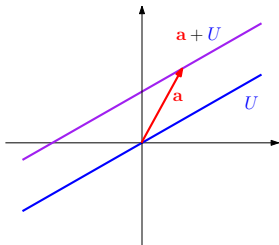
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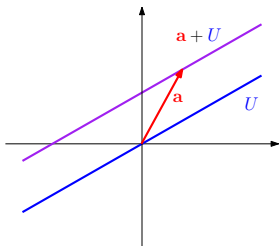


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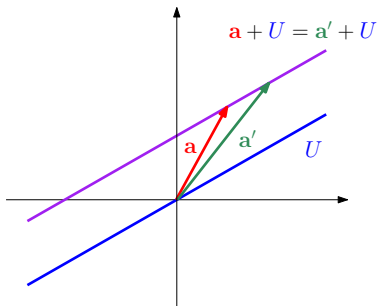
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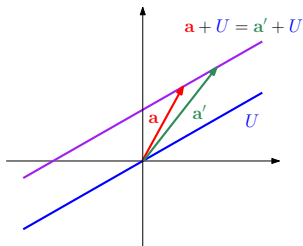
- As Theorem 5.1.1 (next slide) shows, for an affine subspace $M = \mathbf{a} + U$ of a vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} (where \mathbf{a} is a vector and U a linear subspace of V), the vector \mathbf{a} need not be unique (indeed, it can be any vector in M), but the linear subspace U is unique (it depends only on M , and not on the vector \mathbf{a}).



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By Theorem 5.1.1(c), this is well defined.

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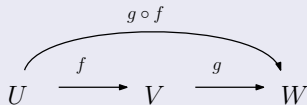
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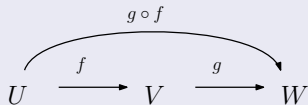


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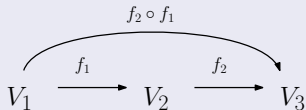


- For affine functions, we have the following analog of Theorem 4.1.7 (next slide).

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Let V_1, V_2, V_3 be vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} . Then all the following hold:

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- Ⓑ for all affine functions $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and scalars α , we have that αf is an affine function;
- Ⓒ for all affine functions $f_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ and $f_2 : V_2 \rightarrow V_3$, we have that $f_2 \circ f_1$ is an affine function.



- Proof: Lecture Notes.

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Theorem 4.2.3

Let U and V be vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $f : U \rightarrow V$ be a linear function. Then all the following hold:

- Ⓐ for all subspaces U' of U , we have that $f[U']$ is a subspace of V ;
- Ⓑ $\text{Im}(f)$ is a subspace of V ;
- Ⓒ for all subspaces V' of V , we have that $f^{-1}[V']$ is a subspace of U ;
- Ⓓ $\text{Ker}(f)$ is a subspace of U .

- An analog of Theorem 4.2.3 for affine functions is split up over several theorems/corollaries, as follows.

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$$f(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in V_1,$$

where $g : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ is a linear function and \mathbf{b} is a fixed vector in V_2 , and let $M_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 + U_1$ be an affine subspace of V_1 (where \mathbf{a}_1 is a vector and U_1 a linear subspace of V_1). Then

$$f[M_1] = (g(\mathbf{a}_1) + \mathbf{b}) + g[U_1],$$

and consequently, $f[M_1]$ is an affine subspace of V_2 . Moreover,

$$\dim(f[M_1]) \leq \min \{ \dim(M_1), \dim(V) \}.$$

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Corollary 5.2.4

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$$\text{Im}(f) = (g(\mathbf{a}_1) + \mathbf{b}) + \text{Im}(g),$$

and consequently, $\text{Im}(f)$ is an affine subspace of V_2 . Moreover,

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 - So, f maps lines onto lines or points, and it maps planes onto planes, lines, or points.
 - Obvious higher-dimensional generalizations apply.

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Let V_1 and V_2 be vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ be an affine function given by

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- Ⓐ for all $\mathbf{a}_1 \in f^{-1}[M_2]$, we have that $f^{-1}[M_2] = \mathbf{a}_1 + g^{-1}[U_2]$;
- Ⓑ $f^{-1}[M_2]$ is either empty or an affine subspace of V_1 .

- Proof: Lecture Notes.

Corollary 5.2.6

Let V_1 and V_2 be vector spaces over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ be an affine function given by

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where $g : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ is a linear function and \mathbf{b} is a fixed vector in V_2 . Further, let \mathbf{c} be any vector in V_2 . Then both the following hold:

- Ⓐ if $\mathbf{a} \in V_1$ is any solution of the equation $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}$,^a then the solution set of the equation $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}$ is $\mathbf{a} + \text{Ker}(g)$;
- Ⓑ the solution set of the equation $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}$ is either empty or an affine subspace of V_1 .

^aThis simply means that $f(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{c}$.

- Proof: Lecture Notes.

Corollary 5.2.7

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, and let $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times m}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}^n$. Then both the following hold:

- Ⓐ if \mathbf{a} is any solution of the matrix-vector equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, then the solution set of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is $\mathbf{a} + \text{Nul}(A)$;
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- Let's take a look at an example illustrating Corollary 5.2.7.

- Consider the the following matrix and vector, with entries understood to be in \mathbb{Z}_3 :

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- We form the augmented matrix

$$\left[A \mid \mathbf{b} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

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- So, the solution set of the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is

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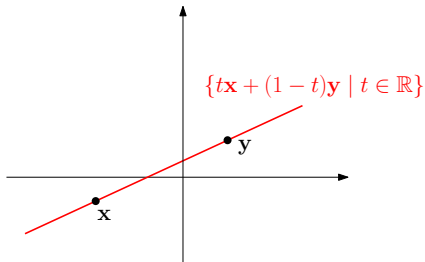
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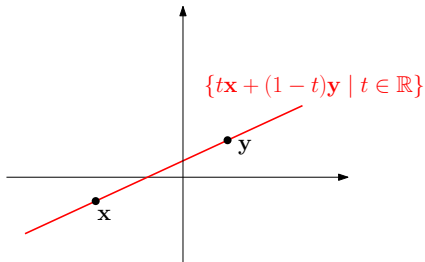
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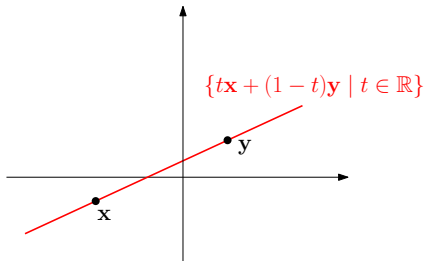
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for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we see that $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \text{Aff}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$.

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Theorem 3.1.7

Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $U \subseteq V$. Then U is a subspace of V iff the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\mathbf{0} \in U$;
- (ii) U is closed under vector addition, that is, for all $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in U$, we have that $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in U$;
- (iii) U is closed under scalar multiplication, that is, for all $\mathbf{u} \in U$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$, we have that $\alpha\mathbf{u} \in U$.

Theorem 3.1.11

Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k \in V$ ($k \geq 0$). Then all the following hold:

- (b) $\text{Span}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k)$ is a subspace of V ;

Theorem 5.3.1

Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $M \subseteq V$. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) M is an affine subspace of V ;
- (ii) M is **non-empty** and closed under affine combinations, that is, for all vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in M$ and $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}$ s.t. $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$, we have that $\alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{x}_n \in M$.

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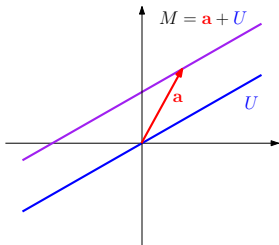
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④ Affine frames and affine bases

4 Affine frames and affine bases

Definition

Let n be a non-negative integer, and let M be an n -dimensional affine subspace of a vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} . An *affine frame* of M is an ordered $(n + 1)$ -tuple $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n)$ of vectors of V s.t. M can be written in the form $M = \mathbf{a} + U$, where U is a linear subspace of V , and $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n\}$ is a basis of U .



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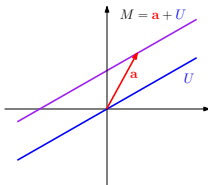
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Theorem 5.4.1

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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} + \alpha_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{u}_n.$$

- Proof: Lecture Notes.



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Given vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ in a vector space V over a field \mathbb{F} , we say that vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in V$ are *affinely independent*, or that the set $\{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$ is *affinely independent*, if for all $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}$ s.t.

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Let V be a vector space over a field \mathbb{F} , and let $\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ ($n \geq 0$) be vectors in V . Then the following are equivalent:

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Proof. Obviously, (iii) implies (ii). We will show that (ii) implies (i), and that (i) implies (iii).

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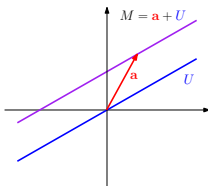
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Proof. First, we know that (i) and (ii) are, respectively, equivalent to (1) and (2) below:

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For this, we compute (next slide):

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Solution. We form the augmented matrix

$$[A \mid \mathbf{b}] = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right],$$

and by row reducing, we obtain (next slide):

Solution (continued).

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[A \mid \mathbf{b} \right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{cccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

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Solution (continued). So, the solution set of $Ax = \mathbf{b}$ is:

$$S := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} r+s+t+1 \\ s+t+1 \\ r+t+1 \\ r \\ s \\ t \end{bmatrix} \mid r, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + r \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid r, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \right\}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \text{Span} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

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We now see that

$$\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

is an affine frame of the solution set S of $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$, whereas (by Theorem 5.4.4):

Solution (continued).

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$
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is an affine basis of S . \square