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Math 22 –  
Linear Algebra and its  
applications

- Lecture 13 -

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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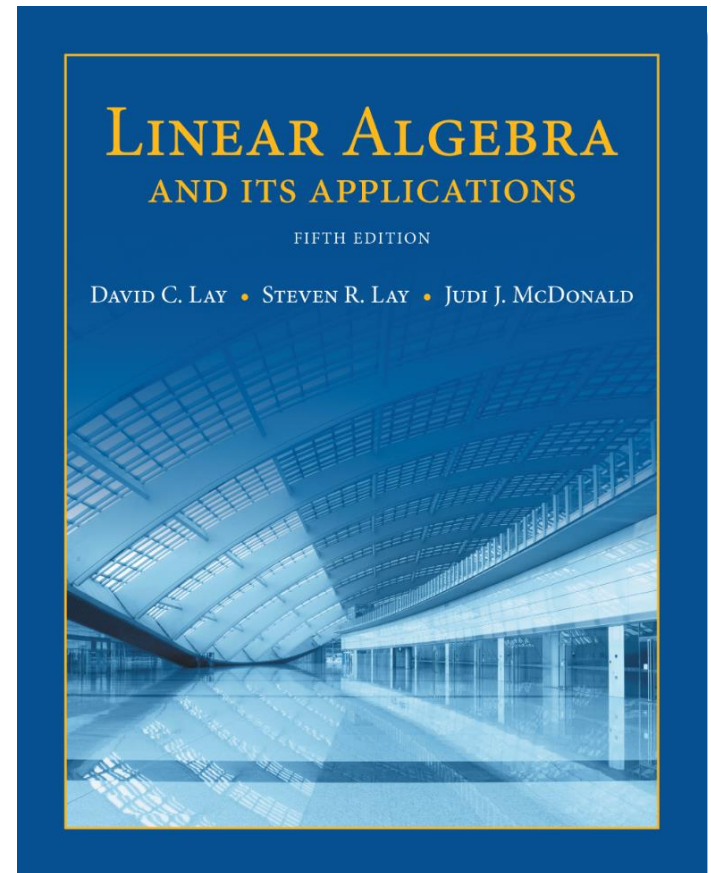
- **Office hours: Tu 1-3 pm, Th, Sun 2-4 pm in KH 229**
- **Tutorial: Tu, Th, Sun 7-9 pm in KH 105**
- **Homework 4: due **Wednesday** at **4 pm** outside **KH 008**. Please divide into the parts **A, B, C** and **D** and **write your name** on each part.**

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## Vector Spaces

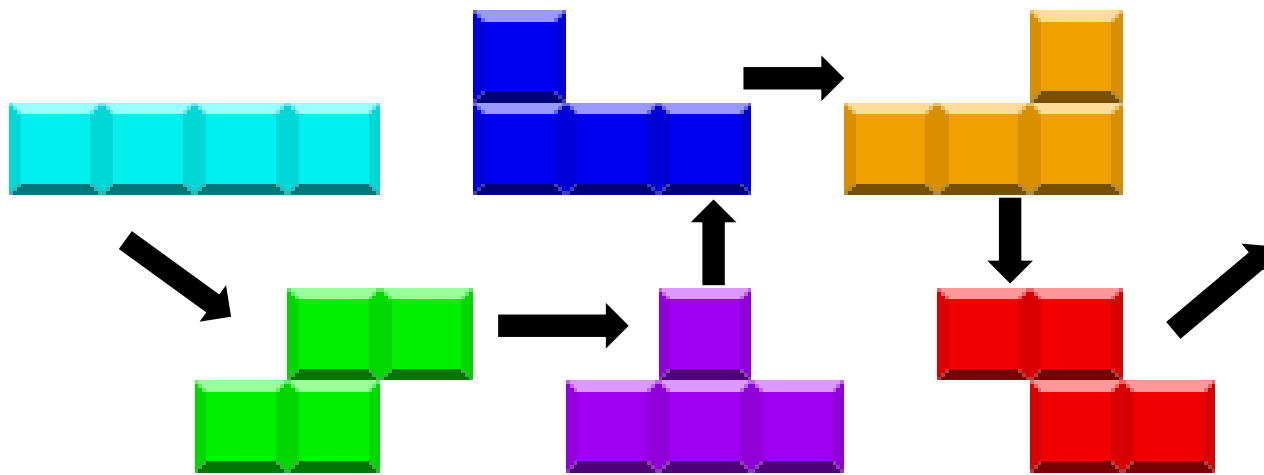
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## VECTOR SPACES AND SUBSPACES



## Summary:

1.) A **vector space** generalizes the notion of a **coordinate system**. Many **unexpected spaces** are **vector spaces**.



2.) In a **vector space** we can do **linear algebra** as usual.

# VECTOR SPACES

- **Definition:** A **vector space** is a nonempty set  $V$  of objects, called **vectors**, on which are defined two operations, called **addition** and **multiplication by scalars** subject to the ten axioms below.

These axioms must hold for all vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $V$  and scalars  $c, d$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $V$ .
2.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ .
3.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ .
4. There is a zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  in  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ .
5. For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$ , there is  $-\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ .
6.  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $V$ .
7.  $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ .
8.  $(c + d)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{u}$ .
9.  $c(d\mathbf{u}) = (cd)\mathbf{u}$ .
10.  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ .

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## Consequences:

- 1.) These axioms imply that the zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  is unique. The vector  $-\mathbf{u}$ , called the **negative** of  $\mathbf{u}$  is unique for each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$ .
- 2.) For each vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  and scalar  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  we have:
  - a)  $0\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{0}$  and  $c\mathbf{0}=\mathbf{0}$
  - b)  $-\mathbf{u} = (-1)\mathbf{u}$

**Proof:** 1.)

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**Note 1:** 1.) To show that a space **is a vector space** we have to **check** that **all ten axioms** are satisfied.

2.) To show that a space **is not a vector space** we have to show that **an axiom fails** to be true for the space in question.

**Note 2:** A rule of thumb is that

- 1.) if addition and scalar multiplication is defined **entrywise**, i.e. there **is no interaction** between the different entries **and**
- 2.) these **two operations** are defined in the **usual way** **and**
- 3.) the **value in each entry** can be **any number in  $\mathbb{R}$**   
then we have a **vector space**.

**Examples:**





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# SUBSPACES

**Definition:** A **subspace** of a vector space  $V$  is a subset  $H$  of  $V$  that has three properties:

- a. The zero vector  $\mathbf{0}$  of  $V$  is in  $H$ .
- b. For each vector  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $H$ ,  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $H$ .
- c. For each  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $H$  and each number  $c$ ,  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $H$ .

Properties (a), (b), and (c) guarantee that a  $H$  of  $V$  is itself a **vector space**, under the linear space operations already defined in  $V$ .

- Note:** 1.) To show that a subset of a vector space is a subspace, we have to **verify all three conditions**.
- 2.) To show that a subset of a vector space is **not** a subspace, it is sufficient to show that **one** of the conditions **is not satisfied**.

**Examples:**



# LINEAR SPACE - PROPERTIES

- **Definition: A linear combination** refers to any sum of scalar multiples of vectors

$$c_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{v}_p$$

- A **span**  $\text{Span} \{ \mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p \}$  denotes the set of all vectors that can be written as linear combinations of  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$ .
- In the same way we define **linear independence** for a **vector space** and **maps** between **vector spaces**.
- All **theorems** concerning these definitions carry over to general **vector spaces**.

**Examples:**





# CONSTRUCTING SUBSPACES

- **Theorem 1:** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p$  are in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- We call  $\text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  **the subspace spanned** (or **generated**) by  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$ .
- Give any subspace  $H$  of  $V$ , a **spanning** (or **generating**) set for  $H$  is a set  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$  in  $H$  such that

$$H = \text{Span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_p\}$$

**Examples:**

