

Math 2550-03

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Ex: Let $F = \mathbb{R}$ ← Scalars

and

← vectors

$$V = P_2 = \{a + bx + cx^2 \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

↑ up to degree 2 polynomials

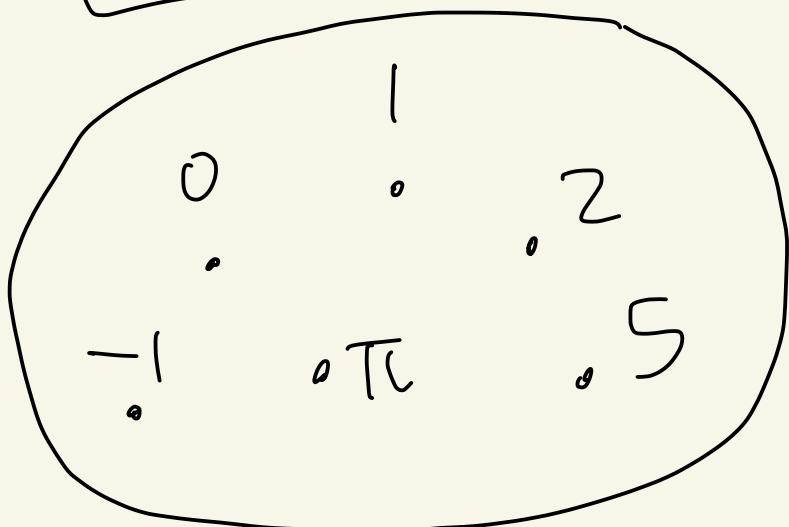
$$x^2 = 0 + 0x + 1x^2$$

$$= \{1 - 2x + 3x^2, 7, x^2, 1 - x, \dots\}$$

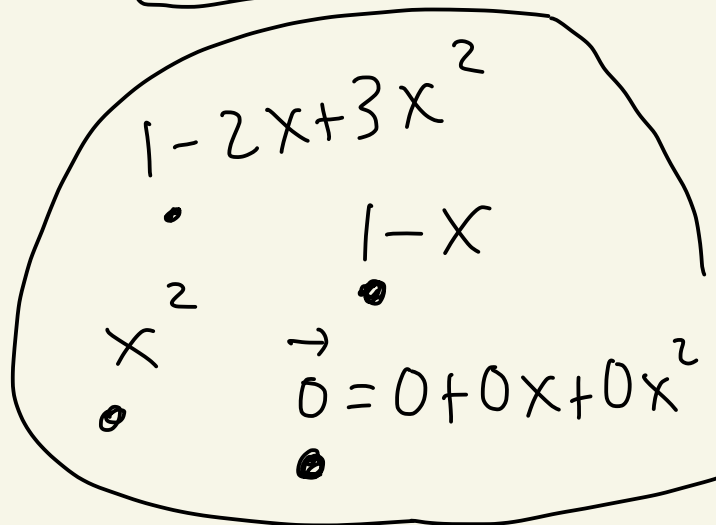
↑

$$7 = 7 + 0x + 0x^2$$

field $F = \mathbb{R}$



vectors $V = P_2$



example of adding vectors:

$$(1 - 2x + 3x^2) + (1 - x) = 2 - 3x + 3x^2$$

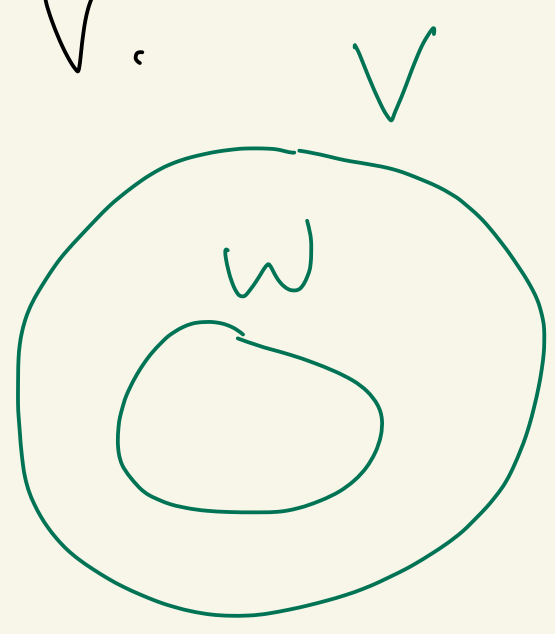
example of scaling a vector:

$$5 \cdot (1 - 2x + 3x^2) = 5 - 10x + 15x^2$$

Now we define what a subspace is, which ends up being a vector space inside of a vector space.

Def: Let V be a vector space over a field F . Let W be a subset of V .

We say that W is a subspace of V if



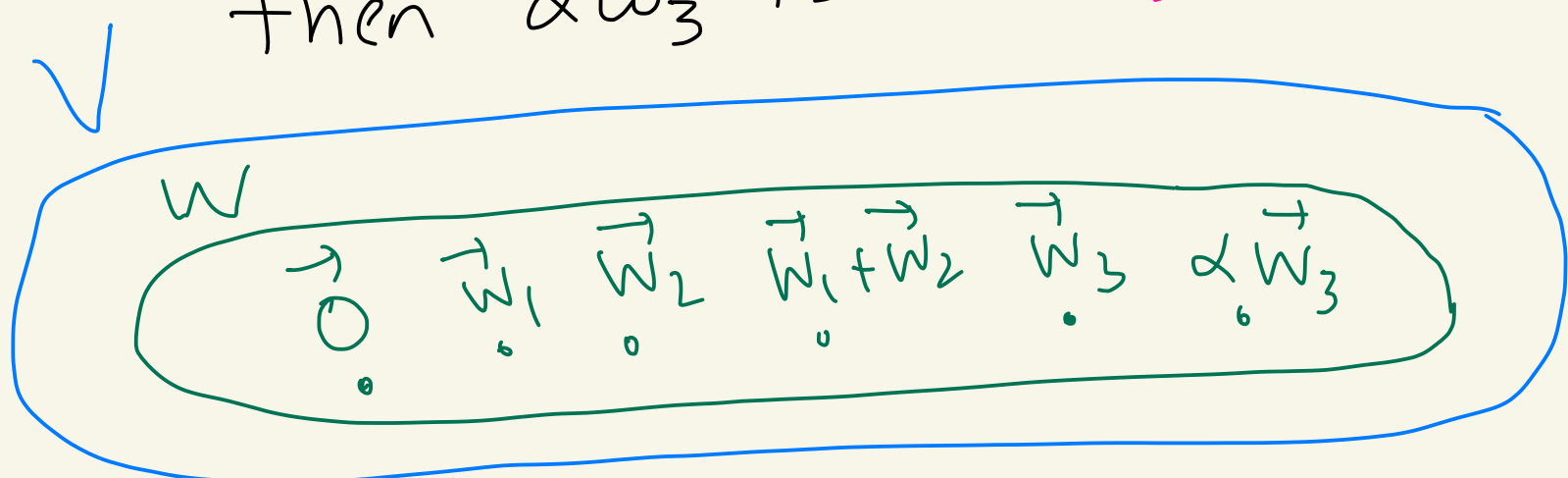
① $\vec{0}$ is in W .

② if \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 are in W , then $\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$ is in W .

W is closed under vector addition

③ if \vec{w}_3 is in W and α is a scalar in F , then $\alpha \vec{w}_3$ is in W .

W is closed under scaling



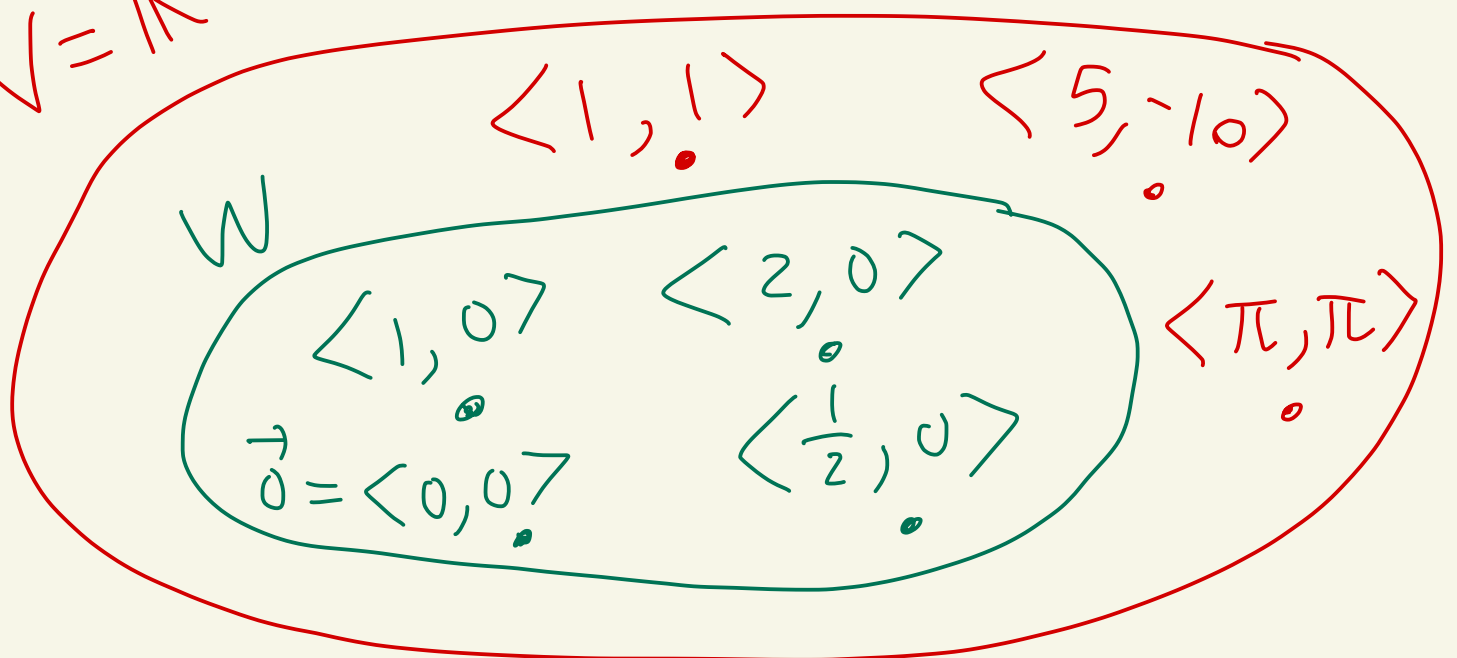
Ex: Let $F = \mathbb{R}$
and $V = \mathbb{R}^2$.] vector space

Let

$$W = \{ \langle x, 0 \rangle \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

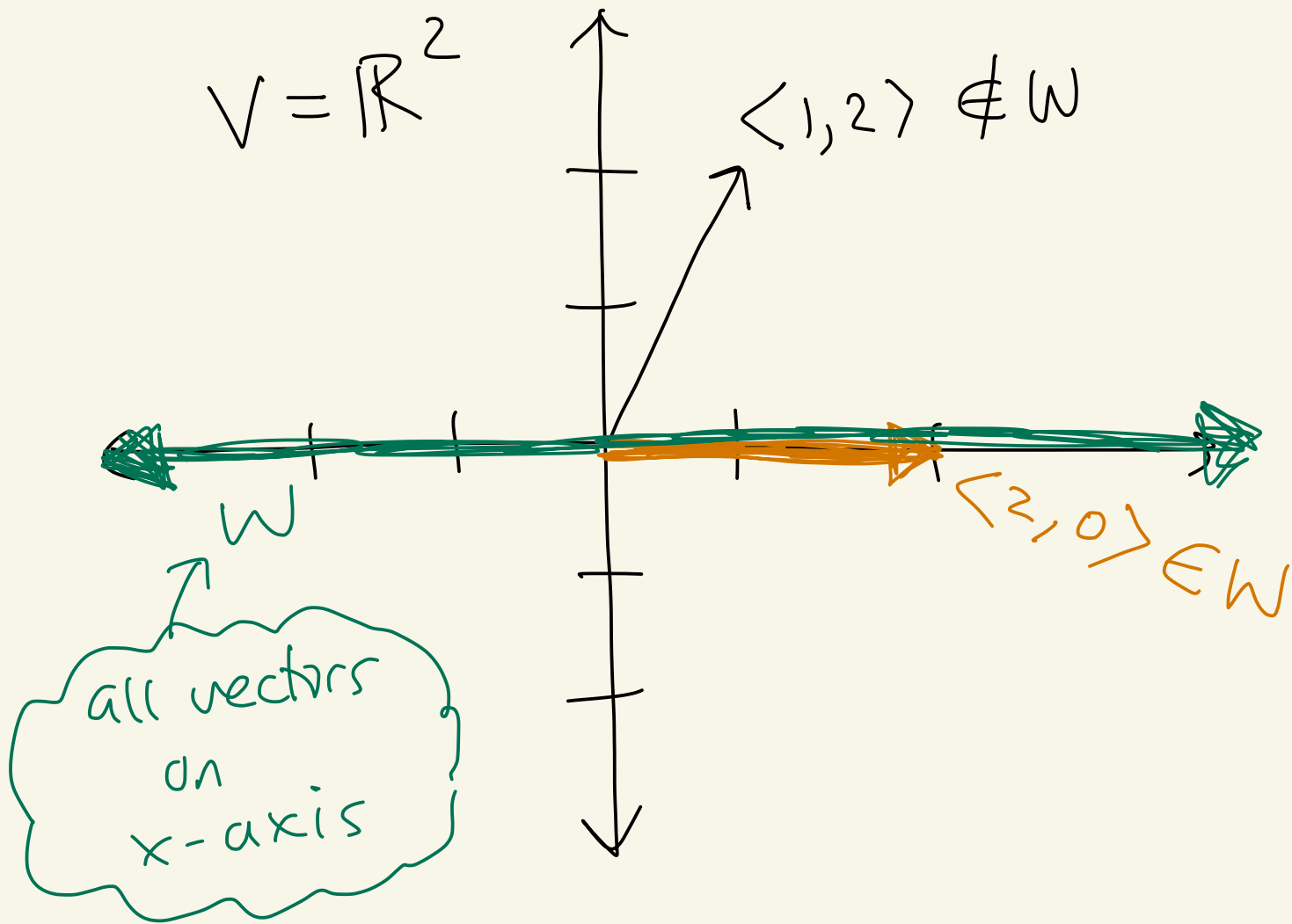
$$= \{ \langle 1, 0 \rangle, \langle 2, 0 \rangle, \langle -3, 0 \rangle, \langle \frac{1}{2}, 0 \rangle, \langle \pi, 0 \rangle, \dots \}$$

$V = \mathbb{R}^2$



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$$\langle 1, 2 \rangle \notin W$$



W is a subspace.

proof:

- ① Set $x=0$ in $\langle x, 0 \rangle$
gives $\langle x, 0 \rangle = \langle 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{0}$
So, $\vec{0}$ is in W .

② Let \vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 be in W .

Then, $\vec{w}_1 = \langle x_1, 0 \rangle$ and

$\vec{w}_2 = \langle x_2, 0 \rangle$ where $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, $w_1 + w_2 = \langle x_1 + x_2, 0 \rangle$

is of the form $\langle x, 0 \rangle$

and so $\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$ is in W .

③ Let \vec{w}_3 be in W
and α in $F = \mathbb{R}$.

Then, $\vec{w}_3 = \langle x_3, 0 \rangle$ where $x_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

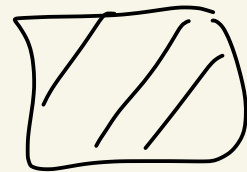
Then, $\alpha \vec{w}_3 = \alpha \langle x_3, 0 \rangle$

$$= \langle \alpha x_3, \alpha 0 \rangle$$

$$= \langle \alpha x_3, 0 \rangle$$

So, $\alpha \vec{w}_3$ is of the form
 $\langle x, 0 \rangle$ and thus
 $\alpha \vec{w}_3$ is in W .

By ①, ②, ③, W is a
subspace.



We just showed W is itself
a vector space inside of the
bigger vector space $V = \mathbb{R}^2$.
That's what subspace ends up
meaning

Ex: Let $F = \mathbb{R}$ and $V = \mathbb{R}^2$.] vector space.

Let

$$W = \{ \langle x, 1 \rangle \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$= \{ \langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle -10, 1 \rangle, \langle \pi, 1 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \dots \}$$

$V = \mathbb{R}^2$

$\langle 4, 6 \rangle$

$\langle 0, 0 \rangle = \vec{0}$

$\langle 10, 15 \rangle$

W

$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$

$\langle -10, 1 \rangle$

$\langle \pi, 1 \rangle$

$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$

To show that W is not a subspace, you give an example to show that either ①, ②, or ③ fails.

For example, $\vec{0} = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$ is not of the form $\langle x, 1 \rangle$ and hence $\vec{0} \notin W$. So, ① fails and W is not a subspace.

Or you could say that ② fails, for example $\langle 2, 1 \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 1 \rangle$ are in W , but

$$\langle 2, 1 \rangle + \langle 3, 1 \rangle = \langle 5, 2 \rangle$$

and $\langle 5, 2 \rangle$ is not in W .
So W is not a subspace.

Ex: Let $F = \mathbb{R}$

and $V = M_{2,2}$

set of all
2x2
matrices

Let

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} d = a + b \\ a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{in } W \\ \text{since } 8 = 5 + 3}}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{in } W \\ \text{since} \\ 0 = 0 + 0}}, \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{in } W \\ \text{since} \\ -3 = -1 + (-2)}}, \dots \right\}$$

Calculations:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{in } W} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{in } W} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{in } W}$$

$$2 \cdot \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{in } W} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 10 & 6 \\ 2 & 16 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{in } W}$$

vs trying
to see
if we
think W
is a
subspace or
not

Let's prove that W is a subspace

① Setting $a=0, b=0, c=0, d=0$
gives $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0}$

and $d = a + b$.

So, $\vec{0}$ is in W .

② Let $\vec{w}_1, \vec{w}_2 \in W$.

Then, $\vec{w}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}$ where $d_1 = a_1 + b_1$

and $\vec{w}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$ where $d_2 = a_2 + b_2$

Then,

$$\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & d_1 + d_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$d_1 + d_2 = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)$$

So, $\vec{w}_1 + \vec{w}_2$ is in W .

③ Let \vec{w}_3 be in W
and α be a scalar in $F = \mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{Then, } \vec{w}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ c_3 & d_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $d_3 = a_3 + b_3$.

Thus,

$$\alpha \vec{w}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha a_3 & \alpha b_3 \\ \alpha c_3 & \alpha d_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $\alpha d_3 = \alpha(a_3 + b_3) = \alpha a_3 + \alpha b_3$

Thus, $\alpha \vec{w}_3$ is in W .

By ①, ②, ③, W is a
subspace of $V = M_{2,2}$

