

**Sem-III**  
**MAT 202: Linear Algebra-I**  
**Unit-1 Vector space**

**Definition:- Vector space:**

Let  $V$  be a set on which addition and scalar multiplication are defined (this means that if  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are objects in  $V$  and  $c$  is a scalar then we've defined  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $c\mathbf{u}$  in some way). If the following axioms are true for all objects  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $V$  and all scalars  $c$  and  $k$  then  $V$  is called a **vector space** and the objects in  $V$  are called **vectors**.

- (a)  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is in  $V$  — This is called **closed under addition**.
- (b)  $c\mathbf{u}$  is in  $V$  — This is called **closed under scalar multiplication**.
- (c)  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$
- (d)  $\mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w}$
- (e) There is a special object in  $V$ , denoted  $\mathbf{0}$  and called the **zero vector**, such that for all  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  we have  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$
- (f) For every  $\mathbf{u}$  in  $V$  there is another object in  $V$ , denoted  $-\mathbf{u}$  and called the **negative of  $\mathbf{u}$** , such that  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$  .
- (g)  $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$
- (h)  $(c + k)\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{u} + k\mathbf{u}$
- (i)  $c(k\mathbf{u}) = (ck)\mathbf{u}$
- (j)  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

**Remark:** A complex vector space is defined as above by using complex numbers instead of real numbers.

**Theorem:-** Suppose that  $V$  is a vector space,  $\mathbf{u}$  is a vector in  $V$  and  $\alpha$  is any scalar. Then,

- (a)  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
- (b)  $\alpha \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$
- (c)  $(-1)\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{u}$

**Proof :**

- (a)  $0\mathbf{u} = (0 + 0)\mathbf{u} = 0\mathbf{u} + 0\mathbf{u}$   
 Adding  $-(0\mathbf{u})$  to both sides, we get  
 $0\mathbf{u} + (-0\mathbf{u}) = 0\mathbf{u} + 0\mathbf{u} + (-0\mathbf{u})$   
 $0 = 0\mathbf{u} + 0 \quad (\because 0 \text{ is Additive identity})$   
 $0 = 0\mathbf{u}$
- (b)  $\alpha \mathbf{0} = \alpha (0 + 0) \quad (\because 0 \text{ is Additive identity})$   
 $= \alpha \mathbf{0} + \alpha \mathbf{0}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Adding } -(\alpha 0) \text{ to both sides, we get} \\
0 &= -(\alpha 0) + (\alpha 0 + \alpha 0) \\
&= (-(\alpha 0) + (\alpha 0)) + \alpha 0 && (\because \text{Associative law}) \\
&= 0 + \alpha 0 && (\because -(\alpha 0) \text{ is Additive inverse}) \\
&= \alpha 0 && (\because 0 \text{ is Additive identity})
\end{aligned}$$

(c) In this case if we can show that  $u + (-1)u = 0$  then from axiom (f) we'll

know that  $(-1)u$  is the negative of  $u$ , or in other words that  $(-1)u = -u$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
u + (-1)u &= 1 \cdot u + (-1)u && (\because 1 \text{ is multiplicative identity}) \\
&= (1 + -1)u && (\because -1 \text{ is Additive inverse of } 1) \\
&= 0u \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

So by uniqueness of the negative,  $(-1)u$  is the negative of  $u$ , i.e.  $(-1)u = -u$

**Example:-**

**Definition:- Sub spaces:-**

Let  $S$  be a non empty subset of a vector space  $V$ .  $S$  is said to be a subspace of  $V$  if  $S$  is a vector space under the same operations of addition and scalar multiplication as in  $V$ .

**Geometric meaning of vector sub space:**

**Question :- Prove that every line through the origin is a subspace of  $V_2$ .**

In Euclidean space  $V_2$ , take any straight line  $S$  through the origin  $O$ . Any point  $P$  on this straight line can be considered as a vector  $\overrightarrow{op}$  of  $V_2$  in  $S$ . the sum of two such vectors  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OQ}$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  both lie in  $S$ . is again a vector  $\overrightarrow{OR}$ , where  $R$  lies in  $S$ .

Similarly, a scalar multiplication of any vector in  $S$  is again a vector in  $S$ . All other axioms are automatically satisfied in  $S$ . So  $S$  is a vector space under the same operations as in  $V_2$ . Thus  $S$  is a subspace of  $V_2$ . i.e. every line through the origin is a subspace of  $V_2$ .

Same way, in  $V_3$  we can find that any plane  $S$  through the origin is a subspace of  $V_3$ . Also every line  $L$  through the origin is a subspace of  $V_3$ .

**Theorem:-** A non empty subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) If  $u, v \in S$  then  $u+v \in S$ .
- (b) If  $u \in S$  and  $\alpha$  a scalar, then  $\alpha u \in S$ .

(OR)

A subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  iff it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication defined in  $V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be subspace of  $V$  is given.

We shall prove that condition (a) and (b) hold in  $S$ .

Since  $S$  is subspace of  $V$ .

$\therefore$  it is closed under addition and scalar multiplication defined in  $V$ .

( $\because$  It is a vector space itself.)

Hence the result.

Conversely,

Let  $S$  is closed under addition and scalar multiplication is given.

We shall prove that  $S$  is a vector sub space of  $V$ .

(I) Since  $S$  is closed under scalar multiplication is given.

$$\therefore \forall u \in S, -1 \in V \Rightarrow (-1)u \in S$$

$$\Rightarrow -u \in S$$

$$[\because u \in S \Rightarrow -u \in V \text{ and } (-1)(u) = -u \in V]$$

Thus additive inverse of each element of  $S$  exists.

(II) Since  $S$  is closed under vector addition is given.

$$\forall u \in S, -u \in S \Rightarrow u + (-u) \in S$$

$$[\because u \in S \Rightarrow -u \in S \Rightarrow u + (-u) = 0 \in V]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \in S$$

Thus  $0$  is the additive identity of  $S$ .

(III) Since elements of  $S$  are elements of  $V$ ,

$\therefore$  vector addition is commutative and associative in  $S$ .

Thus,  $S$  is an abelian group under vector addition.

Further  $S$  is closed under scalar vector multiplication and therefore, the remaining properties of vector space also hold in  $S$  because they hold in  $V$ .

**Example:-**

Let  $L$  be the set of all vectors of the form  $(x, 2x, -3x, x)$  in  $V_4$ . Then  $L$  is a subspace of  $V_4$ .

**Sol<sup>n</sup>:-**

$$\text{Let } u = (x, 2x, -3x, x) \quad \text{and } v = (y, 2y, -3y, y).$$

Here  $u, v \in L$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} u + v &= (x, 2x, -3x, x) + (y, 2y, -3y, y) \\ &= [x + y, 2(x + y), -3(x + y), x + y] \\ &= (z, 2z, -3z, z) \in L. \end{aligned}$$

Where  $z = x + y$ .

$$\therefore u + v \in L.$$

Similarly if  $\alpha \in R$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha u &= \alpha(x, 2x, -3x, x) \\ &= [\alpha x, 2(\alpha x), -3(\alpha x), \alpha x] \in L. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha u \in L.$$

Hence  $L$  is subspace of  $V_4$ .

**Example:-**

The set  $S$  of all polynomials  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ , which vanishes at a fixed point  $x_0$ , is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Sol<sup>n</sup>:-**

We have  $S = \{p \in \mathcal{P} / P(x_0) = 0\}$ .

Let  $p, q \in S$ . such that  $P(x_0) = 0$  and  $q(x_0) = 0$ .

Now,

$$(p+q)(x_0) = p(x_0) + q(x_0) = 0.$$

$$\therefore (p+q) \in S.$$

i.e. The polynomial  $p+q$  also vanished at  $x_0$ .

So, addition is closed in  $S$ .

Similarly, if  $\alpha \in R$  and  $P \in S$  then

$$\alpha p(x_0) = \alpha(p(x_0)) = \alpha \cdot 0 = 0.$$

$$\therefore \alpha p \in S.$$

So scalar multiplication in  $S$ .

$\therefore S$  is subspace of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Note :-**

- The set containing just the zero element of and nothing else is a subspace of  $V$ . i.e.  $\{0\}$  is subspace of  $V$ .
- Also vector space  $V$  is itself subspace.
- Subspace  $\{0\}$  and  $V$  of  $V$  are called trivial subspaces of  $V$  and all other subspaces of  $v$  are called nontrivial subspaces of  $V$ .
- The trivial subspace  $\{0\}$  of  $V$  is denoted by  $V_0$  and is also called the zero subspace of  $V$ .

**Example:-** Prove that  $s = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) / (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in V_n\}$  is vector subspace of  $V_n$  (OR)

Prove that the equation  $\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = 0$  ---(1) where  $\alpha_i$ 's are real constants and  $x_i$ 's are real unknowns is vector subspace of  $V_n$

**Sol<sup>n</sup>:-**

A solution of this equation can be represented as an n-tuple

$(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  which is a vector of  $V_n$ .

Let  $s$  be the set of all vector  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in V_n$

i.e.  $s = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) / (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in V_n\}$  which satisfy the equation (1).

$\therefore S$  is a subspace of  $V_n$ .

Because

Let  $x, y \in S$  such that

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \text{ then}$$

$$x + y = (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

Which is also solution of equation (1).

$$\therefore x + y \in S$$

Similarly  $\forall \alpha \in R$

$$\alpha x \in S$$

$\therefore S$  is a subspace of  $V_n$ .

**Note :-**

- The set  $S$  of vectors  $(x, y) \in V_2$  which satisfy the equation  $\alpha x + \beta y = 0$  is clearly a straight line through the origin in  $V_2$ .  
 $\therefore S$  is subspace of  $V_2$ .
- In  $V_3$  the set of all vectors  $(x, y, z) \in V_3$ , which satisfy the equation  $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = 0$  is a plane through the origin and hence a subspace of  $V_3$ . But in  $V_3$  we consider the set  $S$  of all vectors  $(x, y, z)$  which satisfy the equation  $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = 1$  is a plane, but it does not contain the vector  $(0, 0, 0)$ . So It is not a subspace.

### Problem set 3.2

**Example:1** Prove that a subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is subspace of  $V$  iff

$$\alpha x + \beta y \in W \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in R \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x, y \in W.$$

**Solution:-** Let us suppose that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

We have to prove that  $\alpha x + \beta y \in W \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in R$  and  $\forall x, y \in W$ .

Since  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

$$\alpha x \in W \quad \forall \alpha \in R \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x \in W.$$

Also  $\beta y \in W \quad \forall \beta \in R$  and  $\forall y \in W$ .

Since  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication.

Hence,  $\alpha x + \beta y \in W \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in R$  and  $\forall x, y \in W$ .

Convesely,

Let  $\alpha x + \beta y \in W \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in R$  and  $\forall x, y \in W$  is given.

Now we want to prove that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Let us take  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = -1$  then  $x - y \in W$

Let us take  $\beta = 0$  then  $\alpha x + 0y \in W \Rightarrow \alpha x \in W$

Hence  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

## Span of a Set

### Definition:- Linear combination:-

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be  $n$  vectors of a vector space  $V$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be  $n$  scalars. Then  $\alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n$  is called a linear combination of  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ .

It is also called a linear combination of the set  $\{ u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \}$

If a linear combination of a finite set then it is also called a finite linear combination.

### Definition:- Span of a set:-

The span of a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$  is the set of all finite linear combination of  $S$ .

( OR )

If  $S$  is a subset of  $V$ , the span of  $S$  is the set  $\{ \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n / \alpha_i \in R, u_i \in S, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \in N \}$

The span of  $S$  is denoted by  $[S]$ .

If  $S$  contains only a finite number of elements, say  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ , then  $[S]$  is also written as  $[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]$ .

e.g. Let us take  $V = V_3$  and  $S = \{ (1,0,0), (0,1,0) \}$  then the linear combination of set  $S$  as  $\alpha(1,0,0) + \beta(0,1,0) = (\alpha, \beta, 0)$

The set of all such linear combination is  $[s]$ . i.e. span of set  $S$ .

i.e.  $[s] = \{ (\alpha, \beta, 0) / \alpha, \beta \in R \}$  or  $[S] = [(1,0,0), (0,1,0)]$

**Theorem:-** Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a vector space  $V$ , then prove that  $[s]$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

[OR]

Let  $S$  be a nonempty subset of a vector space  $V$ , then prove that the span of  $S$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

**Proof:-** We have to prove that  $[S]$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

For this,

Let  $u, v \in [S]$  such that

$$u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n \quad \text{and} \quad v = \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_m v_m$$

For some scalars  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  and  $u_i, v_i \in S \quad \forall n \in N$

$$\therefore u + v = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_m v_m$$

Here  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m \in S$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m$  are scalars.

$$\therefore u + v \in [S] \quad \text{_____ (i)}$$

Similarly,

$\alpha u = (\alpha\alpha_1)u_1 + (\alpha\alpha_2)u_2 + \dots + (\alpha\alpha_n)u_n$  is again a finite linear combination of S.

$$\therefore \alpha u \in [S] \quad \text{_____ (ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

[S] is a subspace of V.

**Note:-** A nontrivial subspace always contains an infinite number of elements. So [S] ( $\neq V_0$ ) always contains an infinite numbers. But S itself may be a smaller set, even a finite set. By convention we take  $[\phi] = V_0$

**Theorem:-** If S is a nonempty subset of a vector space, then prove that [S] is the smallest subspace of V containing S.

**Proof:-** We know that [S] is a subspace of V.

Since  $s \in [S]$

Because each elements  $u_0$  of S can be written as  $1 \cdot u_0$ .

i.e.  $1 \cdot u_0 \in [S]$

now we want to prove that [S] is the smallest subspace containing S.

For this,

We shall show that if there exist another subspace T containing S, then T contains [S] also.

Let a subspace T contain S.

i.e.  $S \subset T$ .

Let us take any element  $u \in [S]$

Where  $u = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n$

For some scalars  $\alpha_i$  and  $u_i$ 's  $\in S \quad \forall n \in N$

since  $S \subset T$ .

$$\therefore u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in T$$

Since T is a subspace.

$$\therefore \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n \in T$$

i.e.  $u \in T$

$$\therefore [S] \subset T$$

This prove that [S] is the smallest subspace of V containing S.

**Example:-** In  $V_2$  show that (3, 7) belongs to [(1, 2), (0, 1)] but does not belongs to [(1, 2), (2, 4)].

**Solution:-** (3, 7)  $\in$  [(1, 2), (0, 1)]

if (3, 7) is linear combination of (1, 2) and (0, 1) .

i.e.  $\alpha, \beta$  be scalars such that  $(3, 7) = \alpha(1, 2) + \beta(0, 1)$

$$\therefore \alpha = 3 \text{ and } 2\alpha + \beta = 7$$

Solving these equation then we get

$$\alpha = 3 \text{ and } \beta = 1$$

Thus,  $(3, 7) = 3(1, 2) + 1(0, 1)$

Hence  $(3, 7) \in [(1, 2), (0, 1)]$

Now, if  $(3, 7) \in [(1, 2), (2, 4)]$

if  $(3, 7)$  is linear combination of  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 4)$ .

i.e.  $\alpha, \beta$  be scalars such that  $(3, 7) = \alpha(1, 2) + \beta(2, 4)$

$$\therefore \alpha + 2\beta = 3 \text{ and } 2\alpha + 4\beta = 7$$

But these equation can not hold at same time

Because  $2\alpha + 4\beta = 6$

$$2\alpha + 4\beta = 7$$

This is not possible.

$$(3, 7) \notin [(1, 2), (2, 4)]$$

**Example:-** In the complex vector space  $V_2^c$ . Show that  $(1 + i, 1 - i)$  belongs to  $[(1 + i, 1), (1, 1 - i)]$

**Solution:-**  $\alpha, \beta$  be scalars such that  $(1 + i, 1 - i) = \alpha(1 + i, 1) + \beta(1, 1 - i)$

$$\therefore 1 + i = \alpha(1 + i) + \beta \text{ and } 1 - i = \alpha + \beta(1 - i)$$

Solving these equation then we get

$$\alpha = 1 + i \text{ and } \beta = 1 - i$$

$$\therefore (1 + i, 1 - i) \in [(1 + i, 1), (1, 1 - i)]$$

**Example:-** If  $U$  and  $W$  is subspaces of  $V$  then prove that  $U \cap W$  is subspace of  $V$ .

**Solution:-** We want to prove that  $U \cap W$  is subspace of  $V$ .

For this,

$$\text{Let } u, v \in U \cap W$$

$$\therefore u, v \in U \text{ and } u, v \in W$$

Since  $U$  and  $W$  is subspaces of  $V$ .

$$\therefore u + v \in U \text{ and } u + v \in W$$

$$\therefore u + v \in U \cap W.$$

Similarly,

$$\forall \alpha \in R, \alpha u \in U \cap W$$

(because  $U$  and  $W$  is subspaces of  $V \therefore \alpha u \in U$  and  $\alpha u \in W$ )

$$\therefore U \cap W \text{ is subspace of } V.$$

**Note:-** (1) If  $U_1, U_2, U_3, \dots, U_n$  are  $n$  subspaces of  $V$  then their intersection  $U_1 \cap U_2 \cap U_3 \cap \dots \cap U_n$  is also a subspace of  $V$ .

(2) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . then their intersection  $U \cap W$  cannot be empty because each contains the zero vector of  $V$ .

**Example:-** Let  $W$  be the set of all vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  of  $V_n$  satisfying the three equations.

$$\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n = 0 \text{ -----(1)}$$

$$\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_n x_n = 0 \text{ -----(2)}$$



$$\gamma_1 x_1 + \gamma_2 x_2 + \gamma_3 x_3 + \dots + \gamma_n x_n = 0 \quad \text{-----(3)}$$

Then  $W = W_1 \cap W_2 \cap W_3$

Where  $W_1$  is the solution set of equation (1)

$W_2$  is the solution set of equation (2)

$W_3$  is the solution set of equation (3)

**Solution:-** Since each  $W_i$  is subspaces.

$\therefore W$  is subspace of  $V_n$ .

**Example:-** Prove that the union of two subspaces of  $V$  need not be a subspace of  $V$ .

**Solution:-** Let us take  $U = x$ -axis and  $W = Y$ -axis in  $V_2$ .

Here  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of  $V_2$ .

Here  $(1, 0) \in U$  and  $(0, 1) \in W$

So  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1) \in U \cup W$

But  $(1, 0) + (0, 1) = (1, 1) \notin U \cup W \quad (\because (1, 1) \notin U \text{ and } (1, 1) \notin W)$

This show that  $U \cup W$  is not subspace of  $V_2$ .

**Note:-**  $U \cup W$  is not general a subspace. But we know that if  $S$  is nonempty subset of a vector space  $V$ , then  $[S]$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $S$ .

$\therefore [U \cup W]$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U \cup W$ .

Any element of  $[U \cup W]$  is a linear combination of the finite subset of  $U \cup W$ .

i.e. if  $v \in [U \cup W]$  then

$$v = \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2 + \dots + \alpha_n u_n + \beta_1 v_1 + \beta_2 v_2 + \dots + \beta_m v_m$$

Here  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \in U, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m \in W$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m$  are scalars for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$\therefore v$  can be expressed as  $u + v$  for  $u \in U$  and  $v \in W$ .

$\therefore$  We can say that  $[U \cup W]$  consists of elements of the form  $u + v$   $u, \in U$  and  $v \in W$ .

**Definition:- Addition of sets:-**

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two subsets of a vector space  $V$ . As  $A + B$ , is the set of all vectors the for  $u + v, u \in A$  and  $v \in B$ .

i.e.  $A + B = \{ u + v / u \in A \text{ and } v \in B \}$

**Example:-** In  $V_2$ , let  $A = \{ (1, 2), (0, 1) \}$  and  $B = \{ (1, 1), (-1, 2), (2, 5) \}$  then  $A + B = \{ (1, 2) + (1, 1), (1, 2) + (-1, 2), (1, 2) + (2, 5), (0, 1) + (1, 1), (0, 1) + (-1, 2), (0, 1) + (2, 5) \}$   
 $= \{ (2, 3), (0, 4), (3, 7), (1, 2), (-1, 3), (2, 6) \}$

**Example:-** In  $V_2$ , let  $A = \{ (2, 3) \}$  and  $B = \{ t(3, 1) / t \text{ a scalar} \}$  then

$$A + B = \{ (2, 3) + t(3, 1) / t \text{ is scalar} \}$$

$$= \{ (2+3t, 3+t) / t \text{ is scalar} \}$$

**Geometric meaning of addition of sets:-**

In  $V_2$ , let  $A = \{ (2,3) \}$  and  $B = \{ t(3, 1)/t \text{ a scalar} \}$  then

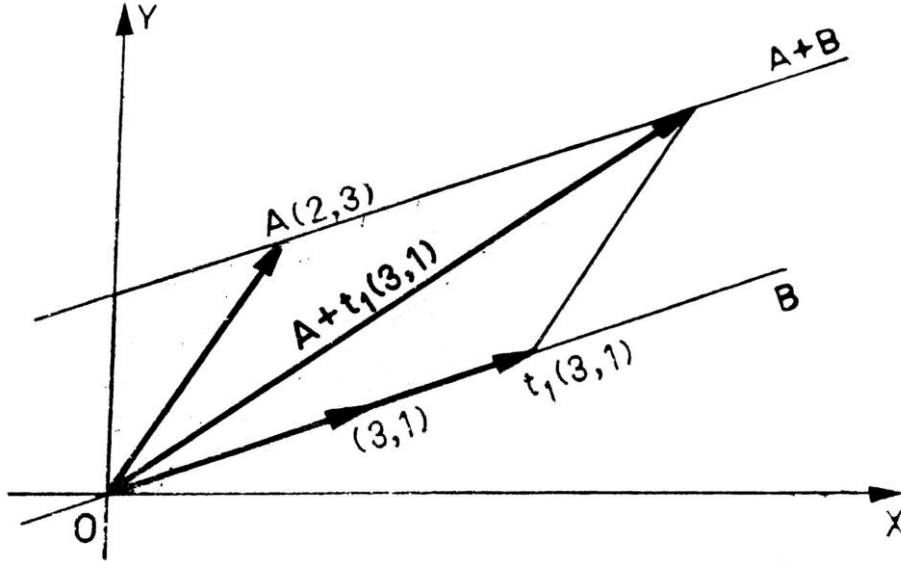
$A + B = \{ (2,3) + t(3, 1) / t \text{ is scalar} \}$

$= \{ (2+3t, 3+ t) / t \text{ is scalar} \}$

Geometric meaning of addition of sets A and B as under

B is a line through the origin and A is a set containing one vector.

$A + B$  is line parallel to B and passing through the point (2,3)



**Example:-** In  $V_3$ , let  $A = \{ \alpha (1, 2,0) / \alpha \text{ is a scalar} \}$  and

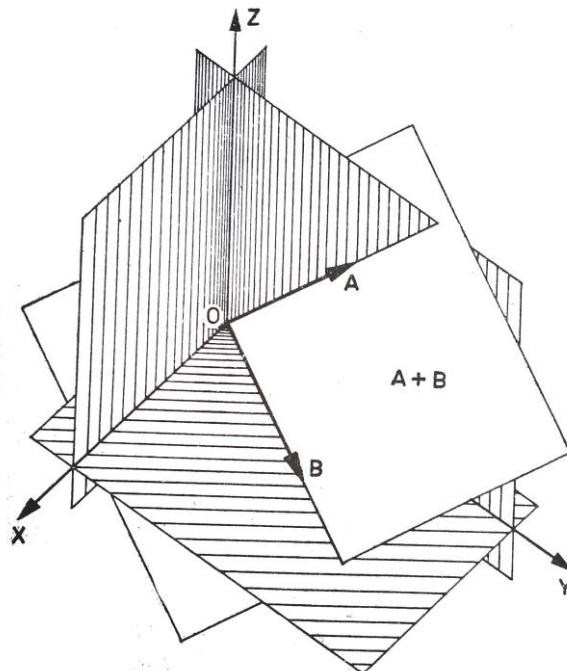
$B = \{ \beta (0, 1,2) / \beta \text{ a scalar} \}$  then

$A + B = \{ \alpha (1, 2,0) + \beta (0, 1,2) / \alpha, \beta \text{ is scalar} \}$

$= \{ (\alpha, 2\alpha + \beta, 2\beta) / \alpha, \beta \text{ is scalar} \}$

Geometric meaning of addition of sets A and B as under

A and B are lines through the origin In  $V_3$  and  $A + B$  is plane containing these lines and passing through the point origin.



**Theorem:-** Let  $U$  and  $W$  are two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  then prove that  $U + W$  is subspace of  $V$  and  $U + W = [U \cup W]$ .

**Proof:-** Since each vector of  $U + W$  is a finite linear combination of  $U \cup W$

$$U + W \subset [U \cup W] \text{ -----(i)}$$

Now we want to prove that

$$[U \cup W] \subset U + W$$

For this,

$$\text{Let } v \in [U \cup W]$$

$$\therefore v = u + w \quad \text{where } u \in U \text{ and } w \in W.$$

( $\because$  Definition of addition of sets)

$$\therefore v \in U + W$$

$$\therefore [U \cup W] \subset U + W \text{ -----(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$U + W = [U \cup W].$$

Since  $[U \cup W]$  is subspace of  $V$ .

$$\therefore U + W \text{ is subspace of } V.$$

**Note:-**  $U + W$  is the smallest subspace of  $V$  containing  $U \cup W$ . i.e. both  $U$  and  $W$ .

**Example:-** In  $V_3$ ,  $U = x$ -axis and  $W = Y$ -axis, then find  $U + W$ .

**Solution:-**  $U + W$  is the set of all those vectors of  $V_3$  that are from

$$\alpha(1, 0, 0) + \beta(0, 1, 0)$$

$$\therefore U + W = \{(\alpha, \beta, 0) / \alpha, \beta \text{ are scalars}\}$$

$$\text{And } [U \cup W] = \{\alpha u + \beta w / \alpha, \beta \text{ is scalar and } u \in U \text{ and } w \in W\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } [U \cup W] = \{\alpha(1, 0, 0) + \beta(0, 1, 0) / \alpha, \beta \text{ are scalars}\}$$

$$\therefore U + W = [U \cup W]$$

**Note:-** the interesting relation arising from this example:

$$[x\text{-axis} \cup Y\text{-axis}] = x\text{-axis} + Y\text{-axis} = xy \text{ plane.}$$

## Direct sum

**Definition:- Direct sum:-**

Let  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , then the sum  $U + W$  is called direct sum if the sum  $U + W$  is subspace of  $V$  and  $U \cap W = v_0 = \{0\}$ .

It is denoted by  $U \oplus W$ .

i.e. the direct sum of  $U$  and  $W$  is written as  $U \oplus W$ .

**Example:-** Check the following additions in  $V_3$ .

(1)  $xy \text{ plane} + z \text{ -axis} = V_3$ .

(2)  $xy \text{ plane} + yz \text{ plane} = V_3$ .

**Solution:-** (1)  $xy \text{ plane} + z \text{ -axis} = V_3$  is the direct sum  
because  $xy \text{ plane} \cap z \text{ -axis} = \{0\}$ .

(2)  $xy \text{ plane} + yz \text{ plane} = V_3$  is not the direct sum  
because  $xy \text{ plane} \cap yz \text{ plane} \neq \{0\}$ .

**Note:-** From example (1) Any vector  $(a, b, c) \in V_3$  can be written as

$$(a, b, c) = (a, b, 0) + (0, 0, c) \text{ -----} (*)$$

Where  $(a, b, 0) \in xy \text{ plane}$  and  $(0, 0, c) \in z \text{ axis}$

Thus  $(a, b, c)$  is the sum of two vectors one in the  $xy$  plane and the other is in  $z$  -axis .

$\therefore$  The advantage of the direct sum lies in the fact that the representation equation (\*) is unique.

i.e. we cannot find two other vectors such that one in the  $xy$ - plane and the other is in  $z$  -axis .

On other hand, in example (2) any vector  $(a, b, c)$  can be written as the sum of two vectors, one in the  $xy$ -plane and other in the  $yz$ -plane in more than one way.

e.g.  $(a, b, c) = (a, b, 0) + (0, 0, c)$

$$(a, b, c) = (a, 0, 0) + (0, b, c)$$

**Theorem:-** Let  $U$  and  $W$  are two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  and  $Z = U + W$  then  $Z = U \oplus W$  iff the following condition is satisfied

Any vector  $z \in Z$  can be expressed uniquely as the sum

$$z = u + w \text{ for some } u \in U, w \in W.$$

**Proof:-** Let  $Z = U \oplus W$

Since  $Z = U + W$

If any vector  $z \in Z$  can be written as  $z = u + w$  for some  $u \in U, w \in W$ .

Let us suppose that  $z = u' + w'$  for some  $u' \in U, w' \in W$  is another representation of  $z$ .

$$\text{Then } u' + w' = u + w$$

$$\therefore u - u' = w' - w$$

But  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ .

$$u - u' \in U \text{ and } w' - w \in W$$

$$u - u' \in U \cap W$$

Since  $U \cap W$  is direct sum

$$\therefore U \cap W = \{0\}$$

$$\therefore u - u' = 0 \Rightarrow u = u' \text{ and } w' = w$$

$\therefore$  Any vector  $z \in Z$  can be expressed uniquely as the sum

$$z = u + w \text{ for some } u \in U, w \in W.$$

Conversely,

Let us suppose that any vector  $z \in Z$  can be expressed uniquely as the sum  $z = u + w$  for some  $u \in U, w \in W$ .

Now we want to prove that  $Z$  is a direct sum of  $U$  and  $W$ .

Since  $Z = U + W$  is given.

So we have only to prove that  $U \cap W = \{0\}$

Let us suppose that  $U \cap W \neq \{0\}$

i.e.  $U \cap W$  contain nonzero vector  $v$ .

i.e.  $v \in U \cap W$  where  $v \neq 0$

$\therefore v \in U$  and  $v \in W$

and  $v = v + 0 \in U + W$  with  $v \in U, 0 \in W$ .

also  $v = 0 + v \in U + W$  with  $0 \in U, v \in W$ .

Thus, these two ways of expression of vector is not possible in direct sum.

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong.

Hence  $U \cap W = \{0\}$  and  $Z = U \oplus W$ .

**Definition:- Linear variety:-**

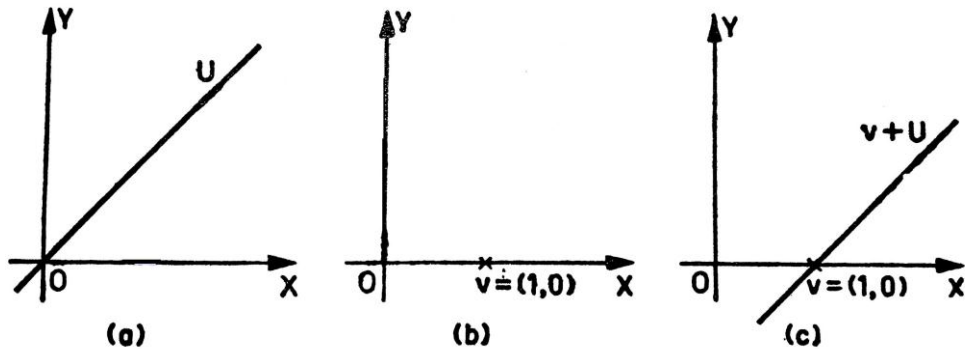
If  $U$  is a subspace of a vector space  $V$  and  $v$  a vector of  $V$  then  $\{v\}$  or  $v + U$  is called a **translate of  $U$**  (by  $v$ ) or a **parallel of  $U$**  (through  $v$ ) or linear variety.

Here  $U$  is called the base space of linear variety and  $v$  a leader.

$\{v\} + U$  is not a subspace unless  $v \in U$ .

**e.g. (1)** Take the line  $y = x$  through the origin in  $V_2$ . Call it  $U$ . Consider the point  $v = (1, 0)$ .

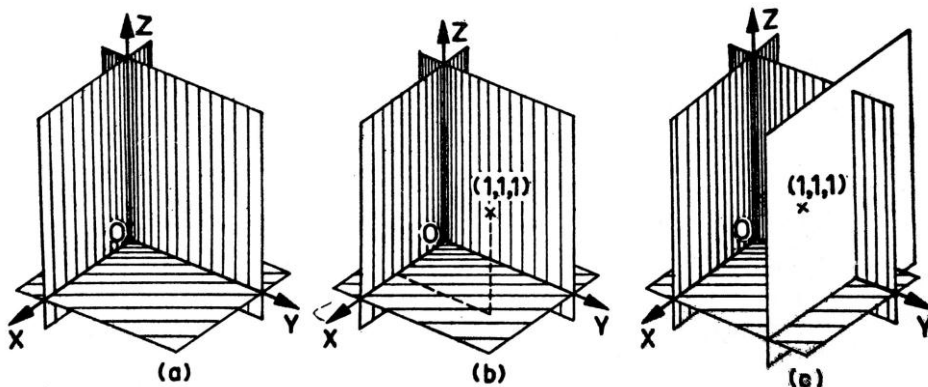
The translate  $v + U$  of  $U$  by  $v$  is the line  $y = x - 1$  through the point  $(1, 0)$  as in figure. It can also obtained by adding  $(1, 0)$  to the vectors in  $y = x$ .



**e.g. (2)** Let us take the plane  $y = 0$  in  $V_3$  and call it  $U$ .

Consider the point  $v = (1, 1, 1) \in V_3$ .

$(1, 1, 1) + U$  is the set of all points of  $V_3$  given by  $(1, 1, 1) + u \forall u \in U$



Geometrically

It is the plane parallel to  $y = 0$  through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

**Theorem:-** Let  $U$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$  and  $P = v + U$  be the parallel of  $U$  through  $v$ . Then prove that

(a) For any  $w$  in  $P$ ,  $w + U = P$ . or Any vector of  $P$  can be taken as a leader of  $P$ .

(b) Two vectors  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  are in the same parallel of  $U$  iff  $v_1 - v_2 \in U$ .

**Proof:-** (a) Let  $w \in P$

Since  $P = v + U$

$\therefore w = v + u_1$  where  $u_1 \in U$ .

$\therefore v = w - u_1$

Let us take  $z \in P$  then  $z = v + u_2$  where  $u_2 \in U$ .

$\therefore z = (w - u_1) + u_2$

$= w + (u_2 - u_1)$

Here  $U$  is subspace of  $V$ .

$\therefore (u_2 - u_1) \in U$

Thus every vector  $z \in P$  has the form  $w + (\text{some vector in } U)$ .

$\therefore P \subset w + U$  ----- (1)

Now we want to prove that

$w + U \subset P$

For this,

Let  $y \in w + U$

$\therefore y = w + u \quad \forall u \in U$

The vector

$y = w + u$

$= v + u_1 + u$

$= v + (\text{a vector of } U)$

$\therefore y \in v + U = P$

$\therefore w + U \subset P$  -----(2)

From (1) and (2)

$\therefore w + U = P$

**Proof :-** (b) Let  $v_1, v_2$  be in the same parallel of  $U$ , namely  $v + U$ .

$\therefore v_1 = v + u_1$  where  $u_1 \in U$  and  $v_2 = v + u_2$  where  $u_2 \in U$ .

Then  $v_1 - v_2 = (v + u_1) - (v + u_2) = u_1 - u_2$

Here  $U$  is subspace of  $V$ .

$\therefore u_1 - u_2 \in U$ .

$\therefore v_1 - v_2 \in U$ .

Conversely,

If  $v_1 - v_2 \in U$  then  $v_1 - v_2 = u$  for some  $u \in U$ .

So,  $v_1 = v_2 + u$

$\therefore v_1 \in v_2 + U$

Also  $v_2 = v_2 + 0$

$\therefore v_2 \in v_2 + U$  since  $0 \in U$

So  $v_1, v_2 \in V$  are in the same parallel of  $v_2 + U$

**Example:-** Illustration:- Take  $V = V_3$  and  $U = yz$ -plane.

**Solution :-** Let  $v = (1, 1, 1)$  then  $p = v + U$  is the parallel given by the set  
 $\{ (1, 1, 1) + (0, \beta, \gamma) / \beta, \gamma \text{ arbitrary scalars} \}$   
 $= \{ (1, 1+\beta, 1+\gamma) / \beta, \gamma \text{ arbitrary scalars} \}$

Part (a) of above theorem say that to describe this set we could take instead of  $(1, 1, 1)$  .any other vector from  $p$ .

Let us take vectoe  $(1, 0, 0)$  . Which is also in  $p$ .

The theorem say that every vector  $(1, 1, 1) + (0, \beta, \gamma)$  can be written in the form  $(1, 0, 0) + (0, \beta', \gamma')$  for any  $\beta', \gamma'$

$$\beta' = 1 + \beta \text{ and } \gamma' = 1 + \gamma$$

To continue the illustration, both  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, 0)$  are in  $P$

Part (b) of the theorem says that whenever the difference of two vectors belongs to  $U$ , then they both belong to the same parallel and conversely.