

Recall:

$$(I\!V\!P) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \dot{y}(t) = f(y(t)) & (DE) \\ y(0) = y_0 & (IC) \end{array} \right. \quad y_0, f \text{ given, } t \in [0, T] \quad y ??$$

$$(B\!V\!P) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -u''(x) = g(x) & 0 < x < 1 \quad (DE) \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = 0 & (BC) \end{array} \right.$$

$$(P\!D\!E) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u_t(x,t) - u_{xx}(x,t) = f(x) & 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < 3 \quad (P\!E) \\ u(0,t) = 0, u(1,t) = 0 & 0 < t < 3 \quad (BC) \\ u(x,0) = \sin(x) & 0 < x < 1 \quad (IC) \end{array} \right.$$

Elliptic, parabolic, hyperbolic  
Laplace, heat, wave

## Chapter II: Mathematical tools

Goal: Introduce/recall some definitions, tools,  
(abstract) spaces. These will be used later on.

### 1) Vector Spaces:

Def: A set  $V$  of vectors or functions is called

a vector space (VS) or linear space if

$\forall u, v, w \in V$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , one has

(i) Associativity:  $u + (v + w) = (u + v) + w = u + v + w$

(ii) Commutativity:  $u + v = v + u$

(iii) Identity element:  $\exists 0 \in V$  s.t.  $u + 0 = 0 + u = u$

(iv) Inverse element:  $\forall u \in V$ ,  $\exists (-u) \in V$  s.t.  
 $u + (-u) = 0$

(v)  $\alpha(\beta v) = (\alpha\beta)v = \alpha\beta v$

(vi)  $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $1 \cdot v = v \quad \forall v \in V$

(vii)  $\alpha(u+v) = \alpha u + \alpha v$

(viii)  $(\alpha + \beta)u = \alpha u + \beta u$

Ex:  $V = \mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a

vector space / linear space, with

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$\alpha(v(x, y)) = (\alpha x, \alpha y)$$

Ex:  $V = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are other example

Ex:  $V$  = space of polynomials defined on  $[0, 1]$  of degree  $\leq 1$ .

$$V = \left\{ p(x) : p(x) \text{ polynomial with } x \in [0, 1], \deg(p(x)) \leq 1 \right\} = \\ = \left\{ p(x) : p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x \text{ for } a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{R}, x \in [0, 1] \right\}$$

With the operations

$$p(x) + q(x) = (a_0 + a_1 x) + (b_0 + b_1 x) =$$

$$= (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x$$

$$\alpha p(x) = \alpha(a_0 + a_1 x) = (\alpha a_0) + (\alpha a_1)x$$

Verify (i)-(viii) above  $\Rightarrow V$  is vector space.

Ex: Similarly, one verifies that

$\mathcal{P}^{(k)}([a, b])$  = set of polyn.-defined on  $[a, b]$  of degree  $\leq k$

is a vector space.  $\mathcal{P}^{(k)}(\mathbb{R})$  also VS.

Def: Let  $V$  vector space. A subset  $U \subset V$  is called a subspace of  $V$  if

$$\alpha u + \beta v \in U \quad \forall u, v \in U, \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Ex: Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $U = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Is  $U$  a subspace of  $V$ ?

(i) Subset?  $U \subset V$  clear since  $(x, y, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$

(ii)  $\alpha u + \beta v \in U$ ? Clear

Ex: Let  $V = \mathcal{P}^{\leq 1}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $U = \mathcal{P}^{\leq 1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Is  $U$  a subspace of  $V$ ?

(i) Subset? polyn. in  $U$  have degree  $\leq 1$   
and  $1 \leq 5$

(ii)  $\alpha p + \beta q \in U$ ? The sum will also be  
a polyn. of degree  $\leq 1$ .

polyn.      polyn.  
 $\downarrow$        $\searrow$   
 $\deg \leq 1$        $\deg \leq 1$

Def: Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$ . A linear combination of these elements is given by

$$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n \text{ for some } a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Def: Let  $V$  be a vector space and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \in V$ . The space of all linear combinations of these elements is denoted by

$$\underline{\text{span}}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = \left\{ a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

Ex: Consider polyn.  $1, x, x^2$ .

What is  $\text{span}(1, x, x^2) = ?$

$$\text{span}(1, x, x^2) = \left\{ a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 \cdot x + a_2 \cdot x^2 : a_0, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$\uparrow$

Def span

$$= \mathbb{P}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$$

Def  $\mathbb{P}^{(2)}$ : set of polyn. of degree  $\leq 2$ .

How can we write the polynomial

$4x - 2 \in \mathbb{P}^{(2)}(\mathbb{R})$  in terms of  $1, x, x^2$ ?

$$4x - 2 = (-2) \cdot 1 + 4(x) + 0 \cdot (x^2)$$

$\nwarrow \quad \uparrow$   
"coordinates"

2) Basis of a vector space:

let  $V$  be a VS/linear space.

Def! • A set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is called

linearly independent if the equation

$a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + \dots + a_n v_n = 0$  has only the

trivial solution  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$ .

else, the set is called linearly dependent

• A set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in  $V$  is called

a basis of  $V$  if  $\underline{\text{span}}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = V$

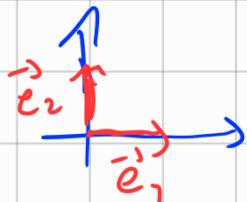
and the set is linearly independent.

• The dimension of  $V$  is denoted and

defined as  $\dim(V) = n = \text{number of elements}$   
in the basis.

Ex:  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$

• Basis  $\{(1,0); (0,1)\}$



•  $\dim(V) = \dim(\mathbb{R}^2) = 2$

Ex:  $\dim \mathbb{P}^{(2)} = 2+1=3$  since  $\text{span}(1, x, x^2) = \mathbb{P}^{(2)}$ .

3) Inner product / scalar product:

Rem:  $\mathbb{R}^2 \quad u^T v = u \cdot v = (u, v) = (u_1, u_2)^T (v_1, v_2) = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2$

Let  $V$  be a linear space / vector space

Def: An inner product (scalar product) on  $V$

is a map  $(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

(i)  $(u, v) = (v, u)$

(symmetry)

$$(ii) (u+\alpha v, w) = (u, w) + \alpha (v, w) \quad (\text{linearity})$$

$$(iii) (v, v) \geq 0 \quad (\text{positivity})$$

$$(iv) (v, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$$

$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \forall u, v, w \in V$

Def: • A linear space  $V$  with an inner product  
is called an inner product space.

Notation  $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$  or  $(V, (\cdot, \cdot)_V)$

- In such space, one has a

norm defined by  $\|u\|_V = \sqrt{(u, u)_V}$

Ex:  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $u^T v$  as above

Norm  $\|u\| = \sqrt{u_1^2 + u_2^2}$  for  $u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

Def: Let  $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$  be an inner product space.

2 elements are orthogonal in  $V$

if  $(u, v) = 0$ , notation  $u \perp v$ .

#### 4) Spaces of square integrable functions

Def: Let  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ , we define the space of square integrable functions by

$$\underline{L^2(\mathcal{S})} = \left\{ f: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \int_{\mathcal{S}} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty \right\}$$

(measurable)

with inner product given by

$$(f, g)_{L^2(\mathcal{S})} = (f, g)_{L^2} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} f(x) \cdot g(x) dx$$

and the  $L^2$ -norm

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\mathcal{S})} = \|f\|_{L^2} = \sqrt{(f, f)_{L^2}} = \sqrt{\int_{\mathcal{S}} |f(x)|^2 dx}$$

Rem: Think  $\mathcal{S} = [0, 1]$ :  $(f, g)_{L^2} = \int_0^1 f(x) g(x) dx$

vectors  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$U^T V = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$$

$$\|f\|_{L^2} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx}$$

$$\|u\| = \sqrt{\sum u_i^2}$$

Ex: Consider 2 polynomials  $p(x) = x$  and  $q(x) = x^2$  defined on  $[-1, 1]$ . Are they orthogonal?

$$p(x) \perp g(x) \Leftrightarrow (p, g)_{L^2(-1,1)} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 p(x)g(x)dx = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot x^2 dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_{-1}^1 = 0$$

and hence  $p(x) \perp g(x)$ !

The above can be generalised

Def: Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . We define the spaces

$$\underline{L^p(\Omega)} = \{ f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \|f\|_{L^p} < \infty \}, \text{ where}$$

the  $L^p$ -norm is defined by  $\|f\|_{L^p} = \left( \int_{\Omega} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$

• Let  $p = \infty$ . We define the space

$$\underline{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \{ f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \|f\|_\infty < \infty \}, \text{ where}$$

the  $L^\infty$ -norm / maximum norm is defined by

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} = \underset{x \in \Omega}{\text{ess. sup}} |f(x)| \quad \text{"Think sup/max"}$$

[essential supremum]

↳ wiki if interested

For us if  $\Omega$  compact and  $f$  continuous,

$$\text{then } \|f\|_{L^\infty} = \max_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$$