

## A brief introduction to linear algebra

### 1. Vector spaces and linear maps

In what follows, fix  $K \in \{\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ . More generally,  $K$  can be any field.

**1.1. Vector spaces.** Motivated by our intuition of adding and scaling vectors in the plane (see Figure 1.1), we make the following definition:

**Definition 6.1.1.** A  $K$ -*vector space* consists of a triple  $(V, +, \cdot)$ , where  $V$  is a set, and  $+ : V \times V \rightarrow V$  and  $\cdot : K \times V \rightarrow V$  are maps, satisfying the following properties:

- (1) (Group laws)
  - (a) (Additive identity) There exists an element  $\mathcal{O} \in V$  such that for all  $v \in V$ ,  $v + \mathcal{O} = v$ ;
  - (b) (Additive inverse) For each  $v \in V$  there exists an element  $-v \in V$  such that  $v + (-v) = \mathcal{O}$ ;
  - (c) (Associativity of addition) For all  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in V$ ,
 
$$(v_1 + v_2) + v_3 = v_1 + (v_2 + v_3);$$
- (2) (Abelian property)
  - (a) (Commutativity of addition) For all  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ ,
 
$$v_1 + v_2 = v_2 + v_1;$$
- (3) (Module conditions)
  - (a) For all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $v_1, v_2 \in V$ ,
 
$$\lambda \cdot (v_1 + v_2) = (\lambda \cdot v_1) + (\lambda \cdot v_2);$$
  - (b) For all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$ , and all  $v \in V$ ,
 
$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \cdot v = (\lambda_1 \cdot v) + (\lambda_2 \cdot v);$$
  - (c) For all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$ , and all  $v \in V$ ,
 
$$(\lambda_1 \lambda_2) \cdot v = \lambda_1 \cdot (\lambda_2 \cdot v);$$
  - (d) For all  $v \in V$ ,
 
$$1 \cdot v = v.$$

In the above, for all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $v, v_1, v_2 \in V$  we have denoted  $+(v_1, v_2)$  by  $v_1 + v_2$  and  $\cdot(\lambda, v)$  by  $\lambda \cdot v$ .

In addition, for brevity, we will often write  $\lambda v$  for  $\lambda \cdot v$ .

**EXAMPLE 6.1.2** (The vector space  $K^n$ ). By definition,

$$K^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in K, 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

The map  $+ : K^n \times K^n \rightarrow K^n$  is defined by the rule

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

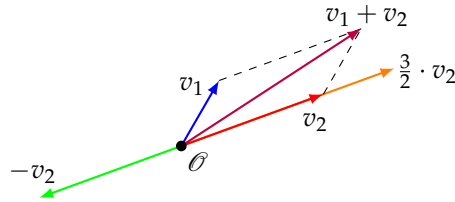


FIGURE 1. Adding and scaling vectors in the plane

for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in K^n$ . The map  $\cdot : K \times K^n \rightarrow K^n$  is defined by the rule

$$\lambda \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n)$$

for all  $\lambda \in K$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in K^n$ .

**Exercise 6.1.3.** Show that  $(K^n, +, \cdot)$ , defined in the example above, is a  $K$ -vector space.

**Exercise 6.1.4 (Cancellation rule).** Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. Show that if we have  $v_1, v_2, w \in V$ , then

$$v_1 + w = v_2 + w \iff v_1 = v_2.$$

**Exercise 6.1.5 (Unique additive identity).** Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. Fix an element  $\mathcal{O} \in V$  such that for all  $v \in V$ , we have  $v + \mathcal{O} = v$ . Show that if  $w \in V$  satisfies  $v' + w = v'$  for all  $v' \in V$ , then  $w = \mathcal{O}$ .

**Exercise 6.1.6 (Unique additive inverse).** Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. Let  $v \in V$ . Fix an element  $-v \in V$  such that  $v + (-v) = \mathcal{O}$ . Suppose that there is  $w \in V$  such that  $v + w = \mathcal{O}$ . Show that  $w = -v$ .

**Exercise 6.1.7.** Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. Show the following properties hold for all  $v, v_1, v_2 \in V$  and all  $\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in K$ .

- (1)  $0v = \mathcal{O}$ .
- (2)  $\lambda \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}$ .
- (3)  $(-\lambda)v = -(\lambda v) = \lambda(-v)$ .
- (4) If  $\lambda v = \mathcal{O}$ , then either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $v = \mathcal{O}$ .
- (5) If  $\lambda v_1 = \lambda v_2$ , then either  $\lambda = 0$  or  $v_1 = v_2$ .
- (6) If  $\lambda_1 v = \lambda_2 v$ , then either  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  or  $v = \mathcal{O}$ .
- (7)  $-(v_1 + v_2) = (-v_1) + (-v_2)$ .
- (8)  $v + v = 2v$ ,  $v + v + v = 3v$ , and in general  $\sum_{i=1}^n v = nv$ .

**Exercise 6.1.8.** Consider the set of maps from a set  $S$  to  $K$ . Let us denote this set by  $\text{Map}(S, K)$ . Define addition and multiplication maps

$$+ : \text{Map}(S, K) \times \text{Map}(S, K) \rightarrow \text{Map}(S, K)$$

and

$$\cdot : K \times \text{Map}(S, K) \rightarrow \text{Map}(S, K)$$

in the following way. For all  $f, g \in \text{Map}(S, K)$ , set  $f + g$  to be the function defined by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ . For all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $f \in \text{Map}(S, K)$ , set  $\lambda \cdot f$  to be the function defined by  $(\lambda \cdot f)(x) = \lambda f(x)$  for all  $x \in S$ . Show that if  $S \neq \emptyset$  then  $(\text{Map}(S, K), +, \cdot)$  is a  $K$ -vector space.

## 2. Sub-vector spaces

**Definition 6.2.9** (sub- $K$ -vector space). Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. A **sub- $K$ -vector space** of  $(V, +, \cdot)$  is a  $K$ -vector space  $(V', +', \cdot')$  such that  $V' \subseteq V$  and such that for all  $v', v'_1, v'_2 \in V'$  and all  $\lambda \in K$ ,

$$v'_1 +' v'_2 = v'_1 + v'_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda \cdot' v' = \lambda \cdot v'.$$

We will write  $(V', +', \cdot') \subseteq (V, +, \cdot)$ .

**Definition 6.2.10.** If  $(V, +, \cdot)$  is a  $K$ -vector space, and  $V' \subseteq V$  is a subset, we say that  $V'$  is **closed under  $+$**  (resp. **closed under  $\cdot$** ) if for all  $v'_1, v'_2 \in V'$  (resp. for all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $v' \in V'$ ) we have  $v'_1 + v'_2 \in V'$  (resp.  $\lambda \cdot v' \in V'$ ). In this case, we define

$$+|_{V'} : V' \times V' \rightarrow V'$$

(resp.  $\cdot|_{V'} : K \times V' \rightarrow V'$ ) to be the map given by  $v'_1 +|_{V'} v'_2 = v'_1 + v'_2$  (resp.  $\lambda \cdot|_{V'} v' = \lambda \cdot v'$ ), for all  $v'_1, v'_2 \in V'$  (resp. for all  $\lambda \in K$  and all  $v' \in V'$ ).

**REMARK 6.2.11.** Note that if  $(V', +', \cdot')$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space of  $(V, +, \cdot)$ , then  $V'$  is closed under  $+$  and  $\cdot$ .

**Exercise 6.2.12.** Show that if a non-empty subset  $V' \subseteq V$  is closed under  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , then  $(V', +|_{V'}, \cdot|_{V'})$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space of  $(V, +, \cdot)$ .

**Exercise 6.2.13.** Show that if  $(V', +', \cdot')$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space of a  $K$ -vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$ , then the additive identity element  $\mathcal{O}' \in V'$  is equal to the additive identity element  $\mathcal{O} \in V$ .

**Exercise 6.2.14.** Recall the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space  $(\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$  from Exercise 6.1.8. In this exercise, show that the subsets of  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  listed below are closed under  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , and so define sub- $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces of  $(\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$ .

- (1) The set of all polynomial functions.
- (2) The set of all polynomial functions of degree less than  $n$ .
- (3) The set of all functions that are continuous on an interval  $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .
- (4) The set of all functions differentiable at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (5) The set of all functions differentiable on an interval  $(a, b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .
- (6) The set of all functions with  $f(1) = 0$ .
- (7) The set of all solutions to the differential equation  $f'' + af' + bf = 0$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Exercise 6.2.15.** In this exercise, show that the subsets of  $\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  listed below are NOT closed under  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , and so do not define sub- $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces of  $(\text{Map}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}), +, \cdot)$ .

- (1) Fix  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a \neq 0$ . The set of all functions with  $f(1) = a$ .
- (2) The set of all solutions to the differential equation  $f'' + af' + bf = c$  for some  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $c \neq 0$ .

## 3. Linear maps

**Definition 6.3.16** (Linear map). Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  and  $(V', +', \cdot')$  be  $K$ -vector spaces. A **linear map**  $F : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  is a map of sets

$$f : V \rightarrow V'$$

such that for all  $\lambda \in K$  and  $v, v_1, v_2 \in V$ ,

$$f(v_1 + v_2) = f(v_1) +' f(v_2) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\lambda \cdot v) = \lambda \cdot' f(v).$$

Note that we will frequently use the same letter for the linear map and the map of sets. The  $K$ -vector space  $(V, +, \cdot)$  is called the **source** (or domain) of the linear map and the  $K$ -vector space  $(V', +', \cdot')$  is called the **target** (or codomain) of the linear map. The set  $f(V) \subseteq V'$  is called the **image** (or range) of  $f$ .

**Exercise 6.3.17.** Let  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  be a linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces. Show that the image of  $f$  is closed under  $+', \cdot'$ , and so defines a sub- $K$ -vector space of the target  $(V', +', \cdot')$ .

**Exercise 6.3.18.** Let  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  be a linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces. Show that  $f(\mathcal{O}) = \mathcal{O}'$ .

**Exercise 6.3.19.** Show that the following maps of sets define linear maps of the  $K$ -vector spaces.

- (1) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space. Show that the identity map  $f : V \rightarrow V$ , given by  $f(v) = v$  for all  $v \in V$ , is a linear map. This linear map will frequently be denoted by  $\text{Id}_V$ .
- (2) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  and  $(V', +', \cdot')$  be  $K$ -vector spaces. Show that the zero map  $f : V \rightarrow V'$ , given by  $f(v) = \mathcal{O}'$  for all  $v \in V$ , is a linear map.
- (3) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be a  $K$ -vector space and let  $\alpha \in K$ . Show that the multiplication map  $f : V \rightarrow V$  given by  $f(v) = \alpha \cdot v$  for all  $v \in V$  is a linear map. This linear map will frequently be denoted by  $\alpha \text{Id}_V$ .
- (4) Let  $a_{ij} \in K$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Show that the map  $f : K^n \rightarrow K^m$  given by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}x_j \right)$$

is a linear map.

- (5) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all differentiable real functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $(V', +', \cdot')$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all real functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the map  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  that sends a differentiable function  $g$  to its derivative  $g'$  is a linear map.
- (6) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all continuous real functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the map  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V, +, \cdot)$  that sends a function  $g \in V$  to the function  $f(g) \in V$  determined by

$$f(g)(x) := \int_a^x g(t)dt \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a linear map. Make sure to show that  $f(g) \in V$  for all  $g \in V$ .

**Definition 6.3.20 (Kernel).** Let  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  be a linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces. The **kernel** of  $f$  (or Null space of  $f$ ), denoted  $\ker(f)$  (or  $\text{Null}(f)$ ), is the set

$$\ker(f) := f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}') = \{v \in V : f(v) = \mathcal{O}'\}.$$

**Exercise 6.3.21.** Let  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  be a linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces. Show that  $\ker(f)$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space of  $(V, +, \cdot)$ .

**Exercise 6.3.22.** Find the kernel of each of the linear maps listed below (see Problem 6.3.19).

- (1) The linear map  $\text{Id}_V$ .
- (2) The zero map  $V \rightarrow V'$ .
- (3) The linear map  $\alpha \text{Id}_V$ .
- (4) Let  $a_{ij} \in K$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . The linear map  $f : K^n \rightarrow K^m$  defined by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n a_{1j}x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}x_j, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n a_{mj}x_j \right).$$

- (5) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all differentiable real functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $(V', +', \cdot')$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all real functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The linear map  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  that sends a differentiable function  $g$  to its derivative  $g'$ .
- (6) Let  $(V, +, \cdot)$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space of all continuous real functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . The linear map  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V, +, \cdot)$  that sends a function  $g \in V$  to the function  $f(g) \in V$  determined by

$$f(g)(x) := \int_a^x g(t)dt \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Exercise 6.3.23.** Show that the composition of linear maps is a linear map.

**Definition 6.3.24 (Isomorphism).** Let  $f : (V, +, \cdot) \rightarrow (V', +', \cdot')$  be a linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces. We say that  $f$  is an isomorphism of  $K$ -vector spaces if there is a linear map  $g : (V', +', \cdot') \rightarrow (V, +, \cdot)$  of  $K$ -vector spaces such that

$$g \circ f = \text{Id}_{(V, +, \cdot)} \quad \text{and} \quad f \circ g = \text{Id}_{(V', +', \cdot')}.$$

**Exercise 6.3.25.** Show that a linear map is an isomorphism if and only if it is bijective.

## 4. Bases and dimension

**4.1. Linear maps determined by elements of a vector space.** The basic example we are interested in is the following. Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space. We fix

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in V^n.$$

From this we obtain a map

$$L_{\mathbf{v}} : K^n \rightarrow V$$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i.$$

**Exercise 6.4.26.** Show that  $L_{\mathbf{v}}$  is a linear map.

**4.2. Span, linear independence, and bases.** For every permutation  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the symmetric group on  $n$ -letters, we set

$$\mathbf{v}^\sigma := (v_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, v_{\sigma(n)}).$$

**Definition 6.4.27.** Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space, and let  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ . Set  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . We say:

- (1) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  **span**  $V$  (or **generate**  $V$ ) if for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is surjective.

- (2) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are **linearly independent** if for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is injective.
- (3) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are a **basis for  $V$**  if for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is an isomorphism.

**Exercise 6.4.28.** Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space, and let  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ . Set  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ .

- (1) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  **span**  $V$  (or generate  $V$ ) if for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is surjective.
- (2) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are **linearly independent** if for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is injective.
- (3) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are a **basis for  $V$**  if for any  $\sigma \in \Sigma_n$ , the linear map  $L_{\mathbf{v}^\sigma}$  is an isomorphism.

**Exercise 6.4.29.** Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space, and let  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$ .

- (1) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  **span**  $V$  (or generate  $V$ ) if for any  $v \in V$ , there exists  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in K^n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = v$ .
- (2) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are **linearly independent** if whenever  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in K^n$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i v_i = 0$ , we have  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ .
- (3) The elements  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are a **basis for  $V$**  if they span  $V$  and are linearly independent.

**4.3. Dimension.** We start with the following motivational exercise:

**Exercise 6.4.30.** If  $K^n \cong K^m$ , then  $n = m$ .

**Definition 6.4.31.** A  $K$ -vector space  $V$  is said to be of dimension  $n$  if there is an isomorphism  $V \cong K^n$ .

**Exercise 6.4.32.** Show that a  $K$ -vector space  $V$  has dimension  $n$  if and only if it has a basis consisting of  $n$  elements.

## 5. Direct products of vector spaces

**EXAMPLE 6.5.33.** Suppose that  $(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1)$  and  $(V_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$  are  $K$ -vector spaces. There is a  $K$ -vector space

$$(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1) \times (V_2, +_2, \cdot_2) := (V_1 \times V_2, +, \cdot)$$

where  $V_1 \times V_2$  is the product of the sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , where

$$+ : (V_1 \times V_2) \times (V_1 \times V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \times V_2$$

is defined by

$$(v_1, v_2) + (v'_1, v'_2) = (v_1 +_1 v'_1, v_2 +_2 v'_2)$$

and

$$+ : K \times (V_1 \times V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \times V_2$$

is defined by

$$\lambda \cdot (v_1, v_2) = (\lambda \cdot_1 v_1, \lambda \cdot_2 v_2).$$

**Exercise 6.5.34.** Show that the triple  $(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1) \times (V_2, +_2, \cdot_2) := (V_1 \times V_2, +, \cdot)$  in the example above is a  $K$ -vector space.

**Definition 6.5.35** (Direct product). Suppose that  $(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1)$  and  $(V_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$  are  $K$ -vector spaces. We define the direct product of  $(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1)$  and  $(V_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$ , written  $(V_1, +_1, \cdot_1) \times (V_2, +_2, \cdot_2)$ , to be the  $K$ -vector space  $(V_1 \times V_2, +, \cdot)$  defined above.

**Exercise 6.5.36.** Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be  $K$ -vector spaces. Show the following:

- (1) There is an injective linear map  $i_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V_1 \times V_2$  given by  $v_1 \mapsto (v_1, \mathcal{O}_{V_2})$ , and a surjective linear map  $p_1 : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow V_1$  given by  $(v_1, v_2) \mapsto v_1$ .
- (2) There is an injective linear map  $i_2 : V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \times V_2$  given by  $v_2 \mapsto (\mathcal{O}_{V_1}, v_2)$ , and a surjective linear map  $p_2 : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow V_2$  given by  $(v_1, v_2) \mapsto v_2$ .

## 6. Quotient vector spaces

Suppose that  $(V, +, \cdot)$  is a  $K$ -vector space, and  $W \subseteq V$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space. Define an equivalence relation on  $V$  by the rule

$$v_1 \sim v_2 \iff v_1 - v_2 \in W.$$

**Exercise 6.6.37.** Show that this defines an equivalence relation on  $V$ .

Let  $V/W$  be the set of equivalence classes, and let

$$\pi : V \longrightarrow V/W$$

be the quotient map of sets. For any element  $v \in V/W$ , there is an element  $v \in V$  such that  $v = [v]$ , where  $[v]$  is the equivalence class of  $v$ .

**Exercise 6.6.38.** Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space and suppose that  $W \subseteq V$  is a sub- $K$ -vector space.

- (1) Suppose that  $[v_1], [v_2] \in V/W$ . Show that the rule

$$[v_1] + [v_2] = [v_1 + v_2]$$

defines a map

$$+ : V/W \times V/W \rightarrow V/W.$$

- (2) Suppose that  $\lambda \in K$  and  $[v] \in V/W$ . Show that the rule

$$\lambda \cdot [v] = [\lambda \cdot v]$$

defines a map

$$\cdot : K \times V/W \rightarrow V/W.$$

- (3) Show that  $V/W$  is a  $K$ -vector space with  $+$  and  $\cdot$  defined as above.
- (4) Show that  $\pi : V \rightarrow V/W$  is a surjective linear map with kernel  $W$ .

**Definition 6.6.39** (Quotient  $K$ -vector space). Let  $V$  be a  $K$ -vector space and let  $W \subseteq V$  be a sub- $K$ -vector space. The quotient ( $K$ -vector space) of  $V$  by  $W$  is the  $K$ -vector space  $V/W$  constructed above.

**Exercise 6.6.40.** Suppose that  $\phi : V \rightarrow V'$  is a surjective linear map of  $K$ -vector spaces.

- (1) Show that  $V' \cong V / \ker \phi$ .
- (2) If  $V'$  is finite dimensional, show that  $V \cong (\ker \phi) \times V'$ .
- (3) If  $V$  and  $V'$  are finite dimensional, show that  $\dim V = \dim V' + \dim(\ker \phi)$ .

## 7. Further exercises

**Exercise 6.7.41.** Find an example of a triple  $(V, +, \cdot)$  satisfying all of the conditions of the definition of a  $K$ -vector space, except for condition (3)(d).

**Exercise 6.7.42.** Suppose that  $L : K^n \rightarrow K^m$  is a linear map. For  $j = 1, \dots, n$  define  $e_j = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0) \in K^n$  to be the element with all entries 0 except for the  $j$ -th place, which is 1. Similarly, for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  define  $f_i^\vee : K^m \rightarrow K$  to be the linear map defined by  $(y_1, \dots, y_m) \mapsto y_i$ . Show that  $L$  is the same as the linear map defined in Example 6.3.19(4) with  $a_{ij} = f_i^\vee(L(e_j))$ .