## Section 1: Vector spaces

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# Algebraic structures

# Definition

A group is a set G and associative binary operation \* with:

- closure:  $a, b \in G$  implies  $a * b \in G$ ;
- **identity**: there exists  $e \in G$  such that a \* e = e \* a = a for all  $a \in G$ ;
- inverses: for all  $a \in G$ , there is  $b \in G$  such that a \* b = e.

A group is abelian if a \* b = b \* a for all  $a, b \in G$ .

## Definition

A field is a set  $\mathbb{F}$  (or K) containing  $1 \neq 0$  with two binary operations: + (addition) and  $\cdot$  (multiplication) such that:

(i)  $\mathbb{F}$  is an abelian group under addition;

(ii)  $\mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}$  is an abelian group under multiplication;

(iii) The distributive law holds: a(b+c) = ab + ac for all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ .

## Remarks

- $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (prime p),  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) := \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  are all fields.
- **Z** is not a field. Nor is  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  (composite *n*).
- the additive identity is 0, and the inverse of a is -a.
- the multiplicative identity is 1, and the inverse of a is  $a^{-1}$ , or  $\frac{1}{a}$ .

# Vector spaces

# Definition

A vector space is a set X ("vectors") over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  ("scalars") such that:

(i) X is an abelian group under addition;

(ii) + and  $\cdot$  are "compatible" via natural associative and distributive laws relating the two:

• $a(bv) = (ab)v$ ,	for all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ , $v \in X$ ;
a(v+w) = av + aw,	for all $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , $v, w \in X$ ;
(a+b)v = av + bv,	for all $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , $v, w \in X$ ;
• $1v = v$ ,	for all $v \in X$ .

## Intuition

Think of a vector space as a set of vectors that is:

- (i) Closed under addition and subtraction;
- (ii) Closed under scalar multiplication;

(iii) Equipped with the "natural" associative and distributive laws.

# Proposition (exercise)

In any vector space X,

- (i) The zero vector **0** is unique;
- (ii)  $0x = \mathbf{0}$  for all  $x \in X$ ;

(iii) 
$$(-1)x = -x$$
 for all  $x \in X$ .

# Linear maps

# Definition

A linear map between vector spaces X and Y over  $\mathbb{F}$  is a function  $\varphi \colon X \to Y$  satisfying:

- $\varphi(v+w) = \varphi(v) + \varphi(w),$  for all  $v, w \in X;$
- $\varphi(av) = a \varphi(v)$ , for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $v \in X$ .

An isomorphism is a linear map that is bijective (1-1 and onto).

# Proposition

The two conditions for linearity above can be replaced by the single condition:

$$arphi(av+bw)=aarphi(v)+barphi(w),$$
 for all  $v,w\in X$  and  $a,b\in\mathbb{F}$ 

## Examples of vector spaces

- (i)  $K^n = \{(a_1, \ldots, a_n) : a_i \in K\}$ . Addition and multiplication are defined componentwise.
- (ii) Set of functions  $\mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (with  $K = \mathbb{R}$ ).
- (iii) Set of functions  $S \longrightarrow K$  for an abitrary set S.
- (iv) Set of polynomials of degree < n, with coefficients from K.

### Exercise

In the list of vector spaces above, (i) is isomorphic to (iv), and to (iii) if |S| = n.

# Subspaces

#### Definition

A subset Y of a vector space X is a subspace if it too is a vector space. We'll write  $Y \leq X$ .

## Examples

- (i)  $Y = \{(0, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, 0) : a_i \in K\} \subseteq K^n$ .
- (ii)  $Y = \{ \text{functions with period } T | \pi \} \subseteq \{ \text{functions } \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \}.$
- (iii)  $Y = \{ \text{constant functions } S \to K \} \subseteq \{ \text{functions } S \to K \}.$

 $(\mathsf{iv}) \ \mathbf{Y} = \{\mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_2 x^2 + \mathbf{a}_4 x^4 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{n-1} x^{n-1} : \mathbf{a}_i \in K\} \subseteq \{\mathsf{polynomials of degree} < n\}.$ 

## Definition

If Y and Z are subsets of a vector space X, then their:

- sum is  $Y + Z = \{y + z \mid y \in Y, z \in Z\};$
- intersection is  $Y \cap Z = \{x \mid x \in Y, x \in Z\}.$

#### Exercise

If Y and Z are subspaces of X, then Y + Z and  $Y \cap Z$  are also subspaces.

# Spanning and Independence

## Definition

A linear combination of vectors  $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  is a vector of the form  $a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_kx_k$ , where each  $a_i \in K$ .

#### Definition

Given a subset  $S \subseteq X$ , the subspace spanned by S is the set of all linear combinations of vectors in S, and denoted Span(S).

#### Exercise

For any subset  $S \subseteq X$ ,

$$\operatorname{Span}(S) = \bigcap_{Y_{lpha} \supseteq S \leq X} Y_{lpha} ,$$

where the intersection is taken over all subspaces of X that contain X.

## Definition

The vectors  $x_1, \ldots, x_k$  are linearly dependent if we can write  $a_1x_1 + \cdots + a_kx_k = 0$ , where not all  $a_i = 0$ . Otherwise, the vectors are linearly independent.

# Spanning and linear independence

#### Lemma 1.1

If  $X = \text{Span}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , and the vectors  $y_1, \dots, y_k \in X$  are linearly independent, then  $k \leq n$ .

#### Proof outline (details to be done on the board)

Write  $y_1 = a_1 x_1 + \cdots + a_n x_n$ , and assume WLOG that  $a_1 \neq 0$ .

Now, "solve" for  $x_1$  and eliminate it, and conclude that

 $\operatorname{Span}(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = \operatorname{Span}(y_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = X$ 

Repeat this process: eliminating each  $x_2, x_3, \ldots$ 

Note that k > n is impossible. (Why?)

## Basis of a vector space

## Definition

- A set  $B \subseteq X$  is a basis for X if:
  - *B* spans *X*. (is "big enough");
  - *B* is linearly independent. (isn't "too big").

### Exercise

The following are equivalent for a subset  $B \subseteq X$ :

- (i) B is a basis of X;
- (ii) B is a minimal spanning set;
- (iii) B is a maximal linearly independent set.

## Examples

Let's find bases for some familiar vector spaces.

- 1.  $K^n = \{(a_1, \ldots, a_n) : a_i \in K\}$ . Addition and multiplication are defined componentwise.
- 2. Set of functions  $S \longrightarrow K$  from a finite set S.
- 3. Set of polynomials of degree < n, with coefficients from K.

## Bases

#### Lemma 1.2

If Span $(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = X$ , then some subset of  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  is a basis for X.

#### Proof

If  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  are linearly dependent, then we can write (WLOG; renumber of necessary)

$$x_n=a_1x_1+\cdots+a_{n-1}x_{n-1}.$$

Now,  $\text{Span}(x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = X$ , and we can repeat this process until the remaining set is linearly independent.

## Definition

A vector space X is finite dimensional (f.d.) if it has a finite basis.

## Examples

- (i) In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , any two vectors that don't lie on the same line (i.e., aren't scalar multiples) are linearly independent.
- (ii) In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , any three vectors are linearly independent iff they do not lie on the same plane.
- (iii) Any two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  that aren't scalar multiples form a basis.

# Dimension

## Theorem / Definition 1.3

All bases for a f.d. vector space have the same cardinality, called the dimension of X.

#### Proof

Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  and  $y_1, \ldots, y_m$  be two bases for X. By Lemma 1.1,  $m \le n$  and  $n \le m$ .

#### Theorem 1.4

Every linear independent set of vectors  $y_1, \ldots, y_j$  in a finite-dimensional vector space X can be extended to a basis of X.

#### Proof

If  $\text{Span}(y_1, \ldots, y_j) \neq X$ , then find  $y_{j+1} \in X$  not in  $\text{Span}(y_1, \ldots, y_j)$ , add it to the set and repeat the process.

This will terminate in less than  $n = \dim X$  steps because otherwise, X would contain more than n linearly independent vectors.

# An example from ODEs

Let X be the set of all smooth functions x(t) that satisfy the second order differential equation  $\frac{d^2}{dt^2}x + x = 0$ .

If  $x_1(t)$ ,  $x_2(t)$  are solutions, then so are  $x_1(t) + x_2(t)$  and  $cx_1(t)$ . Thus X is a vector space.

Solutions describe the motion of a mass-spring system (simple harmonic motion). A particular solution is determined completely by specifying:

 $x(0) = x_0$  (initial position)  $x'(0) = v_0$  (initial velocity).

Thus, we can describe an element  $x(t) \in X$  by a pair  $(x_0, v_0)$ , where  $x_0, v_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  (or in  $\mathbb{C}$ ).

This defines an isomorphism  $X \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ , by  $x(t) \longmapsto (x(0), x'(0))$ .

Note that  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$  are two linearly independent solutions, so the general solution to this ODE is  $a \cos x + b \sin x$ ;  $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Said differently,  $\{\cos x, \sin x\}$  is a basis for the solution space of x'' + x = 0.

Note that  $\cos x + i \sin x = e^{ix}$  and  $\cos x - i \sin x = e^{-ix}$  are linearly independent, and so  $\{e^{ix}, e^{-ix}\}$  is another basis! Thus, the general solution can be written as  $C_1e^{ix} + C_2e^{-ix}$  instead!

# Complements and direct sums

Theorem 1.5

- (a) Every subspace Y of a finite-dimensional vector space X is finite-dimensional.
- (b) Every subspace Y has a complement in X: another subspace Z such that every vector  $x \in X$  can be written uniquely as

x = y + z,  $y \in Y$ ,  $z \in Z$ ,  $\dim X = \dim Y + \dim Z$ .

#### Proof

Pick  $y_1 \in Y$  and extend this to a basis  $y_1, \ldots, y_j$  of Y. By Lemma 1.1,  $j \leq \dim X < \infty$ . Extend this to a basis  $y_1, \ldots, y_j, z_{j+1}, \ldots, z_n$  of X [and define  $Z := \text{Span}(z_{j+1}, \ldots, z_n)$ ]. Clearly, Y and Z are complements, and dim  $X = n = i + (n - i) = \dim Y + \dim Z$ .

#### Definition

X is the direct sum of subspaces Y and Z that are complements of each other.

More generally, X is the direct sum of subspaces  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_m$  if every  $x \in X$  can be expressed uniquely as

$$x = y_1 + \cdots + y_m, \qquad y_i \in Y_i.$$

We denote this as  $X = Y_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Y_m$ .

# Direct products

#### Definition

The direct product of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is the vector space

$$X_1 \times X_2 := \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 \in X_1, x_2 \in X_2\},\$$

with addition and multiplication defined componentwise.

## Proposition

$$\dim(Y_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Y_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m \dim Y_i$$

$$\operatorname{dim}(X_1 \times \cdots \times X_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m \operatorname{dim} X_i.$$

### Example

Let 
$$X = \mathbb{R}^4$$
,  $Y_1 = \{(a, b, 0, 0) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $Y_2 = \{(0, 0, c, d) : c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $X_1 = X_2 = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

Clearly,  $X = Y_1 \oplus Y_2$ , since (a, b, c, d) = (a, b, 0, 0) + (0, 0, c, d) [uniquely].

$$X_1\times X_2=\Big\{\big((a,b),(c,d)\big):(a,b)\in\mathbb{R}^2,(c,d)\in\mathbb{R}^2\Big\}\cong\big\{(a,b,c,d):a,b,c,d\in\mathbb{R}\big\}=X.$$

#### Direct sums vs. direct products

In the finite-dimensional cases, there is no difference (up to isomorphism) of direct sums vs. direct products.

Not the case when dim  $X = \infty$ . Consider the vector space:

$$X = \mathbb{R}^{\infty} := \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) : a_i \in \mathbb{R}\} \cong \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \cdots$$

and the following subspaces:

 $X_1 = \{(a_1, 0, 0, 0, \dots,) : a_1 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \qquad X_2 = \{(0, a_2, 0, 0, \dots,) : a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}, \qquad \text{and so on}.$ 

Elements in the subspace  $X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus X_3 \oplus \cdots$  of X are finite sums

$$x = x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_k}, \quad x_{i_i} \in X_{i_i}.$$

Thus, we can write the direct sum as follows:

$$X_1 \oplus X_2 \oplus X_3 \oplus \cdots = \left\{ (a_1, \ldots, a_k, 0, 0, \ldots) : a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \ k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \subsetneq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \cdots$$

- Elements in the direct product are sequences, e.g., x = (1, 1, 1, ...).
- Elements in the direct sum are finite sums, e.g.,  $x = 3e_1 5.25e_4 + 78e_{11}$ .

# Congruence of subspaces

Sums and products "multiply" vector spaces. We can also "divide" by a subspace.

#### Definition

If Y is a subspace of X, then two vectors  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  are congruent modulo Y, denoted  $x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{Y}$ , if  $x_1 - x_2 \in Y$ .

#### Proposition (exercise)

Congruence modulo Y is an equivalence relation, i.e., it is:

- (i) symmetric:  $x \equiv y$  imples  $y \equiv x$ ;
- (ii) **reflexive**:  $x \equiv x$  for all  $x \in X$ ;
- (iii) transitive:  $x \equiv y$  and  $y \equiv z$  implies  $x \equiv z$ .

The equivalence classes are called congruence classes mod Y, or cosets. Denote the class containing x by  $\{x\}$ . [Sometimes written  $\overline{x}$  or  $x + Y := \{x + y : y \in Y\}$ .]

#### Example

Let 
$$X = \mathbb{R}^3$$
,  $Y = \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  = xy-plane,  $Z = \{(0, 0, z) : z \in \mathbb{R}\}$  = z-axis

•  $v \equiv w \mod Y$  if they lie on the same horizontal plane.

•  $v \equiv w \mod Z$  if they lie on the same vertical line.

## Quotient spaces

Let X/Y denote the set of equivalence classes in X, modulo Y.

This can be made into a vector space by defining addition and scalar multiplication as

$$\{x\} + \{z\} := \{x + z\}, \quad a\{x\} := \{ax\}.$$

Need to check that this is well-defined, i.e., that it is *independent of the choice of representative* from the classes.

This means showing (HW exercise) that if  $x_1 \equiv x_2 \mod Y$  and  $z_1 \equiv z_2 \mod Y$ , then

$$\{x_1\} + \{z_1\} = \{x_2\} + \{z_2\}, \qquad a\{x_1\} = a\{x_2\}.$$

#### Definition

The vector space X/Y is called the quotient space of X modulo Y.

#### Alternate notations

Since  $\{x\}$  is sometimes written  $\overline{x}$ , or  $x + Y := \{x + y : y \in Y\}$ , then addition and multiplication becomes:

• 
$$\overline{x} + \overline{z} = \overline{x + z}$$
, and  $a\overline{x} = \overline{ax}$ ;

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$$(x + Y) + (z + Y) = x + z + Y$$
, and  $a(x + Y) = ax + Y$ .

# Dimension of quotient spaces

### Theorem 1.6

If Y is a subspace of a finite-dimensional vector space X, then  $\dim Y + \dim X/Y = \dim X$ .

#### Proof

Let  $y_1, \ldots, y_k$  be a basis for Y. Extend this to a basis  $y_1, \ldots, y_k, x_{k+1}, \ldots, x_n$  of X.

Claim:  $\{x_{k+1}\}, \ldots, \{x_n\}$  is a basis of X/Y.

• Show this spans X/Y:

Pick 
$$\{x\}$$
 in  $X/Y$  and write  $x = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i y_i + \sum_{j=k+1}^{n} b_j x_j$ . By definition,

$$\{x\} = \left\{\sum a_i y_i + \sum b_j x_j\right\} = \sum a_i \{y_i\} + \sum b_j \{x_j\} = \sum b_j \{x_j\}.$$

• Show this is linearly independent: Suppose  $\sum_{j=k+1}^{n} c_j \{x_j\} = \{0\}$ , which means  $\sum c_j x_j = y$  for some  $y \in Y$ . Write  $y = \sum_{i=1}^{k} d_i y_i$ , and so  $\sum c_k x_k - \sum d_i y_i = 0$ , and hence all  $c_k, d_i = 0$  (Why?).

## Corollary

If a subspace Y of a finite-dimensional space X has dim  $Y = \dim X$ , then Y = X.

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## Dimension of sums

#### Theorem 1.7

Let U, V be subspaces of a finite-dimensional space X with U + V = X. Then

 $\dim X = \dim U + \dim V - \dim(U \cap V).$ 

#### Proof

Let  $W = U \cap V$ . The result trivially holds when  $W = \{0\}$  (Theorem 1.5).

Define 
$$\overline{U} = U/W$$
,  $\overline{V} = V/W$  and  $\overline{X} = X/W$ .

Note that  $\overline{U} \cap \overline{V} = \{0\}$  (why?), and  $\overline{X} = \overline{U} + \overline{V}$ , so dim  $\overline{X} = \dim \overline{U} + \dim \overline{V}$  (Theorem 1.5).

By Theorem 1.6:  $\dim \overline{X} = \dim X - \dim W$  $\dim \overline{U} = \dim U - \dim W$  $\dim \overline{V} = \dim V - \dim W$ 

Therefore,  $(\dim X - \dim W) = (\dim U - \dim W) + (\dim V - \dim W)$ .

From which it easily follows that  $\dim X = \dim U + \dim V - \dim W$ .

# Scalar functions

Let X be a vector space over a field K. A scalar function is any function from X to K.

A scalar function  $\ell \colon X \to K$  is linear if

• 
$$\ell(x+y) = \ell(x) + \ell(y)$$
, for all  $x, y \in X$ ;

• 
$$\ell(cx) = c\ell(x)$$
, for all  $x \in X$ ,  $c \in K$ .

Or equivalently, if

$$\ell(c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n) = c_1\ell(x_1) + \dots + c_n\ell(x_n), \quad \text{for all } c_i \in K, \ x_i \in X$$

#### Definition

The set of linear scalar functions  $\ell: X \to K$  is a vector space called the dual of X, and denoted X'.

Addition and scalar multiplication is defined naturally:

- Addition:  $(\ell + m)(x) := \ell(x) + m(x)$ ,
- Scalar multiplication:  $(c\ell)(x) := c\ell(x)$ .

# Examples of scalar functions

## Example 1

Let  $X = C([0,1],\mathbb{R})$ , the continuous functions  $[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ , and fix  $t_1, \ldots, t_n \in [0,1]$ . The following are linear scalar functions:

• 
$$\ell(f) = f(t_1);$$
  
•  $\ell(f) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i f(t_i), \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R};$   
•  $\ell(f) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$ 

# Example 2

Let  $X = \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of smooth functions  $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ . For a fixed  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\ell := \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathsf{a}_i \left. \frac{d^i}{dt^i} \right|_{t=t_0}, \qquad \ell \colon f \longmapsto \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathsf{a}_i \left. \frac{d^i f}{dt^i} \right|_{t=t_0}$$

is a linear scalar function (i.e., an element of X').

## The dual space

If dim X = n, then  $X \cong K^n$ . Thus, we can associate a vector  $x \in X$  with an *n*-tuple  $x = (c_1, \ldots, c_n)$  of scalars.

For any fixed  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in K$ , the function

$$\ell: X \longrightarrow K, \qquad \ell(x) = a_1 c_1 + \dots + a_n c_n$$
 (1)

is linear, i.e.,  $\ell \in X'$ .

#### Theorem 1.8

If dim  $X = n < \infty$ , then every  $\ell \in X'$  can be written as in Eq. (1).

## Proof

# The dual space

Corollary 1.9

If dim  $X < \infty$ , then  $X \cong X'$ .

One way to think of this is to:

- 1. associate a vector  $x \in X$  with a column vector,
- 2. associate a scalar function  $\ell \in X'$  with a row vector.

## Notation

A linear function  $\ell \in X'$  applied to a vector  $x \in X$  depends on the *n*-tuples  $(c_1, \ldots, c_n)$  for x and  $(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  for  $\ell$ . We can use scalar product notation

$$(\ell, x) := \ell(x).$$

Sometimes, elements  $\ell \in X'$  are called co-vectors, or dual vectors.

#### Definition

Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be a basis for X. The dual basis in X' is  $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_n$ , where

$$(\ell_i, x_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Think of  $\ell_i$  as the function that "picks off" the coefficient of  $x_i$ .

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## Duality in infinite dimensional spaces

Consider the vector space

$$X = \ell^1(\mathbb{R}) := \Big\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \infty \Big\}.$$

Given vectors  $y = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$  and  $x = (c_1, c_2, \dots)$ ,

$$(y,x)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}a_ic_i<\infty,$$

so every  $y \in X$  defines a co-vector in X'.

But there are others! If z = (1, 1, 1, ...),

$$(z,x)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}c_i<\infty,$$

but  $z \notin X$ .

### The double dual

The scalar product  $(\ell, x)$  is a bilinear function of  $\ell$  and x. That is, if we fix one argument, it is linear in the other. Equivalently,

$$\underbrace{(a\ell, x)}_{=a\ell(x)} = a(\ell, x) = \underbrace{(\ell, ax)}_{\ell(ax)}$$
 for all  $x \in X, \ \ell \in X', \ a \in K$ 

If dim  $X = n < \infty$ , then every linear scalar function  $X \to K$  is of the form

$$(\ell, x)$$
, for some fixed  $\ell = (a_1, \ldots, a_n) \in K^n$ .

Since X' is a vector space, it has a dual, called the double dual of X, and denoted X'' := (X')'. Every linear scalar function  $X' \to K$  is of the form

$$(\ell, x)$$
, for some fixed  $x = (c_1, \ldots, c_n) \in K^n$ .

#### Key points

Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  be a basis of X

- Think of the dual basis  $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_n$  as "pick-off functions"
- Think of elements in the double dual as "evaluation functions"

The bilinear function  $(\ell, x)$  naturally identifies X'' with X.

# Annihilators

Definition

Let  $Y \leq X$ . The set of linear functions that vanish on Y is its annihilator, denoted

$$Y^{\perp} = \big\{ \ell \in X' \mid \ell(y) = 0, \ \forall y \in Y \big\}.$$

Theorem 1.10

Let  $Y \leq X$  with dim  $X < \infty$ . Then

 $\dim Y + \dim Y^{\perp} = \dim X.$ 

# Proof

# The annihilator of the annihilator

## Definition

The dimension of  $Y^{\perp}$  is called the codimension of Y in X, denoted codim Y.

By Theorem 1.10,

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\dim Y + \operatorname{codim} Y = \dim X.
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Since  $Y^{\perp}$  is a subspace of X', its annihilator  $Y^{\perp \perp}$  is a subspace of X''.

#### Theorem 1.11

Assume dim  $X < \infty$  and identify X'' with X. Then  $Y^{\perp \perp} = Y$ .

### Proof

# The annihilator of a subset

We can define the annihilator of an arbitrary subset  $S \subseteq X$ , as

$$S^{\perp} := \left\{ \ell \in X' \mid \ell(s) = 0, \ \forall s \in S 
ight\}.$$

Recall that the smallest subspace containing S is

$$\operatorname{Span}(S) = igcap_{S \subseteq Y_{lpha} \leq X} Y_{lpha}.$$

## Exercises

Let 
$$S, T \subseteq X$$
.  
If  $S \subseteq T$ , then  $T^{\perp} \subseteq S^{\perp}$ ,  
 $S^{\perp} = \text{Span}(S)^{\perp}$ .