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vector space -

Let V be any non empty set and let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be any field. Let \star and \circ be any two operations defined

$$\begin{aligned}\star: V \times V &\longrightarrow V \\ \circ: F \times V &\longrightarrow V\end{aligned}$$

then V is said to be vector space over the field F . if the following condition are satisfied.

(i) (V, \star) is an abelian group.

$$(ii) (\alpha + \beta) \circ v = (\alpha \circ v) \star (\beta \circ v)$$

$$(iii) \alpha \circ (u \star v) = (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ v)$$

$$(iv) (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ v = \alpha \circ (\beta \circ v)$$

$$(v) 1 \cdot v = v$$

$$\forall \alpha, \beta \in F$$

$$v, w \in V$$

$$1 = \text{unity of the field } F$$

Example :-

$$V = \mathbb{R}^+, \quad F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$$

Define $\star: V \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$u \star v = u \cdot v$$

$$\circ: F \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$\alpha \circ u = u^\alpha$$

(i) (V, \star) is an abelian group.

$$(ii) (\alpha + \beta) \circ u = u^{\alpha+\beta} = u^\alpha \cdot u^\beta = (\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u)$$

$$(iii) \alpha \circ (u \star v) = (u \cdot v)^\alpha = u^\alpha \cdot v^\alpha = (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ v)$$

$$(iv) (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ u = u^{\alpha \cdot \beta} = (u^\beta)^\alpha = (u^\alpha)^\beta = \alpha \circ (\beta \circ u)$$

(iv) $\alpha u = u' = u$

V forms a vector space over the field F .

Example:- $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Define $\star : V \times V \rightarrow V$

$$\begin{aligned}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \star (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)\end{aligned}$$

$\circ : F \times V \rightarrow V$

$$\alpha \circ (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n)$$

(V, \star) forms abelian group.

~~$(i) (\alpha + \beta) \circ u = (\alpha + \beta) \circ (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$~~

$$\begin{aligned}&= ((\alpha + \beta) u_1, (\alpha + \beta) u_2, \dots, (\alpha + \beta) u_n) \\&= (\alpha u_1 + \beta u_1, \alpha u_2 + \beta u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n + \beta u_n) \\&= (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n) + (\beta u_1, \beta u_2, \dots, \beta u_n) \\&= \alpha \circ u_1 \star \beta u_2\end{aligned}$$

~~$III. \alpha \circ (u_1 + u) = \alpha \circ (u_1 + u_1, u_2 + u_2, \dots, u_n + u_n)$~~

$$\begin{aligned}&= (\alpha u_1 + \alpha u_1, \alpha u_2 + \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n + \alpha u_n) \\&= (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n) + (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n) \\&= (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ u)\end{aligned}$$

~~$IV. (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ u = \alpha \beta \circ (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$~~

$$= (\alpha \beta u_1, \alpha \beta u_2, \dots, \alpha \beta u_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha (\beta u_1, \beta u_2, \dots, \beta u_n) \\
 &\quad (\beta \cdot u_1, \beta \cdot u_2, \dots, \beta \cdot u_n) \\
 &= \alpha (\beta u_1) \\
 &= \alpha \circ (\beta u_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

v. $\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot u &= (1 \cdot u_1, 1 \cdot u_2, \dots, 1 \cdot u_n) \\ &= (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \\ 1 \cdot u &= u \end{aligned}$

Hence V forms a vector space over the field F .

Example:- $V = \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$F = (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$$

Define $\star: V \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \star (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = (u_1 + v_1, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

$$\circ: F \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$\alpha \circ (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) = (\alpha u_1, \alpha u_2, \dots, \alpha u_n)$$

$$\text{Take } \alpha = 1^\circ \in \mathbb{C}, \quad u = (1, 1, \dots, 1) \in V.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1^\circ \circ (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) &= 1 \circ (1, 1, \dots, 1) \\
 &= (1, 1, 1, \dots, 1) \notin V
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (V, \star, \circ) is not vector space.

$V(F)$ $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

$\mathbb{B}^n(\mathbb{R})$ \times

$\mathbb{R}^n(\mathbb{Q})$ \checkmark

$\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{Q})$ \checkmark

$\mathbb{C}^n(\mathbb{R})$ \checkmark

$\mathbb{Q}^n(\mathbb{R})$ \times

Example 8- $V = \mathbb{R}$, $f = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Define $\star: V \times V \rightarrow V$

$$u \star v = u + v + 1$$

$\circ: V \times V \rightarrow V$

$$\alpha \circ u = \alpha u + \alpha - 1$$

Soln :-

1. (V, \star) forms abelian group
identity is -1 and inverse $-2u$.

$$2. (\alpha + \beta) \circ u = (\alpha + \beta) u + \alpha + \beta - 1$$

$$= \alpha u + \beta u + \alpha + \beta - 1$$

$$(\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u) = (\alpha u + \alpha - 1) \star (\beta u + \beta - 1)$$

$$= \alpha u + \alpha - 1 + \beta u + \beta - 1 + 1$$

$$= \alpha(u + \beta) + \alpha + \beta - 1$$

$$3. \alpha \circ (u \star v)$$

$$= \alpha \circ (u + v + 1)$$

$$= \alpha(u + v) + \alpha - 1$$

$$= \alpha u + \alpha v + 2\alpha - 1$$

$$(\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ v) = (\alpha u + \alpha - 1) \star (\alpha v + \alpha - 1)$$

$$= \alpha u + \alpha - 1 + \alpha v + \alpha - 1 + 1$$

$$= \alpha(u + v) + 2\alpha - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \circ (u \star v) = (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ v)$$

$$4. \alpha \beta \circ u = \alpha \beta u + \alpha \beta - 1$$

$$\alpha \circ (\beta \circ u) = \alpha \circ (\beta u + \beta - 1)$$

$$= \alpha(\beta u + \beta - 1) + \alpha - 1$$

$$= \alpha \beta u + \alpha \beta - 1$$

$$\alpha \beta \circ u = \alpha \circ (\beta \circ u)$$

$$5. 1 \circ u = u + 1 - 1 = u.$$

$\therefore (V, \star, \circ)$ forms a vector space over the field F .

Example :- $V = \mathbb{R}$, $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Define $\star : V \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$u \star v = u + v.$$

$\circ : F \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$\alpha \circ u = |\alpha| \cdot u.$$

Soln :-

1. (V, \star) forms an abelian group

$$2. (\alpha + \beta) \circ u = |\alpha + \beta| \cdot u.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u) &= |\alpha| \cdot u \star |\beta| \cdot u \\ &= |\alpha| u + |\beta| u \\ &= (|\alpha| + |\beta|) \cdot u \end{aligned}$$

$$|\alpha + \beta| \cdot u \neq (|\alpha| + |\beta|) \cdot u$$

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha = 1, \beta = -1$$

$$0 \cdot u \neq 2 \cdot u.$$

Hence (V, \star, \circ) does not form a vector space over \mathbb{R} .

Example:- $V = \mathbb{R}^2$, $F = (\mathbb{R}, +)$

Define $\star : V \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$(u_1, u_2) \star (v_1, v_2) = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2)$$

$\circ : F \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$\alpha \circ (u_1, u_2) = (\alpha u_1, 0)$$

Solution:-

1. (V, \star, \circ) forms an abelian group

$$2. (\alpha + \beta) \circ (u) = (\alpha + \beta) \circ (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta u_1, 0)$$

$$= (\alpha u_1 + \beta u_1, 0)$$

$$= (\alpha u_1, 0) + (\beta u_1, 0)$$

$$= \alpha \circ (u_1, u_2) + \beta \circ (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= \alpha \circ (u_1, u_2) \star \beta \circ (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= (\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u)$$

$$3. \alpha \circ (u \star u) = \alpha \circ ((u_1, u_2) \star (u_1, u_2))$$

$$= \alpha \circ (u_1 + u_1, u_2 + u_2)$$

$$= (\alpha(u_1 + u_1), 0)$$

$$= (\alpha u_1 + \alpha u_1, 0)$$

$$= (\alpha u_1, 0) + (\alpha u_1, 0)$$

$$= \alpha \circ (u_1, u_2) + \alpha \circ (u_1, u_2)$$

$$= (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ u)$$

$$4. (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ u = (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ (u_1, u_2) = (\alpha \beta u_1, u_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \circ u) * (\beta \circ u) &= (\alpha u(u_1, u_2)) * \beta \circ (u_1, u_2) \\ &= (\alpha u_1, \alpha) * (\beta u_1, \alpha) \\ &= (\alpha u_1 + \beta u_1, \alpha) \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) u_1, \alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$(5) 1 \circ u = 1 \circ (u_1, u_2) = (u_1, 10)$$

$1 \circ u \neq u$
 $\Rightarrow (u_1, *, 10)$ does not form vector space over the field P.

Example :-

$$V = C(C[[x]]), F = C(R, +, \cdot)$$

Define $* : V \times V \rightarrow V$

$$(f * g)(n) = f(n) + g(n)$$

$$\circ : F \times V \rightarrow V$$

$$(\alpha \circ f)(n) = \alpha \cdot f(n)$$

Solution:-

1. $(V, *)$ forms an abelian group.

$$2. (\alpha + \beta) * (tf)(n) = (\alpha + \beta) f(n)$$

$$= \alpha \cdot f(n) + \beta \cdot f(n)$$

$$= (\alpha \circ f)(n) + (\beta \circ f)(n)$$

$$= (\alpha \circ f) * (\beta \circ f)(n)$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) \circ f = (\alpha \circ f) * (\beta \circ f)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \alpha \circ (f * g)(n) &= \alpha \circ (f(n) + g(n)) \\
 &= \alpha \circ (f(n) + g(n)) \\
 &= \alpha(f(n) + g(n)) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot f(n) + \alpha \cdot g(n) \\
 &= \alpha \circ f(n) + \alpha \circ g(n) \\
 &= (\alpha \circ f)(n) + (\alpha \circ g)(n) \\
 \alpha \circ (f * g)(n) &= [\alpha \circ f + \alpha \circ g](n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$4. ((\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ f)(n) = \alpha \cdot \beta f(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \alpha \cdot \beta f(n) \\
 &= \alpha \cdot (\beta \circ f) \cdot n \\
 &= (\alpha \circ (\beta \circ f)) \cdot n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5. (1 \circ f)(n) = 1 \cdot f(n) = f(n)$$

Hence $(V, +, \circ)$ forms a vector space over the field \mathbb{F} .

Example:- $V = \{(0, 0, 1, 3)\}$, $\mathbb{F} = (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$

Define $*: V \times V \rightarrow V$

$$(f * g)(n) = f(n) + g(n)$$

$\circ: \mathbb{F} \times V \rightarrow V$

$$(\alpha \circ f)(n) = \alpha f(n)$$

(V, \star) forms an abelian group.

Take $\alpha = 1^\circ \in \mathbb{C}$

$$f(m) = 2, \quad m \in V$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \circ f)(m) &= \alpha \cdot f(m) \\ &= 1 \cdot 2 \\ &= 21^\circ \notin V \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Hence (V, \star, \circ) does not form vector space over the field \mathbb{C} .

Example :- Let F be a field of characteristic p (prime).

Let $V(F)$ be a vector space.

Define

$$\star : V \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$u \star u$ = same as that of u

$$\circ : F \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$\alpha \circ u = \alpha^p \cdot u$$

Verify $V(F)$ vector space or not.

Solution :-

(i) (V, \star) forms an abelian group

$$(ii) (\alpha + \beta) \circ u = (\alpha + \beta)^p \cdot u = (\alpha^p + \beta^p) u = \alpha^p \cdot u + \beta^p \cdot u = (\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u)$$

$$(\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u) = \alpha^p u \star \beta^p u$$

$$(\alpha \circ u) \star (\beta \circ u) = (\alpha + \beta) \circ u.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (iii) \alpha \circ (u \star v) &= \alpha \circ (u + v) = \alpha^p (u + v) \\ &= \alpha^p u + \alpha^p v \\ &= (\alpha \circ u) \star (\alpha \circ v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(iv)} \quad (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ u &= (\alpha \beta) P \cdot u \\
 &= \alpha P \cdot \beta P \cdot u \\
 &= \alpha^P (\beta \circ u) \\
 &= \alpha \circ (\beta \circ u).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(v)} \quad 1 \cdot u = 1^P \cdot u = u$$

Hence V is vector space over \mathbb{F} .

Example :- Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, let $T_a : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by.

$$T_a(x) = a + x.$$

$$V = \{ T_a : a \in \mathbb{R} \}, \text{ and } P = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$$

$$\star : V \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$T_a \star T_b = T_{a+b}.$$

$$\circ : P \times V \longrightarrow V$$

$$\alpha \circ T_a = T_{\alpha a}.$$

Verify V is not vector space of vector.

1. (V, \star) forms an abelian group

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad (\alpha + \beta) \star T_a(n) &= T_{(\alpha + \beta)a}(n) \\
 &= T_{\alpha a + \beta a}(n) \\
 &= \alpha a + \beta a + n.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\alpha \circ T_a) \star (\beta \circ T_a)(n) = (T_{\alpha a}) \star (T_{\beta a})(n).$$

$$= T_{\alpha a}(\beta a + n)$$

$$= \alpha a + \beta a + n.$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta) \circ T_a = (\alpha \circ T_a) \star (\beta \circ T_a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3. \alpha \circ (T_a \circ T_b)(n) &= \alpha \circ (T_a(T_b(n))) \\
 &= \alpha \circ (T_a(b+n)) \\
 &= \alpha \circ (a+b+n) \\
 &= \dots ; \quad \alpha \circ (a+b+n) \\
 &= \dots \quad \alpha \circ (T_{a+b}(n)) \\
 &= \dots \quad T_{a+b}(n) = a+b+n.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha \circ T_a) \circ (\alpha \circ T_b)(n) &= T_{a+b}(n) \\
 &= T_{a+b}(T_{a+b}(n)) \\
 &= T_{a+b}(a+b+n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \circ (T_a + T_b) = (\alpha \circ T_a) + (\alpha \circ T_b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. (\alpha \cdot \beta) \circ T_a(n) &= T_{\alpha \beta a}(n) = \alpha \beta a + n. \\
 \alpha \circ (\beta \circ T_a(n)) &= \alpha \circ (T_{\beta a}(n)) = T_{\alpha \beta a}(n) = \alpha \beta a + n
 \end{aligned}$$

(5) $1 \circ T_a = T_a = T_a$
 $\Rightarrow (V, +, \circ)$ forms a vector space over the field P .

Note :- Every field forms a vector space over its subfield.

- Example:- $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{Q})$, ✓
 $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbb{R})$, X. $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbb{C})$, X
- $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{C})$, ✓
- $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{C})$, X
- $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})(\mathbb{Q})$, ✓
- $\mathbb{Q}(\text{irr})(\mathbb{Q})$, ✓

Subspace :-

Let $V(F)$ be a vector space and let W be a non-empty subset of V then W is said to be subspace of V if W itself forms a vector space over the field F .

Theorem :-

Let $V(F)$ be a vector space and let W be any non-empty subset of V then W is subspace of V iff $\alpha x + \beta y \in W$, $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F$ and $x, y \in W$.

conversely

Let $\alpha x + \beta y \in W$, $\forall \alpha, \beta \in F$ and $x, y \in W$.

$$\text{Take } \alpha = 1, \beta = -1$$

$$\alpha x - y \in W, \forall x, y \in W$$

$\Rightarrow W$ is subgroup of V

$\Rightarrow W$ is abelian subgroup of V

$$\text{Take } \beta = 0$$

$$\alpha \cdot x \in W, \forall \alpha \in F \text{ and } x \in W$$

$\Rightarrow W$ is closed under scalar multiplication.

Remaining all axioms also hold since elements of W are from V .

$\therefore W$ is subspace of V .

Above Result can be viewed as

$$W \text{ is subspace of } V \iff \begin{cases} i) x+y \in W \\ ii) \alpha x \in W \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \forall \alpha, \beta \in F \\ \text{and } x, y \in V \end{array} \right\}$$

Example:- $V = CC[0,1]$, $F = (R, +)$

- (1) $W_1 = \{f \in V : f(y_2) \in Q\}$. \times
2. $W_2 = \{f \in V : f(y_2) = 0\}$ ✓
3. $W_3 = \{f \in V : f(y_2) = 1\}$. \times
4. $W_4 = \{f \in V : \int_0^1 f(t) dt = 1\}$. \times
5. $W_5 = \{f \in V : \frac{df}{dt} = 0\}$. ✓

Solution:-

1. $0 \in W_1$, $f(y_2) = 0 \in W_1$
 ~~$f(y_2) \in Q$, $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$.~~
 $\Rightarrow \alpha \cdot f(y_2) \notin Q$.
 ~~$\Rightarrow W_1$ is not subspace.~~
2. $f \in W_1$, $g \in W_1 \Rightarrow f(y_2) + g(y_2) = 0+0=0 \in W_1$
 $\Rightarrow W_1$ is subgroup of V .
 $a \in F$, $f \in W_1$
 $\Rightarrow a \cdot f(y_2) = a \cdot 0 = 0 \in W_1$
 \Rightarrow Hence W_1 is subspace of V .
5. $f' \in W_5$, $g' \in W_5 \Rightarrow f' + g' = 0+0=0 \in W_5$
 $\Rightarrow W_5$ is subgroup of V .
 $a \in F$, $f' \in W_5$
 $\Rightarrow a \cdot f' = 0 \in W_5$, $\forall a \in F$, $f' \in W_5$.
Hence W_5 is subspace of V .

Example:- $V = M_2(\mathbb{R})$ $F = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$

Define $\star : V \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \star \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1+a_2 & b_1+b_2 \\ c_1+c_2 & d_1+d_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\circ : F \times V \longrightarrow V$

$$\alpha \circ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha a & \alpha b \\ \alpha c & \alpha d \end{bmatrix}$$

clearly, $V(F)$ is a v.s.

1. $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in V : a = d \right\} \checkmark$

2. $W_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in V : a = 0, b + c = 0 \right\} \checkmark$

3. $W_3 = \left\{ A \in V : A^T = A \right\} \checkmark$

4. $W_4 = \left\{ A \in V : A^T = -A \right\} \checkmark$

5. $W_5 = \left\{ A \in V : \text{rank } A = n, \text{ where } n \text{ is fixed natural No.} \right\} \times$

6. $W_6 = \left\{ A \in V : \text{trace } A = 0 \right\} \checkmark \quad \text{Trace}(A + B) \\ = \text{Trace } A + \text{Trace } B$

7. $W_7 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + b + c + d = 1 \right\} \times$

8. $W_8 = \left\{ A \in V : \det(A) = 0 \right\} \times \checkmark$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow |A| = 0$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow |B| = 0$$

$$A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = W_3 \cap W_4$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in W_3 \cap W_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in W_3, \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in W_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -a & -b \\ -c & -d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = -a \Rightarrow 2a = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

$d = 0$
 $b = -c$
 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ -b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $A^T = A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -b \\ b & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -b &= b \\ 2b &= 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$W = W_3 \cap W_4 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
 forms a vector subspace.

Note: If A is skew symmetric

$$\text{i.e. } A^T = -A$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$$

In particular $a_{ii} = 0$

$$a_{rr} = -a_{rr}$$

$$2a_{rr} = 0 \Rightarrow a_{rr} = 0$$

Result