

Proof $u \sim v \Leftrightarrow u-v \in W$ is an equivalence relation

1. reflexivity: Show that $(u, u) \in \sim$

$$u \sim u \Leftrightarrow u-u \in W$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 \in W \quad (u-u=0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{True} \quad (\text{through definition of } W \text{ as a subspace of } V)$$

2. symmetry: Show that $u \sim v \Leftrightarrow v \sim u$

$$u \sim v \Leftrightarrow u-v \in W \quad (\text{Def } \sim)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -(v-u) \in W \quad (\text{commutativity and distributivity})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v-u \in W \quad (\text{closure under scalar multiplication})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v \sim u$$

3. Transitivity: $a \sim b \wedge b \sim c$

$$\Leftrightarrow a-b \in W \wedge b-c \in W \quad (\text{Def } \sim)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a-b + b-c) \in W \quad (\text{closure under addition})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a-c) \in W \quad (b-b=0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \sim c$$

$\Rightarrow u \sim v \Leftrightarrow u-v \in W$ is an equivalence relation, since it is reflexive, transitive and symmetric