

Tutorial Worksheet #3

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Work the following exercises. *Explain all of your reasoning.* Remember to use good notation and full sentences. All cited exercises are from the textbook *Linear Algebra* by Larry Smith.

1. Show that the following subsets are linearly independent.

(a) $\{1 + x + x^2, 5 - 2x + 2x^2, -2 + 3x + x^2\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$

(b) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq M_{2 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$

(c) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} i \\ 2i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$

2. Show that the following subsets are linearly dependent.

(a) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$

(b) $\{1 + 3x + x^2, -1 + x^2, 5 + x, 3x^2\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})$

(c) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$

(d) $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ i \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2i \\ -1+i \end{bmatrix} \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^2$

(e) Any finite subset of a vector space that has two identical vectors.

3. Let $V = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$. You may accept without verification that V is a vector space over \mathbb{R} with the following rules:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$$

for all $f, g \in V$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are linearly independent in V . [*Hint:* Suppose that $a \sin x + b \cos x = 0$ and try plugging in different values for x .]

4. (Section 5.3 #5) Let $E = \{(1, 1, 0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 1, 1, 1), (2, 1, -1, 0, 1)\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^5$ and $\mathcal{U} = \text{Span}(E)$. Find a linearly independent subset F of E such that $\text{Span}(F) = \mathcal{U}$.

5. The set

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a + b = d \right\}$$

is a subspace of $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$.

- (a) Find a basis for \mathcal{U} (and prove that it is indeed a basis!).
- (b) What is the dimension of \mathcal{U} ?
6. (Section 5.3 #9) Suppose that E and F are finite sets of vectors in a vector space V with $E \subseteq F$. Prove that if E is linearly dependent, then so is F .
7. (Section 5.3 #10) Suppose that E and F are finite sets of vectors in a vector space V with $E \subseteq F$. Prove that if F is linearly independent, then so is E .
8. (Section 5.3 #17) Let E', E'' be linearly independent finite sets of vectors in a vector space V . Show that $E' \cap E''$ is linearly independent.
9. What is the dimension of $\mathcal{U} = \{p(x) \in \mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R}) : p(0) = 0\}$, as a subspace of $\mathcal{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$?