

1. Which of the following sets in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  are closed under the usual operation in  $\mathbf{R}^4$  of multiplication by scalars?

$$S = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid ab = 0 \text{ and } d = 0\}$$

$$T = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid a + b = 1 \text{ and } c = d\} \quad (1, 0, 0, 0) \in T, \text{ but } 2 \cdot (1, 0, 0, 0) \notin T$$

$$U = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid b \geq 0 \text{ and } c \leq 0\} \quad v = (0, 1, 0, 0) \in U \text{ but } -1 \cdot v \notin U$$

$$V = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbf{R}^4 \mid a + b - c + 2d = 0\}$$

• S is closed under mult<sup>n</sup> by scalars: if  $v = (a, b, c, 0) \in S$ , and  $k \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $kv = (ka, kb, kc, 0)$ . Then  $(ka)(kb) = k^2 ab = 0$ , and "d" = 0. Thus  $kv \in S$ .

• V is closed under mult<sup>n</sup> by scalars: If  $v = (a, b, c, d) \in V$  and  $k \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $kv = (ka, kb, kc, kd)$  and  $ka + kb - kc + 2kd = k(a + b - c + 2d) = k \cdot 0 = 0$ .

Hence  $kv \in V$ .

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S and V

2. Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbf{F}[-1, 1] = \{f \mid f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}$ ?

$$X = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[-1, 1] \mid f(-1) = f(1)\}$$

$$\times Y = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[-1, 1] \mid f(0) = -1\} \quad 0 \notin Y$$

$$Z = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[-1, 1] \mid f(x) = f(y), \forall x, y \in [-1, 1]\}$$

$$W = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[-1, 1] \mid f(-1) \leq 0\} \quad \text{If } f(x) = -2, \forall x \in [-1, 1], \text{ then } f \in W$$

$$\text{but } -f \notin W \text{ since } -f(-1) = 2.$$

X is a subspace: 1)  $0(-1) = 0 = 0(1) \quad \dots \quad 0 \in X$

$$2) \text{ If } f, g \in X, \text{ then } (f+g)(-1) = f(-1) + g(-1) = f(1) + g(1) = (f+g)(1).$$

So  $f+g \in X$  and thus X is closed under add<sup>n</sup>.

$$3) \text{ If } f \in X \text{ and } k \in \mathbf{R}, \quad (kf)(-1) = k \cdot f(-1) = k \cdot f(1) = (kf)(1), \text{ so}$$

$kf \in X$ . Hence X is closed under mult<sup>n</sup> by scalars

Z is a subspace 1)  $0(x) = 0 = 0(y), \forall x, y \in [-1, 1], \text{ so } 0 \in Z$

$$2) \text{ If } f, g \in Z, \text{ then } (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) = f(y) + g(y) = (f+g)(y), \forall x, y \text{ in } [-1, 1], \text{ so } f+g \in Z.$$

Note: this can also be done by noticing that Z consists of all constant functions on  $[-1, 1]$ .

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$$3) \text{ If } f \in Z \text{ and } k \in \mathbf{R}, \quad (kf)(x) = k f(x) = k f(y) = (kf)(y), \forall x, y \in [-1, 1], \text{ so } kf \in Z.$$

3. Which of  $U = \{(x-y, x+y, x-y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R}\}$ ,  $V = \{(x, y, -y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R}\}$  and  $W = \{(x^2, y, x+y) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R}\}$  are subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ?

$U = \{x(1, 1, 1) + y(-1, 1, -1) \mid x, y \in \mathbf{R}\} = \text{span}\{(1, 1, 1), (-1, 1, -1)\}$ . Hence  $U$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

Similarly,  $V = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, -1)\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

Note that  $(4, 0, 2) \in W$  but  $2 \cdot w = (8, 0, 4) \notin W$ . Hence  $W$  is not closed under multn by scalars and so is not a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

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$U$ and $V$
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4. Which of the following are spanning sets for the subspace  $U$  of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  defined by

$$U = \{(x, y, z) \mid x - y + z = 0\}?$$

Note  $u = (x, y, z) \in U \Leftrightarrow x = y - z$  ( $y, z$  arbitrary)

A.  $\{(1, 1, 0)\}$

$\Leftrightarrow u = (y - z, y, z)$

B.  $\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0)\}$

$= y(1, 1, 0) + z(-1, 0, 1)$

C.  $\{(1, 1, 0), (-1, 0, 1)\}$

D.  $\{(-1, 0, 1)\}$

Thus  $U = \text{span}\{(1, 1, 0), (-1, 0, 1)\}$ , so

E.  $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$

C is certainly correct.

F.  $\{(2, 2, 0), (-2, 0, 2)\}$

A is not correct since  $(-1, 0, 1) \notin U$  but  $(-1, 0, 1) \notin \text{span}\{(1, 1, 0)\}$

B " " since  $\text{span}\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0)\} = \text{span}\{(1, 1, 0)\} \neq U$  (by A)

C, ✓

D is not correct because  $(1, 1, 0) \in U$  but  $(1, 1, 0) \notin \text{span}\{(-1, 0, 1)\}$

E is not correct because  $(1, 0, 0) \notin U$  but  $(1, 0, 0) \in \text{span}\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ .

F is also correct since  $\text{span}\{(1, 1, 0), (-1, 0, 1)\} = \text{span}\{(2, 2, 0), (-2, 0, 2)\}$ .

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C and F
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5. Which of the following statements are true?

I. The span of any two different vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . FALSE

II. The set  $\{(1, -2)\}$  spans a line through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . TRUE

III. A set of vectors  $\{u, v, w\}$  in a vector space spans  $V$  if every vector in  $V$  is a linear combination of  $u$  and  $u+v+w$ . TRUE

IV. The set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $M_{2,2}$ . FALSE

V. The set  $\{(1, 1, 1), (0, 2, 3)\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . FALSE : e.g. When we solve  $c(1, 0, 0) = a(1, 1, 1) + b(0, 2, 3)$  for  $a, b$ , we obtain equations

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ a + 2b = 0 \\ a + 3b = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow b = 0, \text{ so } a = 0 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} a = 1 \\ a + 2b = 0 \\ a + 3b = 0 \end{array}} \right\} \text{This is impossible.}$$

and hence  $\{(1, 1, 1), (0, 2, 3)\}$  does not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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II and III

I is false:  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0)$  are different but  $\text{span}\{(1, 0), (0, 0)\} = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  does not contain (e.g.)  $(0, 1)$ .

II is true  $\text{span}\{(1, -2)\}$  is the line through  $(0, 0)$  with direction  $(1, -2)$ . (A cartesian eqn is  $y = -2x$ ).

III is true Let  $v \in V$ . If  $v = au + b(u+v+w)$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $v = (a+b)u + bv + bw \in \text{span}\{u, v, w\}$ .

Thus  $V \subseteq \text{span}\{u, v, w\} \subseteq V$  (the latter because  $u, v, w \in V$ )

Hence  $V = \text{span}\{u, v, w\}$

(IV) is false:  $\text{span}\{A, B\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} aa \\ bb \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  which does not contain  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(V) is false: see above

6. Let  $u = (1, 0, 1)$ , and  $X = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid w \times u = 0\}$

2 a) Is  $X$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

2½ b) If your answer to (a) is "yes", find a spanning set for  $X$ .

½ c) Give a complete geometric description of  $X$ .

(You must justify your answers.)

a) Note that if  $w = (x, y, z)$ , then  $w \times u = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (y, -(x-z), -y)$

$= (0, 0, 0) \Leftrightarrow y = 0$  and  $x = z$ , so  $w = (x, 0, x)$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Thus  $W = \{(x, 0, x) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\} = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 1)\} = \text{span}\{u\}$ ; Hence

$W$  is a subspace. (OR: run the subspace test)

Justification 1½

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b) We saw in (a) that  $\{u\}$  is a spanning set for  $W$

① - any correct answer (1½) Justification

c)  $W$  is the line through  $0$  with direction  $(1, 0, 1)$ .

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Note: <sup>part of the</sup> justification in (a) could be "  $w \times u = 0 \Leftrightarrow w = Ru$  for some  $R \in \mathbb{R}$ " (they <sup>may?</sup> should know this from high school) simply

② If they run the subspace test in (a), 1½ = ½ + ½ + ½

7. Consider the vector space  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) = \{f \mid f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}$ , with the standard operations. Recall that the zero of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  is the function that has the value 0 for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Let  $W = \{f \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \mid f(-\pi) = f(\pi)\}$  be the subspace of functions which have the same value at  $x = -\pi$  and  $x = \pi$ . Now define functions  $g, h, j$  and  $k \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  by

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \sin x, & h(x) &= \cos x, \\ k(x) &= 1, & \text{and } j(x) &= \sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}. \end{aligned}$$

a) Show that  $g$  and  $k$  belong to  $W$ .

b) Show that  $j \in \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .

c) Show that  $k \notin \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .

(You must justify your answers.)

a) Note that  $g(-\pi) = 0 = g(\pi)$  and  $k(-\pi) = 1 = k(\pi)$ , so both  $g$  and  $k$  belong to  $W$ .

b) Using the formula  $\sin(x+a) = \cos a \sin x + \sin a \cos x$ ,

we see that  $\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\frac{\pi}{4} \sin x + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos x$

1 - knowing what to do  $= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin x + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cos x \quad (\forall x \in \mathbf{R})$

1 - doing it properly

Hence  $j = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}g + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}h \in \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .

c) Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $k = ag + bh$ . Then  $k(x) = ag(x) + bh(x), \forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ . In particular,  $k = ag + bh$  (\*)

$x = 0$ , this implies  $1 = a \cdot 0 + b \cdot 1$  and at

$x = \pi$  "  $1 = a \cdot 0 + b \cdot (-1)$ , which

is impossible. Hence  $k \notin \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .   
 (1) - any set of eqns consistent with (\*) that has no solution.

8. [Bonus] Give the set  $U = \{(x, x+2) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  the *non-standard* operations

$$(x, y) \oplus (x', y') = (x + x', y + y' - 2) \quad (\text{vector addition})$$

and

$$k \odot (x, y) = (kx, ky - 2k + 2) \quad (\text{multiplication by scalars}).$$

$$\left[ k \cdot (x, x+2) = (kx, k(x+2) - 2k + 2) = (kx, kx + 2) \in U \right]$$

- a) Prove that  $U$  is closed under the operation of addition defined above.
- b) Show that there *is* a zero vector for  $U$  in  $U$  (i.e. Find it and show it works.).
- c) Show that every element  $(x, x+2) \in U$  has a negative in  $U$ .  
(i.e. If  $v = (x, x+2) \in U$ , what is  $-v \in U$ ?)

a) Suppose  $u = (x, x+2)$  and  $v = (x', x'+2)$  belong to  $U$   
(for  $x, x' \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then  $u \oplus v = (x+x', (x+2)+(x'+2)-2)$   
 $= (x+x', (x+x')+2) \in U$ .

So  $U$  is closed under " $\oplus$ ". ① (must be well written to obtain full marks)

b) Note that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x, x+2) \oplus (0, 2) = (x, x+2+2-2)$   
 $= (x, x+2)$ .

Hence  $(0, 2)$  is the zero vector for  $U$ .

① - correct zero (with justification) + ② justification

c) If  $v = (x, x+2)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}(x, x+2) \oplus (-x, -x+2) &= (x-x, (x+2) + (-x+2) - 2) \\ &= (0, 2)\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $-v = (-x, -x+2)$ .

$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  correct zero  
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