

1. For each of the given subsets  $W$  of the given vector space  $V$  over the given field  $F$ , determine whether or not  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Justify your answers.

- (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $W = \{f \in V \mid f'' \text{ exists and } xf''(x) + f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ;  
 (b)  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $W = \{X \in V \mid X^2 = 0\}$ ;  
 (c)  $V = \mathbb{C}^{\infty}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $W = \{x \in V \mid x_{n+2} + ix_{n+1} + (n+i)x_n = 0 \text{ for all } n \geq 0\}$ ;  
 (d)  $V = \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $W = \{X \in V \mid \overline{X}^T = X\}$ .

2. Determine whether or not the given sequences of vectors in the given vector space  $V$  over the given field  $F$  are linearly independent. Justify your answers.

- (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_1(x) = e^{2x}$ ,  $f_2(x) = e^{3x}$ ,  $f_3(x) = e^{5x}$ ;  
 (b)  $V = \mathbb{C}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f_1(x) = e^{ix}$ ,  $f_2(x) = \cos(x)$ ,  $f_3(x) = \sin(x)$ ;  
 (c)  $V = \mathbb{C}^{[0,1]}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f_1(x) = (x+i)^2$ ,  $f_2(x) = (x-i)^2$ ,  $f_3(x) = (x+1)^2$ ,  $f_4(x) = (x-1)^2$ ;  
 (d)  $V = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_1(x) = e^x$ ,  $f_2(x) = xe^x$ ,  $f_3(x) = \sin(x)$ .

3. Let  $V$  be the vector space of infinitely differentiable real-valued functions on the real line and let  $W = \{f \in V \mid f'' - 7f' + 10f = 0\}$ .

- (a) Prove that  $W$  is a subspace by finding a polynomial in  $D$ , the differentiation operator, whose kernel is  $W$ .  
 (b) Show how, by factoring the polynomial found in (a), a basis of  $W$  can be found.  
 (c) Show that  $T : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , defined by  $T(f) = (f(0), f'(0))$ , is an isomorphism of vector spaces.

4. Find the orthogonal projection of the column vector  $Y = [a, b, c, d]^T$  on the column space of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and show how this can be used to find the least squares solution of the system of equations  $AX = Y$ .

5. Let  $V$  be the real vector space of polynomials  $p(t) = a_1 + a_2t + a_3t^2 + a_3t^3$  and let  $W$  be the real vector space of polynomials  $q(t) = b_1 + b_2t + b_2t^2$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be defined by  $T(p(t)) = 2t^2p''(t) - 12p(t)$ .
- Show that  $T$  is linear.
  - Find bases for the kernel and image of  $T$ .
  - Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $1, t, t^2, t^3$  of  $V$  and  $1, t, t^2$  of  $W$ .
6. The state of a discrete dynamical system after  $n$  intervals of time is described by the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= .4x_n + .5y_n \\y_{n+1} &= -.315x_n + 1.2y_n.\end{aligned}$$

- Find the general solution.
  - Show that  $x_n, y_n$  tend to 0 as  $n$  goes to infinity for any choice of initial values  $x_0, y_0$ .
7. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- Given that,  $(A - I)^2(A - 4) = 0$ , find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is a diagonal matrix.
  - Using (a), find the general solution of  $\frac{dX}{dt} = AX$ .
  - Using (a), evaluate the triple integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2(x^2+y^2+z^2+xy+xz+yz)} dx dy dz.$$

Recall that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

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INSTRUCTIONS

**Attempt all Questions.  
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University Standard Calculators Allowed.**

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