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PEU3202/PEE3202 Vector Spaces

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Date: - 15-05-2025 **Time: 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.**

Answer four questions only

1.

(a) Suppose V is a vector space over a field F. Prove that for all $\alpha \in F$ and for all $x \in V - \{0\}$

(i) If $\alpha \cdot x = 0$ then $\alpha = 0$

(ii) If $\alpha \cdot x = \beta \cdot x$ then $\alpha = \beta$

(b) Let $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \middle| a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$. For every $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} \in M$,

define the two operations on M as follows:

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

for $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, where $\mathbb{R}$ is the real number field. Is M a vector space over the field of real numbers under these operations? Justify your answer.

(c) Is the set of three vectors $u_1 = (1, 2, 2)$, $u_2 = (-1, -1, -2)$ and $u_3 = (1, 0, 1)$ form a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$? Justify your answer.

(d) Let $S = \{P_1 = 1 - x, P_2 = 5 + 2x^2, P_3 = -3 + 3x - x^2\}$ be a subset of the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 2 over $\mathbb{R}$. Is S linearly independent over the field $\mathbb{R}$? Justify your answer.

2.

(a) Let V be a vector space over the field F and $W \subseteq V, W \neq \phi$. Show that W is a subspace of a vector space- V over F if and only if for all $\alpha, \beta \in F$ and $x, y \in W$, $\alpha x + \beta y \in W$.

(b) Determine whether following sets are subspaces of the vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$ over the field $\mathbb{R}$ under usual addition and scalar multiplication in vector space $\mathbb{R}^3$. In each case justify your answer.

(i) $A = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } b = 2a + c^2\}$

(ii) $B = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } a = b = c\}$

(c) Suppose W_1 and W_2 are subspaces of a vector space V over a field F. Prove that $W_1 \cap W_2$ is a subspace of the vector space V over the field F.

3.

(a) Suppose V is a vector space over the field F. Show that if $b \in V$ is a linear combination of the set of vectors $a_1, a_2, \ldots \ldots a_n \in V$, then the set $\{b, a_1, a_2, \ldots \ldots a_n\}$ is linearly dependent in V.

(b) If a, b and c are linearly independent vectors in V over a field F,

Are the vectors $a - b,\ b - c,\ c - a$ linearly independent? Justify the answer.

(c) Suppose W is a subspace of a finite dimensional vector space V over the field F, then prove that $\dim W = \dim V$ if and only if $W = V$

(d) Let $W = \{(1, 1, -2, 0), (2, 1, -3, 0), (-1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, -1, 0)\}$. Find a basis for the subspace $Sp < W >$ of $\mathbb{R}^4$

4.

(a) Let $T : V \to W$ be a linear transformation, where V and W are vector spaces. Show that

(i) $\ker T$ is a subspace of V, and

(ii) $\ker T = \{0\}$ if and only if T is one to one.

(b) Let $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $W = \mathbb{R}^3$. Assume that V and W are vector spaces over the field $\mathbb{R}$ under the usual addition and scalar multiplication.

Consider the mapping $T : V \to W$ defined by $T(x, y) = (2x, 2x + y, x + 2y)$.

(i) Show that T is a linear transformation.

(ii) Find the kernel of T.

(iii) Is T an Isomorphism? Justify your answer.

5.

(a) Let $\mathbb{R}^4 = \{(a, b, c, d) \,|a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$ be the vector space over the field $\mathbb{R}$ under the usual addition and scalar multiplication.

Let the mapping $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ be defined by $T((a, b, c, d) = (a + b, b, 3c, c + d)$. Assuming that T is a linear Transformation, determine whether the following sets are invariant subspaces of the vector space $\mathbb{R}^4$ over the field $\mathbb{R}$ under T.

(i) $W = \{(a, b, 0,0) \,|a. b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(ii) $W = \{(a, 0,0, b) \,|a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$

(b)

(i) Define an inner product space.

(ii) Let V be an inner product space over a field F. Prove that for $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in V$,

$$< x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 > = < x_1, y_1 > + < x_1, y_2 > + < x_2, y_1 > + < x_2, y_2 >$$

(iii) Let $u = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$, $v = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$ where $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Define $< u, v > = {x_1}^2 - {x_2}^2 - x_1 x_3$. Is $< u, v >$ an inner product on $\mathbb{R}^3$? Justify your answer.

6.

(a) Let u and v be any two vectors of a Euclidian Space.

(i) Prove that $||u + v|| \leq ||u|| + ||v||$

(ii) Define the angle between u and v

(iii) Suppose E^3 be the usual Euclidian three- space and $u, v \in E^3$

Let $u = (1, -1, 2)$ and $v = (2, 1, 0)$. Find the angle between u and v

(b) Show that the three vectors $u_1 = (0,1,1)$, $u_2 = (0,01)$ and $u_3 = (1,0,-1)$ form a basis for E^3, the usual Euclidean three- space. Construct an orthogonal basis for E^3 out of $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ using the Gram–Schmidt process.