

## MATH 3323 Linear Algebra

### Problem Set 4

**Due: March 23, 2020**

On separate sheets of paper please solve all the problems below.

1. Consider the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers (i.e.  $R^2$ ) with the following operations of “addition” and “scalar multiplication”:  
 $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (y_1 + y_2, x_1 + x_2)$  and  $k(x, y) = (kx, ky)$ .  
Decide whether or not each of the vector space axioms is true for  $R^2$  with these operations. **Go through all 10 axioms.** If an axiom is true, prove it. If an axiom is false, give a concrete counterexample (with numbers/vectors) showing it is false.
2. Determine which if the following are subspaces of  $P_2$  (the vector space of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to two).
  - a) The set of all polynomials with  $a_0 = 0$  (Note: form  $p(x) = a_1x + a_2x^2$ ).
  - b) The set of all polynomials  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$  satisfying  $p(1) = 1$ .
3. Let  $V$  denote the set of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and let  $W$  be the subset of  $V$  consisting of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices having trace zero. Is  $W$  a subspace of  $V$ ? Prove your answer. Feel free to use known facts about trace.
4. Show that vectors  $v_1 = (2, 2, 2)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 0, 3)$  and  $v_3 = (0, 1, 1)$  span  $R^3$ , and express the vector  $(-1, 2, 0)$  as the linear combination of the three vectors.
5. Determine if the following are linearly independent subsets:
  - a) Determine whether or not vectors  $(1, -1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(3, 0, 1, 1)$ ,  $(7, -1, 2, 1)$  form a linearly independent subset of  $R^4$ .
  - b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Do  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  form a linearly independent subset of  $M_{2 \times 2}$ ?
  - c) Determine if  $5, x^2 - 6x, (3 - x)^2$  form a linearly independent subset of  $F(-\infty, \infty)$ .
6. Are the following bases? Why or why not.
  - a)  $\{(1, 0, 2), (1, 2, 3), (-2, 1, 1)\}$  in  $R^3$ ?
  - b)  $\{x^3 + 2x^2, x + 3, -2\}$  in  $P_3$ ?
  - c)  $\{(1, -1), (-2, 2)\}$  in  $R^2$ ?

7. Determine the dimension of and basis for the solution space of the system:

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

8. For each of the following, find the dimension of the subspace of the given vector space:

a) Vector space:  $R^3$ ; subspace: all vectors of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a-b \\ b \\ a+b \end{bmatrix}$

b) Vector space:  $R^3$ ; subspace:  $\text{Span}\{(2,3,0), (1,0,3), (3,3,3), (-1,-3,3)\}$