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PEU3202 Vector Spaces



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**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  $x \in V - \{0\}$

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

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

(b) Let  $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . 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  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & d_1 + d_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\alpha \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & 3\alpha d_1 \end{bmatrix}$

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) Show that the three vectors  $u_1 = (1, 2, 2)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, -1, 2)$  and  $u_3 = (1, 0, 1)$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

2.

(a) Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $F$  and  $W \subseteq V, W \neq \emptyset$ . 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)  $A = \{(a, b, c) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } b = 2a + a^2\}$

(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  $\beta \in V$  is a linear combination of the set of vectors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n \in V$ , then the set  $\{\beta, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is linearly dependent.

(b) If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are linearly independent vectors in  $V$  over a field  $F$ , prove that  $\alpha + \beta, \beta + \gamma, \gamma + \alpha$  are also linearly independent.

(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  $W = V$

4.

(a) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation. Show that

(i)  $T(0) = 0$

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

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

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

(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  $M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . Note that  $M$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  under the usual matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

Let the mapping  $T : M \rightarrow M$  be defined by  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+b & b \\ 3c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Note that  $T$  is a linear Transformation

Determine whether the following sets are invariant subspaces of the vector space  $M$  over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  under  $T$

(i)  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

(ii)  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \mid a, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

(b)

- (i) Define an inner product space.
- (ii) Let  $V$  be an inner product space over a field  $F$ . Prove that for  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in V$ ,  
 $\langle x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 \rangle = \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle + \langle x_1, y_2 \rangle + \langle x_2, y_1 \rangle + \langle x_2, y_2 \rangle$
- (iii) Let  $u = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ ,  $v = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  where  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .  
Define  $\langle u, v \rangle = x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_1x_3$ . Is  $\langle u, v \rangle$  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  $E^3$  is the usual Euclidean 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  $u_1 = (1,1,1)$ ,  $u_2 = (0,1,1)$  and  $u_3 = (0,0,1)$  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.