

Linear algebra II, spring term 2019

Solutions to Homework 1

1) We denote by 0 the zero element in V , and by n the function $X \rightarrow V$ defined by $n(x) = 0$ for all $x \in X$.

Let $f, g, h \in \mathcal{F}(X, V)$, $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

Axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \left((f+g)+h \right)(x) \stackrel{\substack{\text{(by def of "+"} \\ \text{in } \mathcal{F}(X, V)}}}{=} (f+g)(x) + h(x) = (f(x)+g(x)) + h(x) \stackrel{\substack{\text{(V satisfies (i))}}}{=} f(x) + (g(x)+h(x)) \\ & = f(x) + (g+h)(x) = (f+(g+h))(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in X \\ & \Rightarrow \underline{(f+g)+h = f+(g+h)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad & (f+g)(x) = f(x)+g(x) \stackrel{\substack{\text{(V satisfies} \\ \text{(ii))}}}{=} g(x)+f(x) = (g+f)(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in X \Rightarrow \underline{f+g = g+f} \\ & (\forall v \in V: 0+v = v) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad (n+f)(x) = n(x)+f(x) = 0+f(x) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} f(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in X \Rightarrow \underline{n+f = f}$$

(iv) Define a function $-f \in \mathcal{F}(X, V)$ by $(-f)(x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Then $(f+(-f))(x) = f(x) + (-f(x)) = f(x) - f(x) = 0 \in V$ for all $x \in X$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{f+(-f) = n}$$

(because V satisfies (v))

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad \forall x \in X: \quad & (\lambda(f+g))(x) = \lambda((f+g)(x)) = \lambda(f(x)+g(x)) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \lambda f(x) + \lambda g(x) \\ & = (\lambda f)(x) + (\lambda g)(x) = (\lambda f + \lambda g)(x) \quad \Rightarrow \underline{\lambda(f+g) = \lambda f + \lambda g} \end{aligned}$$

(V satisfies (vi))

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(vi)} \quad \forall x \in X: \quad & ((\lambda+\mu)f)(x) = (\lambda+\mu) \cdot f(x) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \lambda f(x) + \mu f(x) = (\lambda f)(x) + (\mu f)(x) = (\lambda f + \mu f)(x) \\ & \Rightarrow \underline{(\lambda+\mu)f = \lambda f + \mu f} \end{aligned}$$

(V satisfies (vii))

$$(vii) \forall x \in X: (\lambda(\mu f))(x) = \lambda((\mu f)(x)) = \lambda(\mu \cdot f(x)) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} (\lambda\mu) \cdot f(x) = ((\lambda\mu)f)(x)$$

$$\implies \underline{\lambda(\mu f) = (\lambda\mu)f}$$

(V satisfies (viii))

$$(viii) (1 \cdot f)(x) = 1 \cdot f(x) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} f(x) \text{ for all } x \in X \implies \underline{1 \cdot f = f}$$

Since the axioms (i) - (viii) are satisfied, the set $\mathcal{F}(X, V)$ is a vector space with the given operations.

2.a) We consider it as known that \mathcal{P}_3 is a vector space and thus, in particular, that it is closed under addition and multiplication with scalars. The zero element in \mathcal{P}_3 is the function $n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $n(t) = 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Check that \mathcal{U} is a subspace of \mathcal{P}_3 :

(i) $n(1) = 0 \implies \underline{n \in \mathcal{U}}$

(ii) Let $f, g \in \mathcal{U}$, so that $f(1) = g(1) = 0$.

Then $(f+g)(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 0 + 0 = 0 \implies \underline{f+g \in \mathcal{U}}$

(iii) Let $f \in \mathcal{U}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $(\lambda f)(1) = \lambda \cdot f(1) = \lambda \cdot 0 = 0 \implies \underline{\lambda f \in \mathcal{U}}$.

Hence, $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{P}_3$ is a subspace.

b) Let $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in \mathcal{P}_3$ be defined by $f_1(t) = t-1$, $f_2(t) = t^2-1$, $f_3(t) = t^3-1$.
Then $f_1(1) = f_2(1) = f_3(1) = 0$, so $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in \mathcal{U}$.

The elements $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in \mathcal{U}$ are linearly independent.

Assume that $\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2 + \lambda_3 f_3 = n$ for $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = n(t) &= (\lambda_1 f_1 + \lambda_2 f_2 + \lambda_3 f_3)(t) = \lambda_1 f_1(t) + \lambda_2 f_2(t) + \lambda_3 f_3(t) \\ &= \lambda_1(t-1) + \lambda_2(t^2-1) + \lambda_3(t^3-1) = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) + \lambda_1 t + \lambda_2 t^2 + \lambda_3 t^3 \end{aligned}$$

If any one of $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ is different from 0, then RHS $\rightarrow \pm\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.
As LHS = 0, it follows that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$.

Hence, f_1, f_2, f_3 are linearly independent.

The polynomial functions $p_i(t) = t^i$, $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ span \mathcal{P}_3
(that is, $\mathcal{P}_3 = \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3\}$), hence $\dim \mathcal{P}_3 \leq 4$.

On the other hand $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in \mathcal{U}$ are linearly independent $\Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{U} \geq 3$.

As, for example, $p_0 \in \mathcal{P}_3$ but $p_0 \notin \mathcal{U}$, we have that $\mathcal{U} \neq \mathcal{P}_3$,
thus $3 \leq \dim \mathcal{U} < \dim \mathcal{P}_3 \leq 4 \Rightarrow \underline{\dim \mathcal{U} = 3}$ and $\dim \mathcal{P}_3$.

Now, $f_1, f_2, f_3 \in \mathcal{U}$ linearly independent } $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{f = (f_1, f_2, f_3) \text{ is a basis of } \mathcal{U}.}}$
 $\dim \mathcal{U} = 3$

3.a) Let $g = (f_1, f_2, f_3, p_0)$ (where $p_0(t) = 1, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$).

Then $p_i(t) = t^i = (t^i - 1) + 1 = f_i(t) + p_0(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$)

$$\Rightarrow p_i \in \text{span } g \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3 = \text{span}\{p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3\} \subset \text{span } g$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3 = \text{span } g.$$

Since g contains four elements, and $\dim \mathcal{P}_3 = 4$, it follows
that g is a basis of \mathcal{P}_3 .

b) As seen in (3a), we have $p_i = f_i + p_0$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.

In other words: $[p_1]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $[p_2]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $[p_3]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and,

clearly, $[p_0]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.