

EE5609: Matrix Theory

Assignment 8

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Abstract—This document uses properties of vector spaces and subspaces.

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<https://github.com/Atul191/EE5609/Assignment8>

1 PROBLEM

Let \mathbf{V} be the (real) vector space of all functions f from \mathbf{R} into \mathbf{R} . Is $f(-1) = 0$ a subspace of \mathbf{V}

2 THEOREM

A non-empty subset \mathbf{W} of \mathbf{V} is a subspace of \mathbf{V} if and only if for each pair of vectors α, β in \mathbf{W} and each scalar c in \mathbf{R} the vector $c\alpha + \beta$ is again in \mathbf{W} .

3 SOLUTION

For each of the function to be a subspace, it must be closed with respect to addition and scalar multiplication in \mathbf{V} defined as, for $f, g \in \mathbf{W}$ and $c \in \mathbf{R}$

Then,

$$(\mathbf{cf} + \mathbf{g})(-1) = \mathbf{cf}(-1) + \mathbf{g}(-1) \quad (3.0.1)$$

$$= \mathbf{c}(0) + 0 \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$= 0 \quad (3.0.3)$$

Thus, $(\mathbf{cf} + \mathbf{g})(-1) = 0$. Therefore, \mathbf{W} is a subset of \mathbf{V} and also a vector space. Therefore \mathbf{W} is a subspace of \mathbf{V} .

Hence, $f(-1) = 0$ is a subspace of \mathbf{V} .