

## Problem 1

### a. Additive Identity

An additive satisfies  $a \oplus z = z \oplus a$  for all  $a$

from definition:  $a \oplus z = a + z - 1$

$$\text{If } a + z - 1 = a \rightarrow z - 1 = 0 \rightarrow z = 1$$

Symmetry check:  $z \oplus a = z + a - 1 = 1 + a - 1 = a$

Uniqueness: suppose  $z'$  is another additive identity

$$z' = z' \oplus z = z \text{ by Identity Law}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } z' = 1 \rightarrow z = 1$$

Therefore, the additive Identity in the ring is integer 1.

### b. Additive Inverse

An additive inverse  $b$  of  $a$  must satisfy  $a \oplus b = b \oplus a = z = 1$

$$\text{By operation, } a \oplus b = a + b - 1$$

$$\text{equal to Identity, } a + b - 1 = 1 \rightarrow b = 2 - a$$

$$\text{Verification: } a \oplus (2 - a) = a + (2 - a) - 1 = 1$$

$$(2 - a) \oplus a = (2 - a) + a - 1 =$$

$$\text{Uniqueness: If } b_1, b_2 \text{ are both inverse of } a \Rightarrow b_1 = b_2, \oplus a \oplus b_2 = 1 \oplus b_2 = b_2$$

Therefore, the integer  $a$  has additive inverse  $b = 2 - a$

### c. Commutativity

Need to show  $a \otimes b = b \otimes a$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$a \otimes b = a+b - ab$$

$$b \otimes a = b+a - ba$$

Since,  $a+b = b+a = b \oplus a$

Since  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  are commutative in  $\mathbb{Z}$

Thus, both binary operations are commutative,  
proving  $a \otimes b = b \otimes a$ .

### d. Multiplicative Identity.

$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

Find the (unique) integer  $u$  with  $a \otimes u = a = u \otimes a$

$$\text{Compute } a \otimes u = a \otimes u = a+u - au$$

$$\text{Impose requirement: } a+u - au = a \rightarrow u - au = 0$$

$$\rightarrow u(1-a) = 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Since  $1-a$  is not always zero, the only integer  $u$  that makes  $u(1-a) = 0$  for every  $a$  is  $u=0$ .

$$\text{Verification: } a \otimes 0 = a+0 - a \cdot 0 = a$$

$$0 \otimes a = 0+a - 0 \cdot a = a$$

Uniqueness: If  $w$  is any other two-sided identity,

$$\text{Dmg } \alpha = D = D = D \otimes W = W$$

$$\text{So, } W = D$$

Therefore,  $W = D$ , and  $U = D \neq I = Z$  as required by  
ring axioms.

## Problem 2

a. Deriving the closed form

If take numbers = 2, 3, 6, 14, 40, 152, 784

Compare with known sequence =  $D_1=1, 1!=1, 2!=2, 3!=6, 4!=24$

$$5!=120, 6!=720$$

Compute difference -

$n$	$T_n$	$n!$	$D_n = T_n - n!$
0	2	1	1
1	3	1	2
2	6	2	4
3	14	6	8
4	40	24	16
5	152	120	32

b

784

720

64

$$\rightarrow \text{pattern } D_n = 2^n$$

$$\text{Hypothesis: } T_n = n! + 2^n \quad (n \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Therefore: } A_n = n!, \text{ and } B_n = 2^n$$

b. Use induction to prove

$$\text{Prove: } T_n = n! + 2^n \text{ for all } n \geq 0$$

Base cases  $n = 0, 1, 2 =$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T_0 = 2 = 0! + 2^0 \\ T_1 = 3 = 1! + 2^1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{formula holds for initial data}$$

$$T_2 = 6 = 2! + 2^2$$

Inductive hypothesis =

Assume the statement true for all integers up to  $n-1$ .

$$\rightarrow T_{n-1} = (n-1)! + 2^{n-1},$$

$$T_{n-2} = (n-2)! + 2^{n-2},$$

$$T_{n-3} = (n-3)! + 2^{n-3}$$

## Inductive step

Insert the hypothesis into the recurrence =

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow T_n &= (n+4)T_{n-1} - 4nT_{n-2} + (4n-8)T_{n-3} \\ &= (n+4)[(n-1)! + 2^{n-1}] \\ &\quad - 4n[(n-2)! + 2^{n-2}] \\ &\quad + (4n-8)[(n-3)! + 2^{n-3}] \quad \text{factorial part} \\ &= [(n+4)(n-1)! - 4n(n-2)! + (4n-8)(n-3)!] \\ &\quad + [(n+4) \cdot 2^{n-1} - 4n \cdot 2^{n-2} + (4n-8) \cdot 2^{n-3}] \\ &\quad \text{power of two part} \end{aligned}$$

1- Factorial part

$$(n+4)(n-1)! = (n+4)(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)!$$

$$4n(n-2)! = 4n(n-2)(n-3)!$$

$$(4n-8)(n-3)! = (4n-8)(n-3)!$$

$$\rightarrow (n-3)! \underbrace{[(n+4)(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) - 4n(n-2) + 4n-8]}_{\leftarrow}$$

$$= (n-2)[(n+4)(n-1) - 4n] + (4n-8)$$

$$= (n-2)[n^2 + 4n - n - 4 - 4n] + (4n-8)$$

$$= (n-2)[n^2 - n - 4] + 4n - 8$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= n^3 - 2n^2 - n^2 + 2n - 4n + 8 + 4n - 8 \\
 &= n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n \\
 &= n(n^2 - 3n + 2n) \\
 &= n(n-1)(n-2) \\
 \rightarrow &= n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)! = n!
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Power of two part

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow 2^{n-3} [(n+4)2^2 - 4n \cdot 2 + (4n-8)] \\
 &= 2^{n-3} [4n+16 - 8n + 4n - 8] \\
 &= 2^{n-3} \cdot 8 = 2^{n-3} \cdot 2^3 = 2^n
 \end{aligned}$$

Combine back:  $T_n = n! + 2^n$  ✓ Is exactly claimed formula

Therefore, by introduction, the closed form  $= T_n = n! + 2^n$   
 for all  $n \geq 0$  satisfy both the recurrence and  
 initial conditions.

Problem 3

## Problem 4

a. Space  $P_2 = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$

all real polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$

$$\dim P_2 = 3$$

Set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  with  $v_1=1, v_2=1-x, v_3=(1-x)^2=1-2x+x^2$

### 1. Linear Independence

take an arbitrary linear combinations + set zero polynomial

$$av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3 = a(1) + b(1-x) + c(1-2x+x^2) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (a+b+c) + (-b-2c)x + (c)x^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} a+b+c=0 & \textcircled{1} \\ -b-2c=0 & \textcircled{2} \\ c=0 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow c=0 \text{ plugging in } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow -b=0 \Rightarrow b=0$$

$$b=0 \text{ plugging in } \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a=0$$

Since only the trivial solution exists, hence

$S$  is linearly independent.

## 2. Spanning $P_2$

Take an arbitrary quadratic polynomial =

$$P(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C, \quad A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}$$

→ express as a combination of vectors in  $S$ :

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + c_3 v_3 = c_1(1) + c_2(1-x) + c_3(1-2x+x^2)$$

$$\rightarrow (c_1 + c_2 + c_3) + (-c_2 - 2c_3)x + (c_3)x^2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = C & \textcircled{1} \\ -c_2 - 2c_3 = B & \textcircled{2} \\ c_3 = A & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow c_3 = A \quad \text{plug in } \textcircled{3} = -c_2 - 2A = B \rightarrow c_2 = -B - 2A$$

$$c_2 = -(B+2A) \quad \text{plug in } \textcircled{1} = c_1 - (B+2A) + A = C \rightarrow c_1 = A + B + C$$

Thus, every polynomial in  $P_2$  is representable.

$$P(x) = (A+B+C)v_1 - (B+2A)v_2 + Av_3$$

because a representation exists for arbitrary  $A, B, C$ ,  $S$  spans  $P_2$ .

Conclusion:  $S$  is linearly independent and spans a 3-dimensional space,  $S = \{1, 1-x, (1-x)^2\}$  is a basis of  $P_2$ .

3. Check =

$$P(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 2$$

$$\rightarrow A = 3 \quad B = -4 \quad C = 2$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} C_1 = A + B + C = 3 + (-4) + 2 = 1 \\ C_2 = -(B + 2A) = -(-4 + 2 \times 3) = -2 \\ C_3 = A = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rightarrow \text{Verify: } & C_1(1) + C_2(1-x) + C_3(1-2x+x^2) \\ &= 1 \times 1 + (-2)(1-x) + 3(1-2x+x^2) \\ &= 1 - 2 + 2x + 3 - 6x + 3x^2 \\ &= (1-2+3) + (2x-6x) + 3x^2 \\ &= 3x^2 - 4x + 2 \\ &= P(x)\end{aligned}$$

b.

Starting vectors =

$$x_1(t) = t^2 \quad x_2(t) = t \quad x_3(t) = 1 \quad t \in [-1, 1]$$

Inner product =

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(t) g(t) dt$$

1. Normalize  $x_1$ :

$$\|x_1\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 \cdot t^2 dt = \int_{-1}^1 t^4 dt = \left[ \frac{1}{5} t^5 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$N_1 = \sqrt{\|x_1\|^2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \quad y_1(t) = \frac{x_1(t)}{N_1} = t^2 \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\text{check} = \langle y_1, y_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{N_1^2} \langle x_1 \cdot x_1 \rangle = 1$$

2. Orthogonalise & normalise  $x_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_2, y_1 \rangle &= \int_{-1}^1 t (t^2 \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}) dt = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t^3 dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{4} t^4 \right]_{-1}^1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, no projection term:  $w_2 = x_2 - \langle x_2, y_1 \rangle y_1 = x_2 = t$

Normalise:

$$\|w_2\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 t \cdot t dt = \int_{-1}^1 t^2 dt = \left[ \frac{1}{3} t^3 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$N_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \quad y_2(t) = \frac{w_2(t)}{N_2} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t$$

$$\text{check} = \langle y_1, y_2 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t^3 dt = 0 \rightarrow \text{orthogonal}$$

3. Orthogonalise & normalise  $x_3$

$$\langle x_3, y_2 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot y_2(t) dt = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \int_{-1}^1 t dt = 0$$

$$\langle x_3, y_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 1 \cdot y_1(t) dt = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t^2 dt = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Orthogonal component: } w_3(t) &= x_3(t) - \langle x_3, y_1 \rangle y_1(t) - \langle x_3, y_2 \rangle y_2(t) \\ &= 1 - \left( \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \right) \left( t^2 \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \right) - 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5}{3} t^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Normalise: } \|w_3\|^2 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( 1 - \frac{5}{3} t^2 \right)^2 dt \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( 1 + \frac{25}{9} t^4 - \frac{10}{3} t^2 \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[ t + \frac{5}{9}t^5 - \frac{10}{9}t^3 \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= 1 + \frac{5}{9} - \frac{10}{9} - (-1 - \frac{5}{9} + \frac{10}{9})$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}$$

$$N_3 = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2}, \quad y_3(t) = \frac{w_3(t)}{N_3} = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}(1 - \frac{5}{2}t^2)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^2$$

4. final orthonormal set & cross checks

$$\begin{cases} y_1(t) = t^2\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \\ y_2(t) = t\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \\ y_3(t) = \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^2 \end{cases}$$

$\checkmark$  Orthogonality: ①  $\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t^3 dt = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{② } \langle y_1, y_3 \rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t^2 \left( \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^2 \right) dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2}t^2 - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^4 \right) dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}t^3 - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2}t^5 \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} \left[ \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2} \right] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{③ } \langle y_2, y_3 \rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 t \left( \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^2 \right) dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2}t - \frac{5}{4}\sqrt{2}t^3 \right) dt \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left[ \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{2}t^2 - \frac{5}{16}\sqrt{2}t^4 \right]_{-1}^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{16}\sqrt{2} - \frac{3}{8}\sqrt{2} + \frac{5}{16}\sqrt{2} \right]$$
$$= 0$$

✓ normalisation = when constructing each  $y_i$ , already verified  $\langle y_i, y_i \rangle = 1$ .

Therefore, the set  $\{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$  is orthonormal in  $L^2[-1, 1]$ .