

## Exerziten III

Submit your *concise* solutions in the correct order and no later than 4:10 pm on Oct. 6., in your tutorial.

Reading suggestion: **Span, linear independence, Basis**, First two sections of Chapter 2.

**Exercise 1.** Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \in V$ .

1. Prove that if  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$  spans  $V$ , then so does  $(v_1 - v_2, v_2 - v_3, v_3 - v_4, v_4)$ .
2. Prove that if  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4)$  is linearly independent, then so is  $(v_1 - v_2, v_2 - v_3, v_3 - v_4, v_4)$ .
3. Show that  $(v_1 - v_2, v_2 - v_3, v_3 - v_4, v_4 - v_1)$  is linearly dependent.

**Exercise 2.** Determine (and justify) whether the given sequence of vectors is linearly independent or not.

1.  $((-1, 1, 1, 1), (1, -1, 1, 1), (1, 1, -1, 1), (1, 1, 1, -1))$  in the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^4$
2.  $((1, 0), (i, 0), (0, 1), (0, i))$  in the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$
3.  $(x^2, x^2 + 1, x^2 + 2)$  in the vector space of real polynomials in one variable,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$
4.  $(x^2, (x + 1)^2, (x + 2)^2)$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$
5.  $((1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1))$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2^3$

**Exercise 3.** What is the probability that a list  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  of three vectors, each chosen at random from  $(\mathbb{F}_2)^5$ , is linearly independent? Prove your claim. Does this probability increase or decrease as we increase the prime, for example in  $(\mathbb{F}_3)^5$  and  $(\mathbb{F}_5)^5$ ?

**Exercise 4.** Let  $V = \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R})$  be the vector space of real polynomials of degree  $\leq 4$  in one variable. Show that

$$\{f \in \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R}) : f(0) = f(1) = 0\}$$

defines a subspace of  $V$ , and find a basis for this subspace. Justify your claim and plot graphs of your basis elements.