Assignment 12

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1 QUESTION

Let $\mathbf{V}$ be the set of real numbers.Regard $\mathbf{V}$ as a vector space over the field of rational numbers,with usual operations.Prove that this vector space is not finite-dimensional.

2 Solution

Given $\mathbf{V}$ is a vector space over field Q (rational numbers)
It is finite dimensional with dimensionality n if every vector $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbf{V}$ can be written as

$$\mathbf{v} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i \alpha_i \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\text{where } c_i \in Q \tag{2.0.2}$$

$$\text{and } \mathbf{B} = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_{n-1}\} \tag{2.0.3}$$

is the basis with linearly independent α_i
Let us consider the set of polynomials in k of degree less than equal to n

$$f(k) = a_0 + a_1 k + a_2 k^2 + \ldots + a_{n-1} k^{n-1} \tag{2.0.4}$$

Checking if it a subspace of $\mathbf{V}$
Any function of the form $f(ck_1 + k_2)$ (where $c \in Q$) becomes

$$f(ck_1 + k_2) = a_0 + a_1(ck_1 + k_2) + \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$a_2(ck_1 + k_2)^2 + \ldots + a_{n-1}(ck_1 + k_2)^{n-1} \tag{2.0.6}$$

which is also a polynomial of degree less than equal to n implying it is closed under scalar multiplication and vector addition.
Hence it forms a subspace.
Consider the polynomial

$$1 + \frac{k}{1!} \tag{2.0.7}$$

The set $\{1, k\}$ is linearly independent and forms a basis for $f(k)$ of degree less than equal to one since,

$$\text{for } \beta_0, \beta_1 \in Q \tag{2.0.8}$$

$$\beta_0(1) + \beta_1(k) = 0 \iff \beta_0, \beta_1 = 0 \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\text{and } f(k) = \sum_{i=0}^{1} c_i k^i \tag{2.0.10}$$

where $c_i = \frac{1}{i!} \in Q$