

Math40003
Linear Algebra and Groups

Mid-module test

1. Let $V = \{a_0 + a_2x^2 + a_4x^4 + a_6x^6 : a_0, a_2, a_4, a_6 \in \mathbb{R}\}$, the vector space over \mathbb{R} with standard addition and scalar multiplication.
 - (a) Show that V is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}[x]$ (the set of polynomials in x with coefficients in \mathbb{R}).
 - (b) Find a basis for V . *Justify your answer fully i.e. prove the basis you find is in fact a basis.*
2. Let $W = \{f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x] : f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_{2i}x^{2i}, a_{2i} \in \mathbb{R}, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}$, the vector space over \mathbb{R} with standard addition and scalar multiplication.
 - (a) Is W finite dimensional?
 - (b) Find a basis for W .

In both cases you should justify your answer fully.