Assignment 18

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Abstract—This document solves a problem based on polynomial vector spaces.

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https://github.com/Vaibhav11002/EE5609/tree/master/Assignment 18

1 Problem

Consider the vector space V of real polynomials of degree less than or equal to n. Fix distinct real numbers a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k . For $p \in V$

$$\max\left\{\left|p(a_j)\right|:0\leq j\leq k\right\}$$

defines a norm on V

- 1. only if k < n
- 2. only if $k \ge n$
- 3. if $k + 1 \le n$
- 4. if $k \ge n + 1$

2 Solution

Options 2 and 4 are correct as shown in the table.

| Properties | Norm $\forall x \in V$ |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Positivity | $ x \ge 0, x = 0 \iff x = 0$ |
| 2. Scalar Multiplication | $ \alpha x = \alpha x , \alpha \in F$ |
| 3. Triangle Inequality | $ x + y \le x + y $ |

TABLE 0: Properties of Norm

| For $p \in V$ then the norm, $max\{ p(a_j) : 0 \le j \le k\} = 0 \iff p(a_j) _{0 \le j \le k} = 0$ | |
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| Conditions | Explanation |
| only if $k < n$ | A polynomial doesn't necessarily have $k + 1$ distinct real roots, |
| | i.e., for some j , $ p(a_j) \neq 0$ |
| | thus p is not identically zero. Thus condition fails. |
| only if $k \ge n$ | p is a polynomial of degree ≤n, |
| | it can't have more than n roots and is only possible when, |
| | $p(x) = 0 \implies \left p(a_j) \right _{0 < j < k} = 0$ |
| | hence p is identically zero. Thus condition satisfies. |
| if $k + 1 \le n$ | Not a norm for $k < n$. Hence incorrect. |
| if $k \ge n + 1$ | Norm for $k \ge n$. Hence correct. |

TABLE 0: Verifying Property 1 of Norm