

# Linear Spaces Exercises

1) Let  $S$  be a basis for  $X$  so that for every  $x \in X$ , there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$  and scalars  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$$

Prove that  $\alpha_i$  is unique for all  $i$ . (Hint: use Proposition 1).

2) Prove or disprove the following statement: any vector space  $X$  has a unique basis.

3) Prove that if  $X$  is an  $n$ -dimensional linear space, then any set  $S \subset X$  of  $n + 1$  elements is linearly dependent. (Hint: use Propositions 1 and 5).