

- 9 Suppose  $m$  is a positive integer and  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$  are such that each  $p_k$  has degree  $k$ . Prove that  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{F})$ .

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Since  $p_0$  is a constant and  $p_0 \neq 0$ .

Then,  $l = p_0 / p_0$

We can write  $P_1(\underline{\quad}) = ax + b$  for some  
 $a, b \in \mathbf{F}$  with  $a \neq 0$ .

$$x = \frac{(P_1 - b)}{a}$$

We can write  $P_2 = \bar{a}x^2 + \bar{b}x + \bar{c}$

$$x^2 = \frac{l}{(\bar{a})} \left[ P_2 - \bar{c} - \bar{b} \left( \frac{P_1 - b}{a} \right) \right]$$

Continue this process  $x^{\#i}$  as a linear combination of  $p_0, \dots, p_{\#i}$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

Thus  $p_0, \dots, p_k$  spans  $P_m(\mathbb{F})$  and

~~so  $p_0, \dots, p_{\#k-i}$~~

We know that  $\dim(P_{\#k}(\mathbb{F})) = k+1$

By 2.42,  $p_0, \dots, p_k$  is a basis for  $P_k(\mathbb{F})$ .

