

Let $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$ be the vector space of polynomials with real coefficients in the unknown x , having degree at most 3. Consider the endomorphism f of $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$ defined by:

$$f(a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3) = a + bx - ax^3.$$

- (a) Write down the matrix associated to f with respect to the standard basis $\underbrace{(1, x, x^2, x^3)}_{\mathcal{B}}$ of $\mathbb{R}_3[x]$ both in the domain and codomain.
- (b) Compute the dimension and a basis of $\text{Im}(f)$.
- (c) Decide whether or not the polynomial $p(x) = -3 + 2x + 3x^3$ is an eigenvector of f .
- (d) Compute all eigenvalues of f and compute their algebraic and geometric multiplicities.
- (e) Decide whether or not f is simple (or diagonalizable).