

Question 1. Let X be a vector space and Y be a subspace of X .

- (i) Prove that for every $x, z \in X$, $[x]_Y + [z]_Y = [x + z]_Y$, i.e. addition on X/Y coincides with the Minkowski sum of sets.
- (ii) Prove that for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $x \in X$ $\lambda[x]_Y = [\lambda x]_Y$, i.e. when $\lambda \neq 0$, multiplication is the same.
- (iii) Prove that if $Y \neq \{0_X\}$, for $x \in X$, $0[x]_Y \neq [0]_Y$. That is, for $\lambda = 0$, multiplication fails.

Question 2. If $X = C([0, 1])$, show that $A = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n, \dots\}$ where $p_0(x) = 1$, and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $p_n(x) = x^n$ for $x \in [0, 1]$ is linearly independent.

Question 3. Let $X = C([0, 1])$ and $A = \{p_0, f, g\}$, where $p_0(x) = 1$, $f(x) = \sin^2(x)$ and $g(x) = \cos^2(x)$ for $x \in [0, 1]$. Show that A is linearly dependent.

Question 4. Let X be a vector space and A be a countable (finite or infinite) subset of X . Prove by induction that there exists a linearly independent subset C of A such that $\langle A \rangle = \langle C \rangle$.

Question 5. Let X be a vector space and $A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ be a linearly independent subset of X with x_1, \dots, x_n distinct.

- (i) For $1 \leq k \leq n$, let $s_k = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$. Prove that $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ is linearly independent and $\langle A \rangle = \langle S \rangle$.
- (ii) Let $d_1 = x_1$ and for $2 \leq k \leq n$ let $d_k = x_k - x_{k-1}$. Prove that $D = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$ is linearly independent and $\langle A \rangle = \langle D \rangle$.

Question 6. Let X be a vector space and A be a subset of X . Prove that there exists a linearly independent subset $C \subset A$ such that $\langle A \rangle = \langle C \rangle$.

Question 7. Let X be a vector space.

- (i) If A is a Hamel basis of X and $B \subset A$, put $Y = \langle A \rangle$ and $Z = \langle B \setminus A \rangle$, show that Y and Z are a linear composition of X .
- (ii) Let Y and Z be a linear decomposition of X . Let A be a Hamel basis of Y and B be a Hamel basis of Z . Prove that $A \cup B$ is a Hamel basis of X .

Question 8. Let X be a vector space and $A \subset X$. Use Zorn's lemma to prove that there exists a linearly independent $A' \subset A$ such that $\langle A' \rangle = \langle A \rangle$.