

## Problems 1

1. **Vector Space Identification:** For each of the following, determine whether the given set  $V$  forms a vector space over the specified field  $F$  with the defined operations.

- (a)  $V = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) \neq 0\}$  (all  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrices with real entries)
- (b)  $V = P_n(\mathbb{R})$  (all polynomials with real coefficients of degree *exactly*  $n$ , where  $n \geq 1$ )
- (c)  $V = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid y = 2x \text{ and } z = 3x\}$  (the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that lie on the line passing through the origin defined by  $y = 2x$  and  $z = 3x$ )

2.     • **Statement P:**  $\forall v \in V, \exists v' \in V$  such that  $v + v' = \theta$ .

- **Statement Q:**  $\exists v' \in V$  such that  $\forall v \in V, v + v' = \theta$ .

Is statement **P** and **Q** are equivalent?

3. Prove the following

- (a) Additive inverse is unique.
- (b) Scalar zero times any vector is zero vector. ( $0 * v = \theta$ )
- (c) Zero vector is unique.
- (d) Scalar times the zero vector is Zero vector. ( $\alpha * \theta = \theta$ )
- (e)  $(-1) * v = v'$
- (f)  $V + V = 2V$ .
- (g)  $\alpha v = \theta$  if and only if  $\alpha = 0$  or  $v = \theta$ .

## Problems 2

1.  $\alpha v = 0$  where  $v$  is non zero vector then prove  $\alpha = 0$ .
2. If  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication and it's non empty, then prove  $0 \in W$ .
3. If  $W$  is a non empty set and for any arbitrary  $w_1, w_2 \in W$  then  $w_1 + \alpha w_2 \in W$ , is  $W$  is a subspace?
4.  $W = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid ax + by = 0\}$ , is  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?
5. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ . Is  $W_{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = 0\}$  a subspace of  $V$ , where  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ?
6. Let  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  be an arbitrary collection of subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Is their intersection,  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} V_\alpha$ , also a subspace of  $V$ ?
7.  $X \neq \phi$ ,  $V = F(X, R)$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $W_x = \{f \in V \mid f(x) = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $V$ ? If  $A \subset X$ , then  $W_A = \bigcap_{a \in A} W_a$ . Is  $W_A$  a subspace of  $V$ ? What is  $W_A$ ?
8. (a)  $W_1, W_2$  two subspace of  $V$ , is  $W_1 \cup W_2$  a subspace of  $V$ ?  
(b) Prove that if  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is subspace, then  $W_1 \subset W_2$  or  $W_2 \subset W_1$ .
9. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}[x]$  be the vector space of all polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $W = \{f \in V \mid f(0) = 0\}$ . Is  $W$  a subspace of  $V$ ?
10. Is following are subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ 
  - (a)  $W_1 = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid A = A^T\}$
  - (b)  $W_2 = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid A = -A^T\}$
11. What is  $W_1 + W_2$ ?

## Problems 3

1. Let  $W \subset V$  and  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \subset V$ . Then the following are equivalent
  - (a)  $W = LS(v_1, \dots, v_n)$
  - (b)  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in W$  and if  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in V_1 < V$ , then  $W \subset V_1$ . (The smallest subspace containing  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ )
  - (c)  $W = \cap \{X \mid X < V, v_1, \dots, v_n \in X\}$
2. Find the dimension of following vector spaces
  - (a)  $\{a_0 + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n = 0 \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - (b)  $\{(a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid a_{k1} + \dots + a_{kn} = 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$
  - (c)  $\{(a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid a_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}, \forall i \neq j, a_{ij} = 0\}$
  - (d)  $\{(a_{ij})_{m \times n} \mid \text{tr}(a_{ij}) = 0\}$