

This weeks problem set focuses on the concept of a change of basis matrix. A question marked with a  $\dagger$  is difficult and probably too hard for an exam (though still illustrates a useful point). A question marked with a  $*$  is especially important.

**Homework 3:** due Friday 16 Feb: questions 2 and 5 below.

1. From section 2.5, problems 1, 2a, c, 3a, c, 5, 7, 10\*, 13\*.
- 2\* Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $W$  a subspace. Show that  $V$  and  $W \times V/W$  are isomorphic.
- 3\* Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $W$  a subspace. Show that  $\dim(V/W) = \dim V - \dim W$ .  
*Hint: consider a basis of  $W$  and extend it to  $V$ . Now find a basis for  $V/W$ . You can also prove it using the dimension theorem.*
- 4\* Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map.
  - (a) Show that  $\text{im } T$  and  $V/\ker T$  are isomorphic.
  - (b) Use this (and the previous exercise) to give an alternative proof of the dimension theorem.
5. A differential operator on  $\mathbb{R}_n[x]$  is a linear combination of expressions of the form  $x^a \frac{d^b}{dx^b}$  where  $a - b \leq 0$  (otherwise the degree would potentially increase!). We can consider a differential operator as a linear map  $\mathbb{R}_n[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_n[x]$ .
  - (a) Let  $D : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$  be the differential operator given by  $2 - 4\frac{d}{dx} + 2x^2\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ . Find the matrix of  $D$  relative to the basis  $\{x^2, (x-1)^2, (x+1)^2\}$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $E : \mathbb{R}_2[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_2[x]$  is a differential operator and that the matrix of  $E$ , relative to the basis  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find  $E$ .