

**Suggested reading** for this week (from the textbook):

**Study items:**

- Definitions: *linear combination*, *span*.
- Proofs: basic facts about subspaces, linear combinations, and the span of a set of vectors.
- Understand what it means to say that a subspace is generated by a set of vectors
- Definitions: *linearly dependent*, *linearly independent*.
- How do you determine whether a set of vectors is linearly dependent or linearly independent?
- Proofs: basic facts about linearly dependent and independent sets of vectors.

**Problems:**

1. (Damiano–Little 1.2.3(h,i)) \*\* subspace? polys with  $p(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ ; polys with  $p(1) = 1$  and  $p(2) = 0$ .
2. (Damiano–Little 1.2.5) Let  $W$  be a subspace of a vector space  $V$ , let  $\vec{y} \in V$ , and define the set  $\vec{y} + W = \{\vec{x} \in V : \vec{x} = \vec{y} + \vec{w} \text{ for some } \vec{w} \in W\}$ . Show that  $\vec{y} + W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $y \in W$ .
3. (Damiano–Little 1.2.8) \*\* Continuous functions  $C([a, b])$  is a subspace of the vector space  $F([a, b])$  introduced in Exercise 1.1.10.
4. \*\* Define an *affine subspace* of a vector space. Prove that defn is equivalent to translation of a subspace, or to set of differences being a subspace. Example:  $x + y + z = 1$ . Also  $f''(x) = -f(x)$  and  $f(0) = 1$ . In 1.2.3 above, which of the times you answered “no” is this thing an affine subspace instead?
5. (Damiano–Little 1.3.1(a,d)) \*\* Examples of spans in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $P_4(\mathbb{R})$ ; give another name for both sets.

**Note.** In part (d), ignore the word “geometrically;” just give another name for the set  $\text{Span}(S)$ .

6. (Damiano–Little 1.3.3) In  $V = P_2(\mathbb{R})$ , let  $S = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x + x^2\}$ . Show that  $\text{Span}(S) = P_2(\mathbb{R})$ .
7. (Damiano–Little 1.3.6(a)) \*\* Show that  $W_1 \cap W_2 \supset \text{Span}(S_1 \cap S_2)$ .
8. (Damiano–Little 1.3.7) Show that if  $S$  is a subset of a vector space  $V$  and  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  that contains  $S$ , then  $\text{Span}(S) \subset W$ .
9. (Damiano–Little 1.4.1(a,b,c,e)) \*\* Determine whether LI or LD... in  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3, P_2(\mathbb{R})$ .
10. (Damiano–Little 1.4.5) Let  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$  Show that  $\{\vec{v}, \vec{w}\}$  is linearly independent if and only if  $\{\vec{v} + \vec{w}, \vec{v} - \vec{w}\}$  is linearly independent.
11. (Damiano–Little 1.4.8) Let  $W_1, W_2$  be subspaces of a vector space, satisfying  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{\vec{0}\}$ . Show that if  $S_1 \subset W_1$  and  $S_2 \subset W_2$  are linearly independent sets, then their union  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is linearly independent.
12. (Damiano–Little 1.4.9(a)) \*\* If  $S$  is LI and spans  $V$ , then adding any vector results in an LD set.

**Extra practice** (not to hand in)

- (*Damiano-Little 1.2.6*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.2.10*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.3.5*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.3.6*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.3.8*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.4.2*)
- (*Damiano-Little 1.4.9(b)*)