

Task 1. A subspace W should satisfy 3 definitions

(1) $0 \in W$

(2) $x+y \in W$ whenever $x \in W$ and $y \in W$

(3) $cx \in W$ whenever $c \in F$ and $x \in W$

so we will use the definitions to check whether the following set is a subspace.

W_1 . (1) $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0)$ $x = 0 = 2y$ (\checkmark)

(2) $U, V \in W, U = (u_1, u_2, u_3), V = (v_1, v_2, v_3), U+V = (u_1+v_1, u_2+v_2, u_3+v_3)$

$u_1+v_1 = 2u_2+2v_2 = 2(u_2+v_2)$ (\checkmark)

(3) $U \in W, U = (x, y, z), c \cdot U = c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz)$ $cx = 2 \cdot (cy) = c(2y)$ (\checkmark)

W_1 is a subspace

W_2 . (1) $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0), y = 0$ (\checkmark)

(2) $U, V \in W, U = (u_1, u_2, u_3), V = (v_1, v_2, v_3), U+V = (u_1+v_1, u_2+v_2, u_3+v_3)$

$u_2+v_2 = 0+0 = 0 = (u_2+v_2)$ (\checkmark)

(3) $U \in W, U = (x, y, z), c \cdot U = c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz)$ $c \cdot y = cy = 0$ (\checkmark)

W_2 is a subspace

W_3 (1) $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0), z = 0 \neq 2(x)$

W_3 is not a subspace

W_4 (1) $(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0), x = 0 = y^2$ (\checkmark)

(2) $U, V \in W, U = (1, 1, 0), V = (4, 2, 0), U+V = (5, 3, 0)$

$u_1+v_1 = 5 \neq (u_2+v_2)^2 = 3^2 = 9$ (\times)

W_4 is not a subspace

Task 2. Symmetric matrix is a square matrix which $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$
 $(A+A^t)_{ij} = A_{ij} + (A^t)_{ij} = A_{ij} + A_{ji} = (A^t)_{ji} + A_{ji} = (A^t + A)_{ji}$
 so $A+A^t$ is symmetric for any square matrix A

Task 3. if $x = a(y) + b(z)$, x is the linear combination of y and z

(1) $-2x^2 + 3 = a(x^2 + 3x) + b(2x^2 + 4x - 1) = (a+2b)x^2 + (3a+4b)x + (-b)$

$-b = 3 \Rightarrow b = -3, a+2b = -2 \Rightarrow a-6 \Rightarrow a = 4, 3a+4b = 0 = 3 \cdot 4 + 4(-3)$

$a = 4, b = -3 \Rightarrow \text{True}$

(2) $x^2 + 2x - 3 = a(-3x^2 + 2x + 1) + b(2x^2 - x - 1) = (-3a+2b)x^2 + (2a-b)x + (a-b)$

$-3a+2b = 1, 2a-b = 2, a-b = -3 \Rightarrow (2a-b) - (a-b) = a = 2 - (-3) = 5, a-b = -3 \Rightarrow b = 8$

$-3a+2b = -3 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 8 = -1 \neq 1$

can't combine to $x^2 + 2x - 3$, False

(3) $3x^2 + 4x + 1 = a(x^2 - 2x + 1) + b(-2x^2 - x + 1) = (a-2b)x^2 + (-2a-b)x + (a+b)$

$a-2b = 3, -2a-b = 4, a+b = 1 \Rightarrow (a-2b) - (a+b) = -3b = 3-1=2 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{2}{3}, a+b = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{3}$

$a-2b = \frac{5}{3} - 2(-\frac{2}{3}) = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$

$a = \frac{5}{3}, b = -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \text{True}$

Task 4, if vector V in the $\text{Span}(S)$ means V is the linear combination of S

(1) check $(2, -1, 1) = a(1, 0, 2) + b(-1, 1, 1)$

$$a - b = 2, b = -1, 2a + b = 1 \Rightarrow (2a + b) + (a - b) = 3a = 3 \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -1$$
$$a - b = 1 - (-1) = 2, 2a + b = 2 + (-1) = 1$$

$(2, -1, 1)$ is in the $\text{Span}(S)$

(2) check $(-1, 2, 1) = a(1, 0, 2) + b(-1, 1, 1)$

$$a - b = -1, b = 2, 2a + b = 1 \Rightarrow (a - b) + (2a + b) = 3a = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0, b = 2$$
$$a - b = 0 - 2 = -2 \neq -1$$

can't combine to $(-1, 2, 1)$, isn't in the $\text{Span}(S)$

(3) check $(-1, 1, 2) = a(1, 0, 1) + b(0, 1, 1)$

$$a = -1, b = 1, a + b = 1, 2a + b = 2 \Rightarrow a + b = (-1) + 1 = 0 \neq 1$$

can't combine to $(-1, 1, 2)$, isn't in the $\text{Span}(S)$

Task 5, We attempt Matrix A is the linear combination of M_1, M_2, M_3 ,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

the equation can be express below:

$$a + 0 + 0 = A_{11}$$

$$a = A_{11}$$

a, b, c can be arbitrary number

$$0 + 0 + c = A_{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = A_{22} \Rightarrow \text{and because } A_{12} \text{ and } A_{21} \text{ always be the same}$$

$$0 + 0 + c = A_{21}$$

$$0 + b + 0 = A_{22} \quad c = A_{12} = A_{21} \quad \text{so } A \text{ can be any symmetric matrix}$$

which means $\text{span}(M_1, M_2, M_3)$ is the set of all symmetric matrix