

Mandatory 2

Monday, February 18, 2019 5:00 PM

The deadline is Tuesday February 26 at 23:55. Prove that the set of polynomials of degree at most 2 for which 3 is a root is a subspace of P_2 (the vector space of all polynomials of degree at most 2). From the book do 4.4.26. **Please write clearly and explain each step you take in these exercises.** Writing formulas is not enough, text is needed as well. Part of the purpose of the exercise is to practice presenting mathematics in writing.

Here is a hint for 4.4.26: Consider an arbitrary vector $c_3x^3 + c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0$ in P_3 . Write u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3 , for the vectors mentioned in the exercise. Write out the condition that $c_3x^3 + c_2x^2 + c_1x + c_0 = au_0 + bu_1 + cu_2 + du_3$. Comparing the coefficients for x^3, x^2, x and the constant parts of the polynomials in the equation gives 4 equations in the unknowns a, b, c, d . Write out these equations, and show that they can be solved for every c_3, c_2, c_1, c_0 .

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Prove that set of polynomials of degree at most 2 and root 3 is subspace of P_2

Assume root of 3 is $x = 3$ in our polynomials

let $P_2 =$ set of polynomials of degree 2

$$W = \{(a, b, c) \mid a + b3 + c3^2 = 0\} \subset P_2$$

For the subset W to be a subspace of vector space P_2 W must satisfy the following 3 conditions

- W is nonempty
- W is closed under addition
- W is closed under scalar multiplication

Prove if W is nonempty

let the zero vector $w = (0, 0, 0) \in W$

Such that

$$0 + 0 * 3 + 0 * 3^2 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

Which implies that W is nonempty

Prove that W is closed under addition

If $p \in W$ then $p + q \in W$

assume $p = a + b3 + c3^2$, $q = a' + b'3 + c'3^2$ where $p, q \in W$

$$p + q = (a + b3 + c3^2) + (a' + b'3 + c'3^2)$$

By associativity of addition we get

$$p + q = ((a + a') + (b + b')3 + (c + c')3^2)$$

And so W is closed under addition

Prove that W is closed under scalar multiplication

if polynomial $w \in W$ and the scalar $k \in \mathbb{R}$ then the product $kw \in W$

$$w = a + b3 + c3^2$$

$$kw = k(a + b3 + c3^2)$$

$$kw = ka + kb3 + kc3^2$$

$$\text{where } a = ka, \quad b3 = kb3, \quad c = kc3^2$$

And so this implies that $kw \in W$ since kw produces a polynomial of degree 2 and hence the subset W is also closed under scalar multiplication

Conclusion

Since W is nonempty, closed under addition and also closed under scalar multiplication it can be concluded that W is a subspace of P_2

4.4.26

Determine whether the set

$$\mathbb{S} = \{-2x + x^2, 8 + x^3, -x^2 + x^3, -4 + x^2\}$$

Spans P_3 where P_3 is the vector space of all polynomials where the degree is at most 3

That is, the set \mathbb{S} spans P_3

By definition of a spanning set of a vector space, the set \mathbb{S} is a spanning set of P_3 when every vector in P_3 can be written as a linear combination of vectors in \mathbb{S}

Let $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)$ be any vectors in P_3

We can produce a linear combination by finding scalars c_1, c_2, c_3 and c_4 such that

$$(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) = c_1(-2x + x^2) + c_2(8 + x^3) + c_3(-x^2 + x^3) + c_4(-4 + x^2)$$

$$(u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) = (-2c_1x + c_1x^2, c_28 + c_2x^3, -c_3x^2 + c_3x^3, -4c_4 + c_4x^2)$$

We can rewrite linear combination such that we have a system of 4 polynomials of degree 3

$$u_1 = 0 - 2x + x^2 + 0$$

$$u_2 = 8 + 0 + 0 + x^3$$

$$u_3 = 0 + 0 - x^2 + x^3$$

$$u_4 = -4 + 0 + x^2 + 0$$

We can define a coefficient matrix where each row represents $c_1, c_2 \dots c_4$ and each column represents a polynomial equation

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 8 & 0 & -4 & c_1 & a \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_2 & x \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & c_3 & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & c_4 & x^3 \end{array} *$$

We can calculate the determinant of the matrix to see if the system has a unique solution

$$A = \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 8 & 0 & -4 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$R_2 + (2)R_3 = R_2$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 8 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

Column Cofactor expansion on a_{31}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 8 & 0 & -4 \\ 1(-1)^{3+1}0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

Using 3x3 diagonal method by joining column 1 and 2 of A to the end of the matrix

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 8 & 0 & -4 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 8 & 0 & -4 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |A| &= 8 * -2 * 0 + 0 * 2 * 1 + (-4) * 0 * 1 - 1 * -2 * -4 - 1 * 2 * 8 - 0 * 0 * 0 \\ |A| &= -24 \end{aligned}$$

Since the determinant is nonzero for A the system has a unique solution.

And so the set \mathbb{S} spans P_3 , that is the set \mathbb{S} spans the vector space where all polynomium is at most 3 degrees.