

MATH 110 –Spring 2016 — Homework 1 Solutions

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1.2

1. *Problem:* Label the following statements as True or False

(a) *Every vector space contains a zero vector.*

TRUE. By the definition of the properties of vector sets, there must be a zero vector or else the set is not a vector set.

(b) *A vector space may have more than one zero vector.*

FALSE. By contradiction, Suppose there are multiple values for zero, u and u' . $u + u' = u$ and $u' + u = u'$ therefore $u = u'$ and our assumption that there are more than one zero is false.

(c) *In any vector space, $ax = bx$ implies that $a = b$.*

FALSE. When $x = \vec{0}$ then $ax = bx \forall a, b \in \mathbb{F}$

(d) *In any vector space, $ax = ay$ implies that $x = y$.*

FALSE. If $a = 0$, then $ax = ay \forall x, y \in V$

(e) *A vector in \mathbb{F}^n may be regarded as a matrix in $M_{n \times 1}(\mathbb{F})$.*

TRUE. The single column of the matrix can be interpreted as a vector and vice versa because there is a one to one correspondence and both are members of a vector space.

(f) *An $m \times n$ matrix has m columns and n rows.*

FALSE. It has m rows and n columns

(g) *In $P(\mathbb{F})$ only polynomials of the same degree may be added.*

FALSE. Any degree polynomial may be added.

(h) *If f and g are polynomials of degree n , then $f + g$ is a polynomial of degree n .*

FALSE. Counter example: $f = -2x^n$ and $g = 2x^n$

- (i) If f is a polynomial of degree n and c is a nonzero scalar, then cf is a polynomial of degree n .

TRUE. f has term ax^n , where $a \neq 0$ so cf will have term $(c \cdot a)x^n$ where $ca \neq 0$

- (j) A nonzero scalar of \mathbb{F} may be considered to be a polynomial in $P(\mathbb{F})$ having degree zero.

TRUE. Any polynomial, $f \in P(\mathbb{F})$, with degree 0 is written as $f = a_0$, where $a_0 \in \mathbb{F}$. Thus, any non-zero scalar $k \in \mathbb{F}$ maps to the zero-degree polynomial $f = k$ and any zero-degree polynomial $f = k' : k' \in \mathbb{F}$ maps to the non-zero scalar k' . Establishing a bijective correspondence

- (k) Two functions in $F(S, \mathbb{F})$ are equal if and only if they have the same value at each element of S .

TRUE. That is the definition of equals.

2. Problem: Write the zero vector of $M_{3 \times 4}(\mathbb{F})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} \\ \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} \\ \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} & \mathbf{0}_{\mathbb{F}} \end{bmatrix}$$

7. Problem: Let $S = \{0, 1\}$ and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$. In $F(S, \mathbb{R})$, show that $f = g$ and $f + g = h$, where $f(t) = 2t + 1$, $g(t) = 1 + 4t - 2t^2$, and $h(t) = 5t + 1$.

Solution:

F is the set of all functions that map the set $\{0, 1\}$ to the set \mathbb{R} . So the functions $f, g, h \in F(S, \mathbb{R})$ given to us can be thought of as any function that is defined for the input values of 0 and 1. To show that $f = g$ we show that f and g map the values 0 and 1 to the same values in \mathbb{R} , respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 2 \cdot (0) + 1 = \mathbf{1}, & f(1) &= 2 \cdot (1) + 1 = \mathbf{3} \\ g(0) &= 1 + 4 \cdot (0) - 2 \cdot (0)^2 = \mathbf{1}, & g(1) &= 1 + 4 \cdot (1) - 2 \cdot (1)^2 = \mathbf{3} \\ f(0) &= g(0) \wedge f(1) = g(1) & \therefore & \boxed{f(t) = g(t) \text{ in } F(S, \mathbb{R})} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Now to show that $f + g = h$ in $F(S, \mathbb{R})$, we repeat the same process as above for $(f + g)(t)$ and $h(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)(0) &= 2, & h(0) &= 2 \\ (f + g)(1) &= 6, & h(1) &= 6 \\ (f + g)(0) &= h(0) \wedge (f + g)(1) = h(1) & \therefore & \boxed{(f + g)(t) = h(t) \text{ in } F(S, \mathbb{R})} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

8. Problem: In any vector space \mathbf{V} , show that, $(a + b)(x + y) = ax + ay + bx + by$ for any $x, y \in V$ and any $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$.

Solution:

Starting with $(a + b)(x + y)$, we first let $z = x + y$; we know that $z \in \mathbf{V}$ by the 1st property of vector spaces. We can rewrite our equation as $(a + b)(z)$. But by **Axiom 8**, we can rewrite this as $az + bz$. Replacing z with our original relation, we transform our expression to $a(x + y) + b(x + y)$. And by **Axiom 7** this is the same as $ax + ay + bx + by$. Thus completing our proof. ■

10. Problem: Let \mathbf{V} denote the set of all differentiable real-valued functions defined on the real line. Prove that \mathbf{V} is a vector space with the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined in Example 3.

Solution:

Let f be a function $\in \mathbf{V}$

13. Problem: Let \mathbf{V} denote the set of ordered pairs of real numbers. If (a_1, a_2) and (b_1, b_2) are elements of \mathbf{V} and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, define $(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 b_2)$ and $c(a_1, a_2) = (ca_1, a_2)$. Is \mathbf{V} a vector space over \mathbb{R} with these operations? Justify your answer.

17. Problem:

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