

## Proof

a) Independence :

$$\text{let } 0 = a_0(1) + a_1(x-5) + \dots + a_m(x-5)^m$$

→ Since LHS has no  $x^m$ , but RHS has one  $x^m$  term,

$$a_m = 0.$$

⇒ Since LHS has no  $x^{m-1}$ , but RHS has one  $x^{m-1}$  term,

$$a_{m-1} = 0$$

→ Proceed, the same way, and we'll obtain

$$a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_m = 0.$$

Since  $\dim \mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R}) = m+1$ ,

and the list above has length  $m+1$ ,

it is a basis. (by 2.39 Axiom)

b) The dual basis of the basis  $1, x-5, \dots, (x-5)^m$  of

$\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{R})$  is  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_m$ , where  $e_j(p) =$

$$\frac{p^{(j)}(5)}{j!}, \text{ where } p^{(j)} \text{ denotes the } j^{\text{th}} \text{ derivative}$$

similar procedure to previous question.