

Math 320: Quiz 2

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Problem 1 (4 pts, 10+3 minutes) Let \mathbb{F}^∞ be the vector space of all sequences with terms belonging to \mathbb{F} , and for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ use $s^{(n)}$ to denote the sequence all of whose terms vanish except the n -th term which is equal to n , i.e.,

$$s^{(n)} := (s_1^{(n)}, s_2^{(n)}, \dots, s_m^{(n)}, s_{m+1}^{(n)}, \dots),$$

where for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

$$s_m^{(n)} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m \neq n, \\ n & \text{for } m = n. \end{cases}$$

Let S be the set consisting of the sequences $s^{(n)}$. Is S a spanning subset of \mathbb{F}^∞ ? Why?

For all $\sigma \in \text{Span}(S)$, $\exists l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\exists \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l \in \mathbb{F}$,
 $\exists n_1, n_2, \dots, n_l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

$$\sigma = \alpha_1 s^{(n_1)} + \dots + \alpha_l s^{(n_l)}$$

The m -th term of σ is

$$\sigma_m = \alpha_1 s_m^{(n_1)} + \dots + \alpha_l s_m^{(n_l)}$$

Let $N := n_1 + \dots + n_l + 1$ so that $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_l\}$, $N > n_l$
 $\Rightarrow \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $m \geq N \Rightarrow \sigma_m = 0$.

This shows that σ has finitely many nonzero terms. $\Rightarrow \text{Span}(S)$ contains sequences with finitely many nonzero terms. But \mathbb{F}^∞ includes sequences with nonzero terms, e.g., $(1, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 1, \dots)$. This does not belong to $S \Rightarrow S$ is not a spanning subset.

Problem 2 (10 pts, 17+3 minutes) Let V be the vector space of polynomials $p : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of degree at most 11, i.e., $\exists \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{11} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$p(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{11} \alpha_j x^j,$$

and W be the subspace of V consisting of even polynomials $q : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy $q(1) = 0$. Find a basis for W . Justify your response.

Note: You may use the fact the set of monomials $p_j : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which satisfy

$$\forall j \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, p_j(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } j=0, \\ x^j & \text{for } j \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

is linearly independent.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall q \in W, \text{ degree}(q) \leq 11 \text{ \& } q \text{ is even.} \\ \Rightarrow \text{degree}(q) \leq 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$q(1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow r \in V, \quad q(x) = (x-1)r(x)$$

$$q(-x) = q(x) \Leftrightarrow q(x) = (-x-1)r(-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = -(x+1)r(-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(1) = 0 \Rightarrow r(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \exists s \in V,$$

$$r(x) = (x+1)s(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = (x-1)(x+1)s(x) = (x^2-1)s(x) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$q \text{ is even} \Rightarrow s(x) \text{ must be even}$$

$$\text{degree } q \leq 10 \Leftrightarrow \text{degree } s \leq 8$$

$$\exists \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad s(x) = \sum_{j=0}^4 \alpha_j x^{2j} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{let } \forall j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, \quad q_j := (x^2-1)p_{2j} \Rightarrow$$

$$(1-2) \Rightarrow q = (x^2-1) \sum_{j=0}^4 \alpha_j p_{2j} = \sum_{j=0}^4 \alpha_j q_j$$

$$\text{let } B := (q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4) \Rightarrow q \in \text{Span}(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow W \subseteq \text{Span}(B) \quad q_j \in W \Rightarrow \text{Span}(B) \subseteq W$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \text{Span}(B).$$

$$\forall \beta_0, \dots, \beta_4 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \sum_{j=0}^4 \beta_j q_j = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^4 \beta_j (x^2-1)p_{2j} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2-1) \sum_{j=0}^4 \beta_j p_{2j} = 0, \quad x^2-1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^4 \beta_j p_{2j} = 0 \quad \{p_j \mid j \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is linearly indep} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_j = 0, \quad \forall j \in \{0, \dots, 4\} \Leftrightarrow B \text{ is linearly independent} \\ \Rightarrow B \text{ is a basis of } W.$$

