- (1) Which of the following are linear subspaces of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ? Explain your answers!
  - (a)  $U_1 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = -\sqrt{e^{\pi}}x\}$
  - (b)  $U_2 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = x^2\}$
  - (c)  $U_3 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy = 0\}$
- (2) Which of the following are linear subspaces of the vector space V of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ?
  - (a)  $U_1 = \{f \in V : f \text{ is continuous}\}$
  - (b)  $U_2 = \{ f \in V : f(3) = 0 \}$
  - (c)  $U_3 = \{f \in V : f \text{ is continuous or } f(3) = 0\}$
  - (d)  $U_4 = \{f \in V : f \text{ is continuous and } f(3) = 0\}$ (e)  $U_5 = \{f \in V : f(0) = 3\}$ (f)  $U_6 = \{f \in V : f(0) \ge 0\}$
- (3) Given a vector space V with subsets I and J of V, show that

 $L(I \cup J) = L(I) + L(J).$ 

Does the equality  $L(I \cap J) = L(I) \cap L(J)$  hold?

- (4) Which of the following sequences of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are linear independent? (a) ((1,2,3),(2,1,-1),(-1,1,1))
  - (b) ((1,3,2),(1,1,1),(-1,3,1))
- (5) Let F be a field, n > 0 an integer, and set  $V = F^n$ . For  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ , let  $e_i = (0, \ldots, 0, 1, 0, \ldots, 0)$  be the vector with all zeroes, except for a 1 at the *i*-th position. Show that  $(e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_n)$  is a basis for  $F^n$ .
- (6) For any positive integer n > 0, let  $P_n$  be the vector space of polynomials in x over the field F of degree at most n; show that  $(1, x, x^2, \ldots, x^n)$  a basis is for  $P_n$ . Show that  $(1, x - 1, (x - 1)^2, \dots, (x - 1)^n)$  also basis is (Hint: consider the degree).
- (7) Give a basis for each of the following  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces.

$$U_1 = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0 \}$$
  
$$U_2 = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0, x_1 + x_2 - x_4 = 0 \}$$

Use the definition of 'basis' from the lecture to show your answer is correct.

- (8) Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be two linear subspaces of a vector space V. Show that  $U_1 \cup U_2$  is a linear subspace of V if and only if  $U_1 \subset U_2$  or  $U_2 \subset U_1$ .
- (9) Give examples of a vector space V and linear subspaces  $U_1, U_2, U_3 \subset V$ that show that in general
  - (a)  $(U_1 \cap U_2) + U_3 \neq (U_1 + U_3) \cap (U_2 + U_3)$
  - (b)  $(U_1 + U_2) \cap U_3 \neq (U_1 \cap U_3) + (U_2 \cap U_3)$
- (10) Let V be a vector space with dim V = n, and take  $v_1, \ldots, v_n \in V$ . Prove that the following statements are equivalent.
  - (i)  $\{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}$  is a basis of V
  - (ii)  $v_1, \ldots, v_n$  are linearly independent
  - (iii)  $L(v_1,\ldots,v_n) = V$

- (11) Let V be a vector space and  $v_1, \ldots, v_n \in V$ . Show that dim  $L(v_1, \ldots, v_n) \leq n$ .
- (12) Let V be a real vector space, and  $a, b, c, d \in V$ . Show that the following vectors are linearly dependent:

$$v_{1} = 2a + 9d$$

$$v_{2} = 5c$$

$$v_{3} = a + b + c + d$$

$$v_{4} = a + 2b + 3c + 4d$$

$$v_{5} = a$$

HINT. There is a very short solution.

(13) Give a basis for each of the following  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces.

$$U_1 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$$

$$U_2 = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0, x_1 + x_2 - x_4 = 0 \}$$

Use the definition of 'basis' from the lecture to show your answer is correct.

(14) Let  $P_n(F)$  denote the vector space of polynomials of degree at most n. For each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ , define

$$\binom{x}{k} = \frac{1}{k!}x(x-1)(x-2)\cdots(x-k+1).$$

Show that

$$\left(\binom{x}{0}, \binom{x}{1}, \binom{x}{2}, \dots, \binom{x}{n-1}, \binom{x}{n}\right)$$

is a basis for  $P_n(F)$ .

(15) Show that the vectors

$$v_1 = (1, 2, 3, 4), v_2 = (1, 1, 1, 1), \text{ and } v_3 = (1, 1, 0, -1)$$

in  $\mathbb{Q}^4$  are linearly independent and extend  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$  to a basis for  $\mathbb{Q}^4$ .

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