

## Oefenopgaven

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### Exercise 1.

Label the following statements as true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) Every vector space contains a zero vector.
- (ii) A vector space may have more than one zero vector.
- (iii) In any vector space,  $ax = bx$  implies that  $a = b$  (for scalars  $a$  and  $b$  and a vector  $x$ ).
- (iv) In any vector space,  $ax = ay$  implies that  $x = y$  (for vectors  $x$  and  $y$  and a scalar  $a$ ).

### Exercise 2.

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

### Exercise 3.

A real-valued function  $f$  defined on the real line is called an *even function* if  $f(-x) = f(x)$  for each real number  $x$ . Prove that the set of even functions defined on the real line with the usual operations of addition and scalar multiplication for functions is a vector space.

### Exercise 4.

Let  $V$  denote the set of ordered pairs of real numbers. If  $(a_1, a_2)$  and  $(b_1, b_2)$  are elements of  $V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) := (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2) \quad \text{and} \quad c(a_1, a_2) := (ca_1, ca_2).$$

Is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with these operations? Justify your answer.

### Exercise 5.

Let  $V := \{(a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{F}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{F}$  is a field. Define addition of elements of  $V$  coordinate wise, and for  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $(a_1, a_2) \in V$ , define

$$c(a_1, a_2) := (a_1, 0).$$

Is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with these operations? Justify your answer.

**Exercise 6.**

Let  $V := \{(a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . For  $(a_1, a_2), (b_1, b_2) \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$(a_1, a_2) + (b_1, b_2) := (a_1 + 2b_1, a_2 + 3b_2) \quad \text{and} \quad c(a_1, a_2) := (ca_1, ca_2).$$

Is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with these operations? Justify your answer.

**Exercise 7.**

Let  $V := \{(a_1, a_2) \mid a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Define addition of elements of  $V$  coordinate wise, and for  $(a_1, a_2) \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$c(a_1, a_2) := \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } c = 0 \\ (ca_1, \frac{a_2}{c}) & \text{if } c \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Is  $V$  a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with these operations? Justify your answer.

**Exercise 8.**

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over a field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Let

$$Z := \{(v, w) \mid v \in V \text{ and } w \in W\}.$$

Prove that  $Z$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{F}$  with the operations

$$(v_1, w_1) + (v_2, w_2) := (v_1 + v_2, w_1 + w_2) \quad \text{and} \quad c(v_1, w_1) := (cv_1, cw_1).$$

**Exercise 9.**

Label the following statements as true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) If  $V$  is a vector space and  $W$  is a subset of  $V$  that is a vector space, then  $W$  is a subspace (= lineaire deelruimte) of  $V$ .
- (ii) The empty set is a subspace of every vector space.
- (iii) If  $V$  is a vector space other than the zero vector space, then  $V$  contains a subspace  $W$  such that  $W \neq V$ .
- (iv) The intersection of any two subsets of  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
- (v) Let  $W$  be the  $xy$ -plane of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ; that is  $W = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Then  $W = \mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Exercise 10.**

Determine whether the following sets are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  under the operations of addition and scalar multiplication defined on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answers.

- (i)  $W_1 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = 3y \text{ and } z = -y\}$
- (ii)  $W_2 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x = z + 2\}$
- (iii)  $W_3 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 2x - 7y + z = 0\}$

- (iv)  $W_4 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x - 4y - z = 0\}$
- (v)  $W_5 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + 2y - 3z = 1\}$
- (vi)  $W_6 := \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 5x^2 - 3y^2 + 6z^2 = 1\}$

**Exercise 11.**

Prove that  $U_1 := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n \mid x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ , but  $U_2 := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n \mid x_1 + \dots + x_n = 1\}$  is not.

**Exercise 12.**

Let  $S$  be a nonempty set and  $\mathbb{F}$  a field. Let  $\mathbb{F}_0^S$  denote the set of all functions  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  such that  $f(x) \neq 0$  only for finitely many elements of  $S$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{F}_0^S$  is a subspace of the vector space of all functions from  $S$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ .

**Exercise 13.**

Prove that a subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $0 \in W$  and  $ax + y \in W$  whenever  $a \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $x, y \in W$ .

**Exercise 14.**

In each part, determine whether the given vector  $v$  is contained in the span (= opspan)  $L(v_1, v_2)$  of the vectors  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

- (i)  $v = (2, -1, 1), v_1 = (1, 0, 2), v_2 = (-1, 1, 1)$
- (ii)  $v = (-1, 2, 1), v_1 = (1, 0, 2), v_2 = (-1, 1, 1)$
- (iii)  $v = (-1, 1, 1, 2), v_1 = (1, 0, 1, -1), v_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1)$
- (iv)  $v = (2, -1, 1, -3), v_1 = (1, 0, 1, -1), v_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1)$

**Exercise 15.**

Show that the vectors  $(1, 1, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 1)$  generate  $\mathbb{F}^3$ .

**Exercise 16.**

Label the following statements as true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) If  $S := (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is linearly dependent, then each vector in  $S$  is a linear combination of other vectors in  $S$ .
- (ii) Subsets of linearly dependent sets are linearly dependent.
- (iii) Subsets of linearly independent sets are linearly independent.

**Exercise 17.**

Determine whether the following sets are linearly dependent or linearly independent.

- (i)  $((1, -1, 2), (1, -2, 1), (1, 1, 4))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (ii)  $((1, -1, 2), (2, 0, 1), (-1, 2, -1))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Exercise 18.**

Let  $S := ((1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1))$  be a 3-tupel of vectors in the vector space  $\mathbb{F}^3$ .

- (i) Show that  $S$  is linearly independent if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ .  
(ii) Show that  $S$  is linearly dependent if  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_2$ .

**Exercise 19.**

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be distinct vectors in a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $(u, v)$  is linearly dependent if and only if  $u$  or  $v$  is a multiple of the other.

**Exercise 20.**

Give an example of three linearly dependent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that none of the three is a multiple of another.

**Exercise 21.**

Let  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  be the functions defined by  $f(x) := e^{rx}$  and  $g(x) := e^{sx}$ , where  $r \neq s$ . Prove that  $(f, g)$  is linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ .

**Exercise 22.**

Label the following statements as true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) The zero vector space has no basis.  
(ii) Every vector space that is generated by a finite set has a basis.  
(iii) Every vector space has a finite basis.  
(iv) A vector space cannot have more than one basis.  
(v) If a vector space has a finite basis, then the number of vectors in every basis is the same.  
(vi) Suppose that  $V$  is a finite-dimensional vector space, that  $S_1$  is a linearly independent subset of  $V$ , and that  $S_2$  is a subset of  $V$  that generates  $V$ . Then  $S_1$  cannot contain more vectors than  $S_2$ .  
(vii) If  $S$  generates the vector space  $V$ , then every vector in  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of vectors in  $S$  in only one way.  
(viii) Every subspace of a finite-dimensional space is finite-dimensional.  
(ix) If  $V$  is a vector space having dimension  $n$ , and if  $S$  is a subset of  $V$  with  $n$  vectors, then  $S$  is linearly independent if and only if  $S$  spans  $V$  (= is een volledig stelsel).

**Exercise 23.**

Determine which of the following tupels are bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (i)  $((1, 0, -1), (2, 5, 1), (0, -4, 3))$
- (ii)  $((2, -4, 1), (0, 3, -1), (6, 0, -1))$
- (iii)  $((1, 2, -1), (1, 0, 2), (2, 1, 1))$
- (iv)  $((-1, 3, 1), (2, -4, -3), (-3, 8, 2))$
- (v)  $((1, -3, -2), (-3, 1, 3), (-2, -10, -2))$

**Exercise 24.**

The vectors  $u_1 = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $u_2 = (1, 4, -2)$ ,  $u_3 = (-8, 12, -4)$ ,  $u_4 = (1, 37, -17)$  and  $u_5 = (-3, -5, 8)$  generate  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find a subset of  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5$  that is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Exercise 25.**

Let  $W$  denote the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$  consisting of all the vectors having coordinates that sum to zero. The vectors

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= (2, -3, 4, -5, 2), & u_2 &= (-6, 9, -12, 15, -6), \\ u_3 &= (3, -2, 7, -9, 1), & u_4 &= (2, -8, 2, -2, 6), \\ u_5 &= (-1, 1, 2, 1, -3), & u_6 &= (0, -3, -18, 9, 12), \\ u_7 &= (1, 0, -2, 3, -2), & u_8 &= (2, -1, 1, -9, 7) \end{aligned}$$

generate  $W$ . Find a subset of  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_8$  that is a basis for  $W$ .

**Exercise 26.**

The vectors  $v_1 = (1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (0, 0, 1, 1)$  and  $v_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{F}^4$ . Find the unique representation of an arbitrary vector  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  in  $\mathbb{F}^4$  as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v_4$ .

**Exercise 27.**

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be distinct vectors of a vector space  $V$ . Show that if  $(u, v)$  is a basis for  $V$  and  $a$  and  $b$  are nonzero scalars, then both  $(u + v, au)$  and  $(au, bv)$  are also bases for  $V$ .

**Exercise 28.**

Let  $u, v$  and  $w$  be distinct vectors of a vector space  $V$ . Show that if  $(u, v, w)$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $(u + v + w, v + w, w)$  is also a basis for  $V$ .

**Exercise 29.**

The set of solutions to the system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find a basis for this subspace.

**Exercise 30.**

Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of a vector space  $V$  having dimensions  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, where  $m \geq n$ .

- (i) Prove that  $\dim(U \cap W) \leq n$ .
- (ii) Prove that  $\dim(U + W) \leq m + n$ .

**Exercise 31.**

Determine which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are subspaces.

- (i) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $x_1 = 1$ .
- (ii) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $x_1 = 0$ .
- (iii) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$ .
- (iv) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 1$ .
- (v) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0$  for fixed  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (vi) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = b$  for fixed  $a_1, \dots, a_n, b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (vii) All vectors  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $x_1^2 = x_2$ .

**Exercise 32.**

Test the following tuples of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to determine whether or not they are linearly independent.

- (i)  $((1, 1), (2, 1))$
- (ii)  $((1, 1), (2, 1), (1, 2))$
- (iii)  $((0, 1), (1, 0))$
- (iv)  $((0, 1), (1, 0), (x, y))$
- (v)  $((1, 1, 2), (3, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 0))$
- (vi)  $((3, -1, 1), (4, 1, 0), (-2, -2, -2))$
- (vii)  $((1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1))$

**Exercise 33.**

Find a set of linearly independent generators of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of all solutions of the equation

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

**Exercise 34.**

Let  $v$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear combination of vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_r$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let each

vector  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , be a linear combination of vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_s$ . Prove that  $v$  is a linear combination of  $w_1, \dots, w_s$ .

**Exercise 35.**

Determine whether  $(1, 1, 1)$  belongs to the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  generated by  $(1, 3, 4)$ ,  $(4, 0, 1)$ ,  $(3, 1, 2)$ . Explain your reasoning.

**Exercise 36.**

Determine whether  $(2, 0, -4, -2)$  belongs to the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by  $(0, 2, 1, -1)$ ,  $(1, -1, 1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 1, 0, -2)$ .

**Exercise 37.**

Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Prove that  $\dim(U \cap W) \geq 1$ .

**Exercise 38.**

Let

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= (2, 1, 0, -1), & v_2 &= (1, -3, 2, 0), & v_3 &= (-2, 0, 6, 1), \\ v_4 &= (4, 8, -4, -3), & v_5 &= (1, 10, -6, -2), & v_6 &= (3, -1, 2, 4), \end{aligned}$$

and let

$$U := L(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4), \quad W := L(v_4, v_5, v_6).$$

Find  $\dim U$ ,  $\dim W$ ,  $\dim(U + W)$  and  $\dim(U \cap W)$ . Also, determine a basis of  $U \cap W$ .

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