

1. For each of the following sets, determine if it is a *vector space* over  $\mathbb{R}$ . If it is, give an explicit *basis* and compute its *dimension*. If it isn't, explain why not by giving an example of how one of the vector space axioms fails.
  - (a) The set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $x = 0$ .
  - (b) The set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $x = y$ .
  - (c) The set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $x = y$ .
  - (d) The set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $z \geq 0$ .
  - (e) The plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the equation  $z = 2x - 3y$ .
  - (f) The set of unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (g) The set of polynomials of degree  $n$ .
  - (h) The set  $\text{Poly}_n$  of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ .
  - (i) The set of polynomials of degree at most  $n$ , with only even-powers of  $x$ .
  - (j) The set  $\text{Per}_{2\pi}$  of piecewise continuous functions  $f(x)$  such that  $f(x) = f(x + 2\pi)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - (k)  $\mathbb{C} := \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
2. Let  $v_1, v_2, w$  be three *linearly independent* vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . That is, they do not all lie on the same plane. For each of the following (infinite) set of vectors, carefully sketch it in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and determine whether or not it is a vector space (i.e., a *subspace* of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ). Explain your reasoning.
  - (a)  $\{Cv_1 \mid C \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - (b)  $\{Cv_1 + w \mid C \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - (c)  $\{C_1v_1 + C_2v_2 \mid C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$
  - (d)  $\{C_1v_1 + C_2v_2 + w \mid C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$
3. Find the general solution to each of the following ODEs. Then, decide whether or not the set of solutions form a vector space. Explain your reasoning. Compare your answers to the previous problem.
  - (a)  $y' - 2y = 0$
  - (b)  $y' - 2y = 1$
  - (c)  $y'' + 4y = 0$
  - (d)  $y'' + 4y = e^{3t}$
4. Complete the following sentences as concisely as possible:
  - (a) Two non-zero vectors  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  if and only if . . .
  - (b) Three non-zero vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  are a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  if and only if . . .

5. For each of the following pairs of vectors  $v_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $v_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ , carry out the following steps:
- Sketch  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in the  $xy$ -plane.
  - The lines through  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  generate a grid (of parallelograms) on the  $xy$ -plane. Sketch this “grid,” and compute the area of one of the parallelograms.
  - Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this matrix invertible?
  - Determine whether  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- $v_1 = (1, 0), v_2 = (0, 1)$
  - $v_1 = (2, 0), v_2 = (0, 2)$
  - $v_1 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), v_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$
  - $v_1 = (1, 1), v_2 = (1, 2)$
  - $v_1 = (1, 1), v_2 = (-1, 3)$
  - $v_1 = (2, 1), v_2 = (-4, 2)$

Summarize your conclusions in a sentence or two.

6. Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be two linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e., they determine a plane  $P$ .
- Sketch the plane  $P = \{C_1v_1 + C_2v_2 \mid C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - Sketch the vectors  $w_1 := \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2$  and  $w_2 := \frac{1}{2}v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_2$ . Do these “determine” the same plane? In other words, is the following (infinite) set of vectors
 
$$\left\{ C_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}v_1 + \frac{1}{2}v_2 \right) + C_2 \left( \frac{1}{2}v_1 - \frac{1}{2}v_2 \right) \mid C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$
 the same as  $\{C_1v_1 + C_2v_2 \mid C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ?
  - Is  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  a basis for  $P$ ? Is  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  a basis for  $P$ ? Why or why not?
  - Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this matrix invertible? How does this relate to the previous problem?
7. (a) Consider the ODE  $y'' - \omega^2 y = 0$ . If we assume that  $y(t) = e^{rt}$  and plug this back in and solve for  $r$ , we get that  $r = \pm\omega$ . Therefore, the general solution is  $y(t) = C_1 e^{\omega t} + C_2 e^{-\omega t}$ , i.e.,  $\{e^{\omega t}, e^{-\omega t}\}$  is a *basis* for the solution space. Using the fact that  $e^{\omega t} = \cosh \omega t + \sinh \omega t$ , find a basis for the solution space involving hyperbolic trig functions, and write the general solution using these functions. *Hint*: Look at the previous problem!
- (b) Repeat the above exercise for the ODE  $y'' + \omega^2 y = 0$ . Specifically, if we assume that  $y(t) = e^{rt}$ , then we get that  $r = \pm i\omega$ . Therefore, the general solution is  $y(t) = C_1 e^{i\omega t} + C_2 e^{-i\omega t}$ , i.e.,  $\{e^{i\omega t}, e^{-i\omega t}\}$  is a basis for the solution space. Using Euler’s formula:  $e^{i\omega t} = \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t$ , find a basis for the solution space involving sine and cosines, and write the general solution using these functions.

8. For each of the following, a vector space  $V$  is given, along with a finite set  $S \subset V$ . Denote the subspace of  $V$  spanned by  $S$  as  $\text{Span}(S)$ . Find an explicit basis for  $\text{Span}(S)$  and compute its dimension.
- (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1), (3, 1, 1)\}$ .
  - (b)  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $S = \{(1, 0), (0, 1), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})\}$ .
  - (c)  $V = \{\text{continuous functions } f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $S = \{e^{3x}, e^{-3x}, \cosh 3x, \sinh 3x\}$ .
9. For each of the following triples of vectors  $v_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $v_2 = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ , and  $v_3 = (x_3, y_3, z_3)$ , carry out the following steps:
- i. Sketch  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - ii. Calculate the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is this matrix invertible?
  - iii. The lines through  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  generate a tessellation (of parallelepipeds) in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . What do you think the volume of each parallelepiped is?
  - iv. Describe in words (e.g., line, plane, all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) the subspace  $\text{Span}\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Is  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- (a)  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $v_3 = (0, 0, 1)$
  - (b)  $v_1 = (2, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 2, 0)$ ,  $v_3 = (0, 0, 2)$
  - (c)  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 1, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (3, 1, 1)$
  - (d)  $v_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 2, -1)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 1, 1)$

Summarize your conclusions in a sentence or two.