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1. Define sub-space of a vector space. Examine if the set  $S = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3: x + 2y - z = 1, 2x - y + z = 2\}$  is a subspace of  $R^3$  or not.

SOLUTION: For first Part see Higher Algebra Book by S.K.Mapa.

2nd Part:  $S$  is not subspace of  $R^3$  since  $S$  does not contain the null vector.

2. Define linear span of a set. Prove that  $L(S)$  is the smallest subspace of vector space  $V$  containing the set  $S$ .

SOLUTION: See Higher Algebra Book by S.K.Mapa Page 123 and 124, Theorem 4.3.9.

3. Show that a linearly independent set of vectors of a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  over a field  $F$  is either a basis of  $V$  or can be extended to a basis of  $V$ . Extend the set  $(1, 1, -1), (2, 1, 1)$  to a basis of  $R^3$ .

SOLUTION: See Higher Algebra Book by S.K.Mapa Page 140 Theorem 4.5.7. (Extension theorem).

2nd Part:

Let  $\alpha_1 = (1, 1, -1), \alpha_2 = (2, 1, 1)$ .  
 Let us examine if  $\alpha_3 = (0, 0, 1)$  belongs to  $L\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ .  
 Let  $\alpha_3 = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2$ , where  $c_1, c_2 \in R$   
 Then  $(0, 0, 1) = c_1(1, 1, -1) + c_2(2, 1, 1)$   
 $= (c_1 + 2c_2, c_1 + c_2, -c_1 + c_2)$   
 $\therefore c_1 + 2c_2 = 0, c_1 + c_2 = 0, -c_1 + c_2 = 1$   
 From 1st and 2nd eqn, on subtraction we get  $c_2 = 0$ .  
 Again from 2nd and 3rd equation on adding we get  $c_2 = 1/2$   
 $\therefore$  This is an inconsistent system of equations in  $c_1, c_2$ . Therefore  $\alpha_3 \notin L\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ .  
 Consequently the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  is linearly independent set in  $R^3$ .  
 Since  $R^3$  is a vector space of dimension 3 and the set  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  is linearly independent set of 3 vectors in  $R^3$ ,  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  is a basis of  $R^3$ . Ans.

4. Prove that a set of vectors containing the null vector in a vector space  $V(F)$  is linearly dependent.

SOLUTION: See Higher Algebra Book by S.K.Mapa Page 127 Theorem 4.4.3.

5. Let  $W = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3: x - 4y + 3z = 0\}$ . Show that  $W$  is a subspace of  $R^3$ . Find the dimension of  $W$ .

SOLUTION:

$W$  is a non-empty subset of  $R^3$ , since  $(0, 0, 0) \in W$ .  
 Let  $\alpha = (x_1, y_1, z_1) \in W, \beta = (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in W; x_i, y_i, z_i \in R, i=1, 2$ .  
~~Let  $\alpha, \beta \in W$ .~~ Then  $x_1 - 4y_1 + 3z_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 - 4y_2 + 3z_2 = 0$  } -①

Let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $c\alpha + d\beta = c(x_1, y_1, z_1) + d(x_2, y_2, z_2)$   
 $= (cx_1 + dx_2, cy_1 + dy_2, cz_1 + dz_2)$

Now  $(cx_1 + dx_2) - 4(cy_1 + dy_2) + 3(cz_1 + dz_2)$   
 $= c(x_1 - 4y_1 + 3z_1) + d(x_2 - 4y_2 + 3z_2)$   
 $= c \cdot 0 + d \cdot 0$  (using the system of eqn ①)  
 $= 0$

$\therefore c\alpha + d\beta \in W$ . This proves that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Let  $\xi = (a, b, c) \in W$ . Then  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a - 4b + 3c = 0$

Therefore  $\xi = (4b - 3c, b, c) = b(4, 1, 0) + c(-3, 0, 1)$ .

Let  $\alpha = (4, 1, 0)$ ,  $\beta = (-3, 0, 1)$ . Then  $\xi = b\alpha + c\beta \in L\{\alpha, \beta\}$ .

Therefore  $W \subset L\{\alpha, \beta\}$ .

Again  $\alpha \in W, \beta \in W$ . This implies  $L\{\alpha, \beta\} \subset W$ , as  $W$  is a subspace.

Consequently,  $W = L\{\alpha, \beta\}$ .

$\alpha, \beta$  are linearly independent in  $W$ , since  $c_1\alpha + c_2\beta = 0 \Rightarrow 4c_1 - 3c_2 = 0, c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow c_1 = 0 = c_2$ . Hence the set  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$  is a basis of  $W$  and  $\dim W = 2$ . Ans.

6. If  $V$  be the real vector space of all real matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $W$  be the subset of those matrices of  $V$  for which  $a + b = 0$ , then prove that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  and find a basis of  $W$ .

SOLUTION:

$V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \text{ \& } a+b=0 \right\}$

We note that  $W \neq \emptyset$  since  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in W$

Let us assume that  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix} \in W$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $a_1 + b_1 = 0$  and  $a_2 + b_2 = 0$ .

Now  $\alpha + \beta = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 + a_2 & b_1 + b_2 \\ c_1 + c_2 & d_1 + d_2 \end{pmatrix} \in W$  since  $a_1 + a_2 + b_1 + b_2 = a_1 + b_1 + a_2 + b_2 = 0$

and  $\lambda\alpha = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda a_1 & \lambda b_1 \\ \lambda c_1 & \lambda d_1 \end{pmatrix} \in W$  since  $\lambda a_1 + \lambda b_1 = \lambda(a_1 + b_1) = 0$

Thus  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

Let  $\xi = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in W$  Then  $a + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -a$

$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -a \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \in W$

Then  $\xi \in L(S)$ .

Let  $\lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & -\lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$

Thus the set  $S$  is linearly independent.

Hence  $S$  is a basis of the subspace  $W$ . Ans.