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6th Exercise Sheet Linear Algebra I for MCS Winter Term 2006/2007

(E6.1) [Linear independence for vectors in \mathbb{F}^5]

Consider $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, 0, 1, 1, 0)$, $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{v}_4 = (1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_5 = (1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$ as elements of \mathbb{F}^5 , where

- (i) $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$,
- (ii) $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}_2$.

In each case determine whether the vectors are linearly dependent or linearly independent. If the vectors are linearly dependent then determine a maximal linearly independent subset.

(E6.2) [Systems of linear equations]

Consider the following system of linear equations over \mathbb{R} :

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 2z - s + 3t &= 0 \\x + 2y + 3z + s + t &= 0 \\3x + 6y + 8z - s + 5t &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Find the dimension and a basis of the solution space W of this system over \mathbb{R} .

(E6.3) [Linear independence under isomorphisms]

Let \mathbb{F} be a field, V and W \mathbb{F} -vector spaces, $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$ an \mathbb{F} -vector space isomorphism, and $S \subseteq V$. Prove that S is linearly independent if, and only if, $\varphi(S)$ is linearly independent.

(E6.4) [Bases of finite vector spaces]

- (i) Write down all possible bases of \mathbb{Z}_2^2 .
- (ii) How many different bases does \mathbb{Z}_2^3 have?
- (iii) Give a general formula for the n -dimensional case \mathbb{Z}_2^n .

- (iv) Give a general formula for the number of bases of \mathbb{F}_q^n , where \mathbb{F}_q is a field with q elements.

(E6.5) [Fibonacci sequences]

Consider the \mathbb{R} -vector space Fib of all Fibonacci sequences (compare Example 2.2.4 in the lecture notes), where Fib was considered as a subspace of $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R})$.

Recall that a sequence $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} = (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots)$ is a Fibonacci sequence if:

$$a_{i+2} = a_i + a_{i+1} \text{ for all } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (i) Show that the space Fib has a basis consisting of two sequences; hence its dimension is 2. (Note that every Fibonacci sequence is determined by its first two members.)
- (ii) Show that Fib contains precisely two different geometric sequences, i.e., sequences of the form

$$a_i = \rho^i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots$$

for some real $\rho \neq 0$. (Hint: $\rho_1 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, $\rho_2 = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$.)

- (iii) Show that the two sequences from part (ii) are linearly independent, hence form a basis.
- (iv) Express the standard Fibonacci sequence $\mathbf{f} = (0, 1, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$ as a linear combination in the basis obtained in part (iii) and give a closed term representation for the i -th member in \mathbf{f} .