

Math 214 Spring 2017  
Linear Algebra HW 3  
Due Friday, February 10

For all these problems, justify your answers; do not just write “yes” or “no”.

1. (a) Can you write  $(1, 3, 2, 4)$  as a linear combination of  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0, 2)$ , and  $(0, 1, 1, 1)$ ?  
(b) Can you write  $(1, 3, 2, 4)$  as a linear combination of  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, 0, 2)$ , and  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ?  
(c) Write  $4x + 6x^3 - x^5$  as a linear combination of  $x + x^3$ ,  $x^3 + x^5$ , and  $x + x^5$ .
2. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$ .  
(a) Is  $S = \{(1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 4), (3, 4, 5)\}$  a spanning set for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?  
(b) Is  $T = \{(1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 4), (0, 1, 1)\}$  a spanning set for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
3. (a) Is  $S = \{(1, 1, 0, 0), (1, -1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, -1), (0, 0, -1, 1)\}$  a spanning set for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ?  
(b) Is  $T = \{1, 1 + x, 1 + x^2\}$  a spanning set for  $\mathcal{P}_2(x)$ ?
4. Suppose  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} \subset V$  is a spanning set for  $V$ . Show that  $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 - \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3 - \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n - \mathbf{v}_{n-1}\}$  is a spanning set for  $V$ .
5. (a) Is  $S = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)\}$  a linearly independent set?  
(b) Is  $T = \{(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 6), (7, 8, 9)\}$  a linearly independent set?  
(c) Is  $U = \{(3, 7, 5), (2, 4, 2), (1, 3, 1)\}$  a linearly independent set?
6. (a) Is  $S = \{1 + x, 1 + x^2, x + x^2\}$  a linearly independent set?  
(b) Is  $T = \{1 + x, 1 + x^2, x - x^2\}$  a linearly independent set?  
(c) Is  $U = \{\sin^2, \cos^2, 1\}$  a linearly independent set?
7. (★) Suppose  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\}$  is linearly independent in  $V$ , and  $T = \{\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n + \mathbf{w}\}$  is linearly dependent in  $V$ . Show that  $\mathbf{w} \in \text{Span}(S)$ .
8. Prove that a set  $S = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  of two vectors is linearly dependent if and only if one is a scalar multiple of the other.