

**1** [lecture16a.pdf](#): Vector spaces (1 pt)

(a.) (This question is taken from a read16a question.)

Either write  $x$  as a linear combination of the three polynomials

$$1, \quad 1 + x, \quad 1 + 2x + x^2,$$

**or** show that it's impossible. *Show all work.*

(b.) Either write  $x$  as a linear combination of the three polynomials

$$x^2 + x + 1,$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1,$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4,$$

**or** show that it's impossible. *Show all work.*

## 2 [lecture16a.pdf](#): Vector spaces (1 pt)

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}_2$  denotes the set of polynomials in  $x$  of degree at most 2. Show that every polynomial in  $\mathbb{P}_2$  can be written as a linear combination of the three polynomials

$$x^2 + x + 1,$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1,$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4.$$

Instruction: Start by writing

‘Let  $f(x) = b_2x^2 + b_1x + b_0$  for some numbers  $b_2, b_1, b_0$ . We need to show that there are  $a, b, c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = a(x^2 + x + 1) + b(x^2 + 2x + 1) + c(x^2 + 4x + 4)$ .

Then start computing like in Exercise 1(c) of [Lec 16a](#). See also Exercise 1(a) in [lecture17a.pdf](#).)

### 3 [lecture16b.pdf](#): Vector spaces (subspaces) (1 pt)

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}$  denotes the vector space of *all* polynomials in  $x$ .

Determine whether  $V := \{f(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{P} \mid f(1) = 0\}$  is or is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}$ . Prove your answer.

(Hint: Your submission should look like the “SAMPLE STUDENT ANSWER” templates in [lecture16b.pdf](#).)

#### 4 [lecture16b.pdf](#): Vector spaces (subspaces) (1 pt)

Determine whether  $W := \{f(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{P} \mid f(1) = 2\}$  is or is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{P}$ . Prove your answer.

(Hint: Your submission should look like the “SAMPLE STUDENT ANSWER” templates in [lecture16b.pdf](#).)

## 5 [lecture17a.pdf](#): Bases & dimension for vector space, a (1 pt)

(This question is taken from a read17a question.)

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}_2$  denotes the set of polynomials in  $x$  of degree at most 2.

$$\text{Let } S := \{1, \quad 1 + x, \quad 1 + 2x + x^2\}.$$

Answer the following questions. Show all computation and details.

- (a.) Is  $S$  linearly independent?
- (b.) Is  $S$  a spanning set for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ?
- (c.) Is  $S$  a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ?

## 6 [lecture17a.pdf](#): Bases & dimension for vector space, a (1 pt)

Recall that  $\mathbb{P}_2$  denotes the set of polynomials in  $x$  of degree at most 2.

$$\text{Let } U := \{x, \quad x^2 + x + 1, \quad x^2 + 2x + 1\}$$

Answer the following questions. Show all computation and details.

- (a.) Is  $U$  linearly independent?
- (b.) Is  $U$  a spanning set of  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ?
- (c.) Is  $U$  a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$ ?

## 7 [lecture17b.pdf](#): Bases & dimensions for vector spaces b (1pt)

(This question is taken from a read17b question.)

The set

$$\{1, 1 + x, 1 + 2x + x^2\}$$

is a basis for  $\mathbb{P}_2$  (you don't need to verify this).

Write down the *coefficient vector* of the element  $x^2$  in the basis  $\{1, 1 + x, 1 + 2x + x^2\}$ .

## 8 Lecture 17: Bases and dimensions for vector spaces (3 pts)

Let  $S$  denote the set of smooth functions  $f(x)$  in  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  such that  $f''(x) = -f(x)$ . That is,  $S = \{f(x) \text{ in } \mathcal{C}^\infty \mid f''(x) = -f(x)\}$ .

Warm up: Review Exercise 4 of [lecture16b.pdf](#). We showed that  $S$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  (so  $S$  is a vector space) & that  $\sin(x)$  is in  $S$ .

- a. Is  $\cos(x)$  in  $S$ ? Write down the computation explaining why or why not.

- b. Show that the set  $\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$  is a linearly independent set.

(Hint1: Set an arbitrary linear combination to 0, then show the coefficients must be 0 by plugging in convenient values, like in Exercise 2 of [lecture17a.pdf](#). Hint2: what number  $r$  would give  $\cos(r) = 0$ ?)

- c. Let's say you know  $\dim(S) = 2$  (You don't need to show). Determine whether the set  $\{\sin(x), \cos(x)\}$  is a basis for the vector space  $S$ . Explain in complete sentences. (Hint: Use '2 out of 3' rule (Thm 2 in [lecture17b.pdf](#))

- d. Find all functions  $f(x)$  such that  $f''(x) = -f(x)$ ,  $f(0) = 5$ ,  $f'(0) = 7$ ; or show no such function exists.