

Vector Spaces

LA1◊1. Find a basis of the vector space $V = \{p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]_4 \mid p'(5) = 0\}$.

LA1◊2. Find a dimension and a basis of the vector space

- (a) $\text{Mat}_n^+(\mathbb{R})$ of all symmetric matrices $A = A^T \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$.
- (b) $\text{Mat}_n^-(\mathbb{R})$ of all skew-symmetric matrices $A = -A^T \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R})$.
- (c) $\mathfrak{sl}_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{A \in \text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{tr } A := a_{11} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{nn} = 0\}$.

LA1◊3. Prove that $\text{Mat}_n(\mathbb{R}) = \text{Mat}_n^+(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \text{Mat}_n^-(\mathbb{R})$

LA1◊4. Give an example of a finite dimensional space V and three its pairwise transversal subspaces U, W, T (that is, intersecting only at the origin) such that

$$\dim U + \dim W + \dim T = \dim V,$$

but $U + W + T \neq V$.

LA1◊5. Is it true that

$$\dim(U+V+W) = \dim U + \dim V + \dim W - \dim(U \cap V) - \dim(U \cap W) - \dim(W \cap V) + \dim(U \cap V \cap W)?$$

LA1◊6. Suppose $\dim(U + V) = \dim(U \cap V) + 1$ for some two vector subspaces $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Is it true that $U + V$ is equal to one of the subspaces U, V and $U \cap V$ is equal to another?

LA1◊7. Let V be a vector space of dimension n over the finite field \mathbb{F}_q of q elements. How many

- (a) vectors
 - (b) bases
 - (c) k -dimensional subspaces
- are there in V ?

LA1◊8. Prove that the vector space of all continuous functions on \mathbb{R} is infinite dimensional.