

9.11 (a) The set  $V$  is not a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  because it is not closed with respect to the scalar multiplication.

For example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in V$ , but  $2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \notin V$ .

(b) The set  $W$  is not a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  because it is not closed with respect to the scalar multiplication.

For example:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in W$ , but  $2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin W$ .

9.12 (a) The set

$$U = \{A \in \mathbb{M}_{2 \times 2} \mid \det A = 0\}$$

is not a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{M}_{2 \times 2}$ , because the set is not closed with respect to the addition.

Consider for example the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $\det A = \det B = 0$ , so  $A, B \in U$ .

However  $A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\det(A + B) = 1$ . So  $A + B \notin U$ .

(b) The set

$$V = \{x \mapsto a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_1 \text{ and } a_2 \text{ whole numbers}\}$$

is not a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , because the set is not closed with respect to the scalar multiplication.

Consider for example the polynomial  $p: x \mapsto x + x^2$ . Then  $p \in V$ . However, since  $\frac{1}{2}p(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}p \notin V$ .

(c) The set

$$W = \{f \in \mathbb{F} \mid f(0) = 2\}$$

is not a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{F}$ , because the set is not closed with respect to the scalar multiplication.

Consider for example the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = 2$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f \in W$ . However  $\frac{1}{2}f \notin W$  because  $\frac{1}{2}f(0) = 1 \neq 2$ .

9.13 (a) We have to check whether an  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$  exists such that  $T(\underline{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

So in fact we have to check the solvability of the system  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -4 \\ 6 & 0 & -9 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Partial) reduction of the augmented coefficient matrix of the system leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & 1 & -2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 & -9 & 9 & 0 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -2 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & -4 & 5 & -5 \\ 0 & -3 & -12 & 21 & -9 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -2 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & -3 & -12 & 21 & -9 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & -5 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 6 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the system has a solution which implies that  $\underline{b} \in \text{Im}(T)$ .

(b) We have to check whether  $T(\underline{e}_4) = \underline{0}$ . Well,  $T(\underline{e}_4) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$ . By consequence,  $\underline{e}_4 \notin \text{Ker}(T)$ .

9.15 (a) Let  $p: x \rightarrow 1 + x$ . Then  $p \in \mathbb{P}_2$  and  $T(p) = q$ , where  $q(x) = x + x^2$ . So  $q$  is the image of the polynomial  $p$ , that is:  $q$  is contained in the range of the mapping  $T$ .

(b) If  $p \in \text{Ker}(T)$ , then  $T(p) = 0$ , where  $0$  denotes the null function.

So  $xp(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This is possible only if  $p(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $p$  is a continuous function, this implies that  $p(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence,  $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$ .

9.17 We have to check whether the system  $A\underline{x} = \underline{b}$  is solvable, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In order to do so we reduce the augmented coefficient matrix of the system:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & -1 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & -2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 2 & -1 & 5 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{5}{2} \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{19}{4} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{9}{2} \end{array} \right].$$

Since the system is not solvable, the vector  $\underline{b}$  cannot be written as a linear combination of the vectors corresponding with the columns of the matrix  $A$ .

9.18 We are looking for numbers  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  such that  $p = c_1p_1 + c_2p_2 + c_3p_3$ .

Then, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$p(x) = c_1p_1(x) + c_2p_2(x) + c_3p_3(x)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} -9 - 7x - 15x^2 &= c_1(2 + x + 4x^2) + c_2(1 - x + 3x^2) + c_3(3 + 2x + 5x^2) \\ &= 2c_1 + c_2 + 3c_3 + (c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3)x + (4c_1 + 3c_2 + 5c_3)x^3. \end{aligned}$$

This is possible only if the corresponding coefficients are equal. So we have to solve the system

$$\begin{cases} 2c_1 + c_2 + 3c_3 = -9 \\ c_1 - c_2 + 2c_3 = -7 \\ 4c_1 + 3c_2 + 5c_3 = -15. \end{cases}$$

Reduction of the augmented coefficient matrix of this system leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 2 & 1 & 3 & -9 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 & 2 & 1 & 3 & -9 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & -15 & 4 & 3 & 5 & -15 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & -9 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 5 \\ 4 & 3 & 5 & -15 & 0 & 7 & -3 & 13 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -7 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 7 & -3 & 13 & 0 & 7 & -3 & 13 \end{array} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} & 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{3} & -\frac{16}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right] &\rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \end{array} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So  $c_1 = -2$ ,  $c_2 = 1$  and  $c_3 = -2$ , that is:  $p = -2p_1 + p_2 - 2p_3$ .

9.19 We are looking for numbers  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -8 \\ -1 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = c_1 A + c_2 B + c_3 C \iff \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -8 \\ -1 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4c_1 + c_2 & -c_2 + 2c_3 \\ -2c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 & -2c_1 + 3c_2 + 4c_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So we have to solve the system

$$\begin{cases} 4c_1 + c_2 = 6 \\ -c_2 + 2c_3 = -8 \\ -2c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 = -1 \\ -2c_1 + 3c_2 + 4c_3 = -8. \end{cases}$$

Reduction of the augmented coefficient matrix of this system leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -8 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -8 \\ 0 & 2\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3\frac{1}{2} & 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 2\frac{1}{2} & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3\frac{1}{2} & 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & -18 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 & -33 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2$  and  $c_3 = -3$ , that is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -8 \\ -1 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = A + 2B - 3C.$$

The zero matrix is also a linear combination of the matrices  $A, B$  and  $C$ : take all the weights equal to 0.

9.22 Let  $\underline{v} \in S$ . As  $\underline{v}_i$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_n$ ,  $\underline{v}_i \in \text{span}\{\underline{w}_1, \dots, \underline{w}_n\} = T$ . So  $\underline{v}$  is a linear combination of vectors in  $T$ . Then  $\underline{v} \in T$ . As  $\underline{v}$  was arbitrarily chosen, this implies that  $S \subset T$ .

In a similar way one proves that  $T \subset S$ .

10.1 (a) Obviously,  $\underline{v}_2 = -5\underline{v}_1$ . So by Theorem 1, the two vectors are linearly dependent.

(b) According to Theorem 2, three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are linearly dependent.

(c) Obviously,  $p_2 = 2p_1$ . So by Theorem 1, the two polynomials are linearly dependent.

(d) Obviously,  $B = -A$ . So by Theorem 1, the two matrices are linearly dependent.

10.2 (a) Since the one vector is not a multiple of the other one, the vectors are linearly independent.

(b) We have to investigate whether numbers  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  (not all of them equal to zero) exist such that  $c_1 \underline{v}_1 + c_2 \underline{v}_2 + c_3 \underline{v}_3 = \underline{0}$ .

Equivalently, we have to investigate, whether the system  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  has a non-trivial solution, where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Well, since

$$\det A = -3 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 4 \cdot \det \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = -3 \cdot (-5) + 4 \cdot 6 = 39 \neq 0,$$

the matrix  $A$  is invertible. So, according to Theorem 7.6, the system  $A\underline{x} = \underline{0}$  only has the trivial solution.

Hence,  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ , which means that the vectors are linearly independent.

10.3 We have to investigate whether numbers  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  (not all of them equal to zero) exist such that  $c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + c_3 p_3 = 0$ , where  $0$  denotes the null function.

Now  $c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + c_3 p_3 = 0$  if and only if, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$c_1(2 - x + 4x^2) + c_2(3 + 6x + 2x^2) + c_3(2 + 10x - 4x^2) = 0.$$

This means that, for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$2c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 + (-c_1 + 6c_2 + 10c_3)x + (4c_1 + 2c_2 - 4c_3)x^2 = 0.$$

This is possible only if all coefficients are equal to zero (the number of zeros of a polynomial of degree two is at most equal to two). So the constants  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  satisfy

$$\begin{cases} 2c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 = 0 \\ -c_1 + 6c_2 + 10c_3 = 0 \\ 4c_1 + 2c_2 - 4c_3 = 0. \end{cases}$$

(Partial) reduction of the coefficient matrix of this system leads to

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 6 & 10 \\ 4 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -10 \\ 0 & 15 & 22 \\ 0 & 26 & 36 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 & -10 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{22}{15} \\ 0 & 0 & 36 - \frac{26 \times 22}{15} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ . According to the definition, the polynomials  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  are linearly independent.

10.4 First we will prove that the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_{n-1}$  are linearly independent.

Assume that  $c_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} \underline{v}_{n-1} = \underline{0}$ , for some numbers  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$ .

Then  $c_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} \underline{v}_{n-1} + 0 \underline{v}_n = \underline{0}$ .

Since the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$  are linearly independent this implies that  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_{n-1} = 0$ . So the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2, \dots, \underline{v}_{n-1}$  are linearly independent

Next we will prove that the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_{n-1}$  do not span  $V$  by showing that

$$\underline{v}_n \notin \text{span}\{\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_{n-1}\}.$$

Suppose that the vector  $\underline{v}_n$  is in this span. Then constants  $c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}$  exist such that

$\underline{v}_n = c_1 \underline{v}_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} \underline{v}_{n-1}$ . Then, however, Theorem 1 implies that the vectors  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_n$  are linearly dependent. This is a contradiction.