

Total: 36 Points

1) (2+2+2+2=8 Points) Decide if the following statements are true or false. Justify your answers.

- (i) The matrix $A_x = \begin{pmatrix} x & -2x \\ 3 & 3x \end{pmatrix}$ is invertible for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x \neq 0$.
- (ii) If V, W are two vector spaces with $\dim(V) = 3$ and $\dim(W) = 2$ then there exists an injective linear map $F : V \rightarrow W$.
- (iii) If $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a surjective linear map then $\det(F) \neq 0$.
- (iv) If (f_1, f_2, f_3) is a basis of \mathcal{P}_2 then $(f_1 + f'_2, f_2 + f'_3, f_3 + f'_1)$ is a basis of \mathcal{P}_2 .

2) (5+3=8 Points) Consider the bases $B = (2x + 1, x + 1)$ of \mathcal{P}_1 and $D = \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$ of \mathbb{R}^2 , the linear map $F : \mathcal{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$[F]_B^D = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $g \in \mathcal{P}_1$ defined by $g(x) = x - 1$.

(You do not need to show that B and D are bases)

- (i) Determine $F(g)$.
- (ii) Let $c_B : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$ be the coordinate map with respect to the basis B . Consider the linear map $G = F \circ c_B : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ and determine its matrix $[G]$.

3) (3+4=7 Points) For $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ let $U_\mu = \{f \in \mathcal{P}_3 \mid f(\mu x) = \mu f(x) \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

- (i) Show that U_μ is a subspace of \mathcal{P}_3 for any $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (ii) Determine a basis of U_μ for any $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.

4) (3+3+2=8 Points) We define the following elements in $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$

$$m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, m_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, m_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and define the following linear map

$$T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \\ A \longmapsto A + A^T.$$

(You do not need to show that T is linear)

- (i) Show that $M = (m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4)$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$.
- (ii) Determine $[T]_M$ and $\det(T)$.
- (iii) Calculate $\dim(\ker(T))$ and $\dim(\text{im}(T))$.

5) (2+3=5 Points) We define for $n \geq 1$ the following number

$$C(n) = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i(i+1)}.$$

- (i) Evaluate $C(1), C(2)$ and $C(3)$. Make a guess for an explicit formula for $C(n)$.
- (ii) Prove your guess by using induction.