

Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531**. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1. (4 marks) Determine whether $H = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } ab = 0\}$, is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2

$$(1, 0) \in H \text{ since } 1(0) = 0$$

$$(0, 1) \in H \text{ since } 0(1) = 0$$

$$\text{But } (1, 0) + (0, 1) = (1, 1) \notin H \text{ since } 1(1) = 1 \neq 0$$

Question 2. (4 marks) Let V be the subspace of vectors parallel to the line $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, 3) + t(1, 1, 1)$ where $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and let W be the subspace spanned by $(1, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 1, 1)$. Find a vector \mathbf{v} in V and a vector \mathbf{w} in W for which $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (1, 0, 1)$

$$V = \text{span}(\{(1, 1, 1)\})$$

$$W = \text{span}(\{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\})$$

$$(1, 0, 1) = c_1(1, 1, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 0) + c_3(0, 1, 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{array}{l} -R_1 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ -R_1 + R_3 \rightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{array}{l} R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \sim -R_3 + R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \\ R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \sim \\ R_2 + R_1 \rightarrow R_1 \\ -R_2 \rightarrow R_2 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (1, 0, 1) &= 2(1, 1, 1) + (-1)(1, 1, 0) + (-1)(0, 1, 1) \\ &= \underbrace{(2, 2, 2)}_{\in V} + \underbrace{(-1, -2, -1)}_{\in W} \end{aligned}$$

Question 3. (4 marks) Prove that in \mathbb{P}_2 every set with more than three vectors is linearly dependent.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } P_1(x) &= a_{01} + a_{11}x + a_{21}x^2 \\ P_2(x) &= a_{02} + a_{12}x + a_{22}x^2 \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$P_n(x) = a_{0n} + a_{1n}x + a_{2n}x^2 \quad \text{and } n > 3$$

$$0 + 0x + 0x^2 = c_1 P_1(x) + c_2 P_2(x) + \dots + c_n P_n(x)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{01} & a_{02} & \dots & a_{0n} & 0 \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & 0 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since $n > 3$ the system will have at least $n-3$ parameters \therefore not only the trivial solution, \therefore linearly dependent.