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In this question, we investigate the real vector space V of all polynomials in x of degree 2 or less, i.e. all polynomials of the form

$$p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad (a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}).$$

The operations of addition and scalar multiplication are those of polynomials. You are not asked to verify that V is a vector space.

(a) Determine if the following two subsets S_1, S_2 of V are subspaces of V .

(i) $S_1 = \{p(x) \in V : p(\sqrt{2}) = 0\}.$

(ii) $S_2 = \{p(x) \in V : p(x) = (x-1)(x-d) \text{ for some } d \in \mathbb{R}\}.$

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(b) Show that the function

$$t: V \rightarrow V$$

$$p(x) \mapsto p(0) + x^2 p(1)$$

is a linear transformation, and determine the kernel of t in the form

$$\{ax^2 + bx + c : \text{some condition on } a, b, c\}.$$

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In this question we investigate the vector space V of all functions with domain and codomain \mathbb{R} . Addition in V is defined by

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R},$$

and scalar multiplication by $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$(\lambda f)(x) = \lambda \cdot f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

You are not asked to verify that V is a vector space.

(i) Determine if the following two subsets S_1, S_2 of V are subspaces of V .

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(a) S_1 is the set of continuous functions $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

(b) $S_2 = \{f \in V : f(3) = 1\}.$

(ii) Show that the function $t: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f \mapsto f(1) - f(0)$$

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is a linear transformation, and determine the kernel of t .

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In this question we investigate the vector space V of all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ in which addition of f, g in V is defined by

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}$$

and scalar multiplication by $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$$(\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

Let $S = \{f \in V : f(0) = 0\}.$

(i) Prove that S is a subspace of V .

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(ii) Given any function f in V we can define a function f_0 in V by

$$f_0(x) = f(x) - f(0) \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

Let the function $t: V \rightarrow V$ be defined by $t(f) = f_0$.

(a) Prove that t is a linear transformation.

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(b) Prove that $\text{Ker}(t)$ is the set of constant functions in V .

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(c) Prove that $t(f) = f$ if and only if $f \in S$.

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Consider the vector space of functions

$$V = \{f(z) = \alpha + \beta \cos z + \gamma \sin z : \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

(You are not asked to verify that V is a vector space.)

(i) Determine whether each of the following sets is a subspace of V :

(a) $S = \{f(z) = \alpha + \beta \cos z + \beta \sin z : \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\};$

(b) $T = \{f(z) = \alpha + \beta \cos z + \gamma \sin z : \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \neq 0\}.$

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(ii) Show that the function

$$t: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(z) \mapsto f(0) + f(3\pi/2)$$

is a linear transformation and determine the kernel of t in the form

$$\{f(z) = \alpha + \beta \cos z + \gamma \sin z : \text{some condition on } \alpha, \beta, \gamma\}.$$

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