

## MATH 306 Workshop

Important Theorems: (you should also review all the definitions)

Span: 2.21 (Linear Dependence Lemma)

Bases: 2.29, 2.31, 2.32, 2.33, 2.34

1. What is the definition of a **basis**?
2. Recall that  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$  is the set of all polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbf{F}$ .
  - a. What does  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbf{F})$  stands for?
  - b. Give an example of a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbf{F})$ .
3. Explain why there does not exist a list of six polynomials that is linearly independent in  $\mathcal{P}_4(\mathbf{F})$ .
4. Prove that the list  $(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)$  spans  $\mathbf{F}^3$ .
5. Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbf{F}^5$  defined by:

$$U = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbf{F}^5 \mid x_2 = x_1, x_3 = 2x_4 - 3x_5 \}$$

- (a) Find a basis for  $U$  and prove your answer is a basis.

- (b) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbf{F}^5$  defined by:

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

Show that  $\mathbf{F}^5 = U \oplus W$ .

6. Prove or disprove: there exists a basis  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  of  $\mathcal{P}_3(\mathbf{F})$  such that none of the polynomials  $p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3$  has degree 2.

7. Let  $U$  be the subspace of  $\mathbf{C}^5$  defined by:

$$U = \{(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, z_5) \in \mathbf{C}^5 : 6z_1 = z_2 \text{ and } z_3 + 2z_4 + 3z_5 = 0\}$$

- (a) Find a basis for  $U$ .

- (b) Extend the basis in part (a) to a basis of  $\mathbf{C}^5$ .

- (c) Find a subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbf{C}^5$  such that  $\mathbf{C}^5 = U \oplus W$ .

#### Proving techniques

1. Proving uniqueness
2. Proving “for all” statements
3. Proving biconditional statements