

Q1 (a) since  $(0,0,0)$  is not in the set  $(0+0-0 \neq 2)$  so it is not a subspace.  
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(b) let  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid 2a-c=0, 3b-d=0 \right\}$ . But  $2a-c=0$ , so  $c=2a$ , and  $3b-d=0$ , so  $d=3b$ , i.e.

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2a & 3b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

since  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is in  $W$  so  $W \neq \emptyset$ .

(1)  $W$  is closed under addition: for any  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 2a_1 & 3b_1 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 2a_2 & 3b_2 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$ , we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ 2a_1 & 3b_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ 2a_2 & 3b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1+a_2 & b_1+b_2 \\ 2(a_1+a_2) & 3(b_1+b_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

which is in  $W$ .

(2)  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication:

for any  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2a & 3b \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$  and  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$c \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 2a & 3b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac & bc \\ 2ac & 3bc \end{bmatrix}$$

which is in  $W$ .

Hence  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_{22}$ .

(c) let  $W = \{ A \in M_{22} \mid A + A^T = 0 \}$

since  $0 + 0^T = 0$  so  $0 \in W$  i.e.  $W \neq \emptyset$

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$\Rightarrow$  Q1 cc) (1)  $W$  is closed under addition:

For any  $A$  and  $B$  in  $W$  since  $A + A^T = 0$ ,  $B + B^T = 0$   
so we get

$$\begin{aligned}(A + B) + (A + B)^T &= A + B + A^T + B^T \\ &= (A + A^T) + (B + B^T) \\ &= 0 + 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

therefore  $A + B$  is in  $W$ .

(2)  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication:

For any  $A$  in  $W$  (i.e.  $A + A^T = 0$ ) and  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$(cA) + (cA)^T = cA + cA^T = c(A + A^T) = c \cdot 0 = 0$$

so  $cA$  is also in  $W$ .

Hence  $W$  is a subspace of  $M_{22}$ .

(d) Let  $W = \{at^3 + bt^2 + ct \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,

since  $0t^3 + 0t^2 + 0t = 0$  is in  $W$  so  $W \neq \emptyset$ .

(1)  $W$  is closed under addition:

For  $p(t) = a_1t^3 + b_1t^2 + c_1t$  and  $q(t) = a_2t^3 + b_2t^2 + c_2t$   
in  $W$ , we get

$$p(t) + q(t) = (a_1 + a_2)t^3 + (b_1 + b_2)t^2 + (c_1 + c_2)t$$

which is in  $W$ .

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$\Rightarrow$  Q(1) (d) (2)  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication:

For any  $p(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct$  in  $W$  and  $r$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$r p(t) = (ar)t^3 + (br)t^2 + (cr)t$$

which is in  $W$ .

Hence  $W$  is a subspace of  $P_3$ .

(e) since  $0(t) = 0$  (i.e. the zero object) is not in this set ( $0 \neq t^3 + a$  for any  $a$ ) so this set is not a subspace of  $P_3$ .

(or say let  $p(t) = t^3 + 1$ ,  $q(t) = t^3 + 2$  in  $W$  then  $p(t) + q(t) = 2t^3 + 3$  is not in  $W$ , which means  $W$  is not closed under addition.

(f) 0 object is not in this set because <sup>for</sup>  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $0 + 0 + 0 \neq 3$ . Therefore the set is not a subspace of  $M_{33}$ .

[ or say for two matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in this set  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  which is not in this set ( $4 + 1 + 1 = 6 \neq 3$ ). So it is not a subspace.

Q2 we must find  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  such that

[10]  $c_1(1, 0, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 3) + c_3(0, 1, 2) = (3, 4, 11)$

so  $(c_1 + c_2, c_2 + c_3, c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3) = (3, 4, 11)$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 &= 3 \\ c_2 + c_3 &= 4 \\ c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 &= 11 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 11 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \text{ RREF}$$

so  $c_1 + c_3 = -1$   $c_1 = -1 + c_3$   $c_1 = -1 + t$   
 $c_2 + c_3 = 4$   $c_2 = 4 - c_3$   $c_2 = 4 - t$   $t \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $0 = 0$   $c_3 = t$

therefore yes  $(3, 4, 11)$  is in  $\text{span } S$ .

(for instance for  $t=0$ ,  $c_1=-1$ ,  $c_2=4$ ,  $c_3=0$  i.e.  $(3, 4, 11) = (-1)(1, 0, 1) + 4(1, 1, 3)$ )

For  $(1, -1, 1)$ : must

$$c_1(1, 0, 1) + c_2(1, 1, 3) + c_3(0, 1, 2) = (1, -1, 1)$$

therefore like above must  $\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ c_2 + c_3 = -1 \\ c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 = 1 \end{cases}$  so

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_1 - c_3 &= 2 \\ c_2 + c_3 &= -1 \\ 0 &= 2 \text{ not possible} \end{aligned}$$

i.e. there is no solution; which means  $(1, -1, 1)$  is not in  $\text{span } S$ .



Q3 (a) we offer two solutions for this part:

[18] sol. (1): since  $\dim(\mathbb{R}^3) = 3$  and there are 4 vectors in  $S$  therefore  $S$  is a linearly dependent set.

sol. (2) If  $c_1(1, -2, 1) + c_2(2, -1, 3) + c_3(0, 1, 2) + c_4(0, 1, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$ , then:

$$(c_1 + 2c_2, -2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 + c_4, c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3) = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + 2c_2 &= 0 \\ -2c_1 - c_2 + c_3 + c_4 &= 0 \\ c_1 + 3c_2 + 2c_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -3R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] R_3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{-5}R_3 \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow 4R_3 + R_1 \\ R_2 \rightarrow -2R_3 + R_2 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{4}{5}t \\ c_2 &= -\frac{2}{5}t \\ c_3 &= \frac{1}{5}t \\ c_4 &= t \end{aligned} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

therefore  $S$  is a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(b) If  $c_1(t^2 - 1) + c_2(3t + 2) + c_3(t^2 + 1) = 0$ , then:

$$(c_1 + c_3)t^2 + 3c_2t + (-c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3) = 0 \quad \text{which means:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_3 &= 0 \\ 3c_2 &= 0 \\ -c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_2 = 0} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_1 + c_3 &= 0 \\ -c_1 + c_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 0}, \boxed{c_3 = 0}$$

∴  $S$  is a linearly independent set in  $P_2$ .

⇒

$$\Rightarrow Q(3) \text{ (c) If } c_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} + c_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} + c_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + c_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then,}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_1 + c_4 & -2c_1 + c_2 - 2c_4 \\ c_3 & 6c_1 - 3c_2 + 7c_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ which means:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_4 &= 0 \\ -2c_1 + c_2 - 2c_4 &= 0 \\ c_3 &= 0 \\ 6c_1 - 3c_2 + 7c_4 &= 0 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & -3 & 0 & 7 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2 \\ R_4 \rightarrow -6R_1 + R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_4 \rightarrow 3R_2 + R_4 \end{array} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow -R_4 + R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \\ c_4 = 0 \end{array}$$

So yes  $S$  is a linearly independent set in  $M_{22}$ .

$$Q(4) \text{ (a) } W = \{ A \in M_{22} \mid AA^T = I \}$$

[12]

Since for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$ , we get

$$(AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \text{ and } BB^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I)$$

$$A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ but } A+B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is not}$$

$$\text{in } W \text{ because } \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

So  $W$  is not closed under addition.

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$\Rightarrow$  Q(4) (b)  $W$  is not closed under scalar multiplication:

For  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $W$  and  $c=2$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we get

$$2A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ but } 2A \text{ is not in } W \text{ because}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c)  $W$  is not a subspace of  $M_{22}$  because it is neither closed under addition, nor closed under scalar multiplication.

Q(5) (a)  $S$  is a linearly independent set because the two polynomials in  $S$  are not scalar multiple of each other.

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(b)  $S$  spans  $P_1$  because for any polynomial  $p(t) = at + b$  in  $P_1$  we need to find  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that

$$c_1(t+1) + c_2(t-1) = at + b$$

$$\text{but } (c_1 + c_2)t + (c_1 - c_2) = at + b$$

which means:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 + c_2 &= a \\ c_1 - c_2 &= b \end{aligned} \Rightarrow c_1 = \frac{1}{2}(a+b), c_2 = \frac{1}{2}(a-b)$$

therefore  $p(t) = at + b$  is a linear combination of the two polynomials in  $S$ .

Hence  $S$  forms a basis for  $P_1$ .

Q(6) (a)  $W = \{(a, b, c, d) \mid c = 2a + b, d = a - 3b\}$  which means:

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$$W = \{(a, b, 2a + b, a - 3b) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now since } (a, b, 2a + b, a - 3b) &= (a, 0, 2a, a) + (0, b, b, -3b) \\ &= a(1, 0, 2, 1) + b(0, 1, 1, -3) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $S = \{(1, 0, 2, 1), (0, 1, 1, -3)\}$ , so  $S$  spans  $W$ .

Also  $S$  is a linearly independent set because the two vectors in  $S$  are not scalar multiple of each other.

Thus  $S$  forms a basis for  $W$  and  $\dim W = 2$ .

(b)  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a = b + c, d = b - 2c \right\}$  which means,

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b+c & b \\ c & b-2c \end{bmatrix} \mid b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \begin{bmatrix} b+c & b \\ c & b-2c \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} b & b \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & 0 \\ c & -2c \end{bmatrix} \\ &= b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So  $S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  spans  $W$ . But  $S$  is also

linearly independent (because the two matrices in  $S$  are not scalar multiple of each other). Therefore  $S$  forms

a basis for  $W$ , i.e.  $\dim(W) = 2$ .

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Q(6) (c)  $W = \{at^2 + bt + c \mid a - 2b = 0, c + b = 0\}$  which means 9

$$W = \{at^2 + bt + c \mid a = 2b, c = -b\} \text{ so}$$

$$W = \{2bt^2 + bt - b \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}. \text{ But since}$$

$$2bt^2 + bt - b = b(2t^2 + t - 1)$$

so  $\mathcal{S} = \{p(t) = 2t^2 + t - 1\}$  spans  $W$ . But obviously

$\mathcal{S}$  (which contains only one object) is linearly independent.

Therefore  $\mathcal{S}$  forms a basis for  $W$  and  $\dim(W) = 1$ .

(d)  $W = \{at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d \mid a - 4b = 0, c - d = 0\}$  which means

$$W = \{4bt^3 + bt^2 + ct + c \mid b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}. \text{ But since}$$

$$4bt^3 + bt^2 + ct + c = b(4t^3 + t^2) + c(t + 1), \text{ so}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{4t^3 + t^2, t + 1\} \text{ spans } W. \text{ On the other}$$

hand,  $\mathcal{S}$  is also linearly independent (because the

two polynomials in  $\mathcal{S}$  are not scalar multiple of

each other), therefore  $\mathcal{S}$  forms a basis for  $W$ ,

which means  $\dim(W) = 2$ . (because there are exactly

two polynomials in  $\mathcal{S}$ )

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