

EE203001 Linear Algebra  
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1. Let  $T = \{1 + t, (1 + t)^2, (1 + t)^3\}$  and  $S = \{a(1 + t) + b(1 + t)^2 + c(1 + t)^3 | a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .  $S$  is a subspace of the linear space of all real polynomials and  $T \subset S$ , so  $L(T) \subset S$ , by Exercise 25(b). On the other hand, by the definition of  $L(T)$ ,  $S \subset L(T)$ . Thus  $L(T) = S$ .

If  $a(1 + t) + b(1 + t)^2 + c(1 + t)^3 = 0$ , divide  $a(1 + t) + b(1 + t)^2 + c(1 + t)^3 = 0$  by  $1 + t$ , then put  $t = -1$ , we have  $a = 0$ . Applying the same process, we find  $b = c = 0$ . Thus  $T$  is independent, hence  $\dim L(T) = 3$ .

2. (a). (i). For  $f, g \in P_1$ ,

$$(f, g) = f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1) = g(0)f(0) + g(1)f(1) = (g, f),$$

thus the symmetry axiom holds.

(ii). For  $f, g$  and  $h \in P_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (f, g + h) &= f(0)(g + h)(0) + f(1)(g + h)(1) \\ &= f(0)(g(0) + h(0)) + f(1)(g(1) + h(1)) \\ &= f(0)g(0) + f(0)h(0) + f(1)g(1) + f(1)h(1) \\ &= f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1) + f(0)h(0) + f(1)h(1) \\ &= (f, g) + (f, h), \end{aligned}$$

thus the linearity axiom holds.

(iii). For  $f, g \in P_1$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c(f, g) &= c[f(0)g(0) + f(1)h(1)] \\ &= cf(0)g(0) + cf(1)g(1) \\ &= [cf(0)]g(0) + [cf(1)]g(1) \\ &= (cf, g), \end{aligned}$$

thus the homogeneity axiom holds.

(iv). If  $f$  is a non-zero polynomial of degree 1 in  $P_1$ , then  $f$  has at most one real root. Thus at least one of  $f(0)$  and  $f(1)$  is non-zero. Thus we have

$$(f, f) = [f(0)f(0) + f(1)f(1)] = f(0)^2 + f(1)^2 > 0.$$

Thus the positivity axiom holds.

(b). If  $f(t) = t$  and  $g(t) = at + b$ , then

$$(f, g) = f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1) = 0 \cdot b + 1 \cdot (a + b) = a + b.$$

(c). By (b),  $f^\perp = \{at + b | a + b = 0; a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

(i). Given  $a_1t + b_1$  and  $a_2t + b_2$  in  $f^\perp$ , then

$$(a_1t + b_1) + (a_2t + b_2) = (a_1 + a_2)t + (b_1 + b_2).$$

Since

$$(a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2) = (a_1 + b_1) + (a_2 + b_2) = 0 + 0 = 0,$$

$$(a_1t + b_1) + (a_2t + b_2) \in f^\perp.$$

(ii). If  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $at + b \in f^\perp$ , then  $c(at + b) = (ca)t + cb$  and  $ca + cb = c(a + b) = c \cdot 0 = 0$ . Thus  $c(at + b) \in f^\perp$ .

By (i) and (ii),  $f^\perp$  satisfies the closure axioms, thus  $f^\perp$  is a subspace of  $P_1$ .

Since the linear polynomial  $at + b$  such that  $a + b = 0$  can be written as  $at + (-a) = a(t - 1)$ , we have  $f^\perp = \{a(t - 1) | a \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . It is clear that  $\{t - 1\}$  is a basis for  $f^\perp$ , hence  $\dim f^\perp = 1$ .

3. (a). Firstly, we simplify this product:

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [(y_i + x_i)^2 - x_i^2 - y_i^2] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i y_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for all choices of  $x, y, z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and all real scalars  $c$ :

(i).

$$(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n 2y_i x_i = (y, x).$$

(ii).

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y + z) &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i(y_i + z_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2x_i y_i) + (2x_i z_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i z_i \\ &= (x, y) + (x, z). \end{aligned}$$

(iii).

$$c(x, y) = c \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n 2(cx_i) y_i = (cx, y).$$

(iv). If  $x \neq O$ , then

$$(x, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i^2 > 0.$$

By (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv),  $(x, y)$  is an inner product.

(b).  $(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 + y_i^2 + x_i y_i)$ .

(i). Let  $x = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ ,  $y = z = O = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  be elements in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $(x, y+z) = (x, O+O) = (x, O) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1^2 + 0^2 + 1 \cdot 0) = n$ , but  $(x, y) + (x, z) = (x, O) + (x, O) = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n 1 = 2n$ . Thus the linearity axiom fails to hold.

(ii). If  $x = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  and  $c = 2$ , then  $c(x, x) = c \sum_{i=1}^n (1^2 + 1^2 + 1 \cdot 1) = 2 \cdot 3n$ . But  $(cx, x) = \sum_{i=1}^n (2^2 + 1^2 + 2 \cdot 1) = 7n$ , the homogeneity axiom fails to hold.