

Q1. (a). Yes.

For  $(a_1, a_2, a_3), (a'_1, a'_2, a'_3) \in S_1$ .

$$(a_1 + a'_1) - 4(a_2 + a'_2) - (a_3 + a'_3) = (a_1 + 4a_2 - a_3) + (a'_1 + 4a'_2 - a'_3) = 0$$

we have  $(a_1 + a'_1, a_2 + a'_2, a_3 + a'_3) \in S_1$ .

For  $a \in \mathbb{R}, (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in S_1$ .

$$a \cdot a_1 - 4a \cdot a_2 - a \cdot a_3 = a(a_1 - 4a_2 - a_3) = 0$$

we have  $a \cdot (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in S_1$ .

Hence  $S_1$  is a vector subspace.

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(b) No.

$$(1, 0, 1) \in S_2, (1, 0, -1) \in S_2 \text{ but } (2, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 1) + (1, 0, -1) \notin S_2$$

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(c). Yes.

For  $f_1, f_2 \in S_3$ ,  $f_1 + f_2 \in S_3$  as

$$(f_1 + f_2)(-x) = f_1(-x) + f_2(-x) = -f_1(x) - f_2(x) = -(f_1 + f_2)(x)$$

For  $a \in \mathbb{R}, f \in S_3$ ,  $af \in S_3$  as

$$(af)(-x) = af(-x) = -af(x) = -(af)(x)$$

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(d). No.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in S_4 \text{ but } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \text{id} \notin S_4$$

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Q2. (a)  $\dim S_1 = 2$ .

$$\text{Define } \varphi: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \varphi(a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1 - 4a_2 - a_3$$

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This is a linear map by above, and surjective as  $\varphi(a, 0, 0) = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\ker \varphi = S_1$ . By rank-nullity theorem,  $\dim S_1 = 3 - 1 = 2$ .

$$(c) \dim S_3 = \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2} & n \text{ odd} \\ \frac{n}{2} & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

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Claim:  $\{x, x^3, \dots, x^{r-1}\}$  is a basis for  $S_3$ , where  $r$  is greatest odd integer  $\leq n$ .

Pf. Since they all have odd degree,  $(-x)^{2k+1} = (-1)^{2k+1} x^{2k+1} = -x^{2k+1}$ , so they are in  $S_3$ .

They are linearly independent as elements in  $\mathbb{P}_n(\mathbb{R})$ , so linearly independent.

It remains to show they span  $S_3$ .

Take  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ .

$-f(x) = f(-x)$  gives

$$-a_0 - a_1x - \dots - a_nx^n = a_0 - a_1x + \dots + (-1)^n a_nx^n.$$

so

$$a_0 + a_2x^2 + a_4x^4 + \dots + a_{2k}x^{2k} = 0 \text{ where } 2k \text{ is greatest even integer } \leq n.$$

Taking  $x = 0, 1, \dots, k$  gives system of linear equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2^2 & 2^4 & \dots & 2^{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & k^2 & (k^2)^2 & \dots & (k^2)^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_2 \\ a_4 \\ \vdots \\ a_{2k} \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

By Vandermonde determinant formula,  $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2^2 & 2^4 & \dots & 2^{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & k^2 & (k^2)^2 & \dots & (k^2)^k \end{pmatrix} \neq 0.$

Hence  $a_0 = a_2 = \dots = a_{2k} = 0.$

Hence  $f(x) \in \text{span} \{x, x^3, \dots, x^r\}.$

As a result,  $\{x, x^3, \dots, x^r\}$  is a basis for  $S_3$ . Its size is  $\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor.$

Q2. (a). Yes.

For  $A = (a_{ij}), B = (b_{ij}) \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}), a \in \mathbb{R}.$

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$$\text{tr}(A+B) = \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_{ii} + b_{ii}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ii} + \sum_{i=1}^3 b_{ii} = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B).$$

$$\text{tr}(aA) = \sum_{i=1}^3 a a_{ii} = a \sum_{i=1}^3 a_{ii} = a \text{tr}(A).$$

Hence  $\text{tr}$  is a linear map.

Claim:  $\text{tr}^{-1}(0)$  has basis  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cup \{E_{ij} : (i,j)\text{-entry is } 1, \text{ other entries are } 0 \mid i \neq j\}.$

proof.  $\text{tr}$  is surjective,  $\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = a$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , so by rank-nullity theorem,

$\dim \text{tr}^{-1}(0) = 8$ . As we only have 8 vectors, it suffices to show they are linearly independent.

$$\text{Assume } \sum_{i \neq j} a_{ij} E_{ij} + b \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad a_{ij}, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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By looking at entries  $(i,j), i \neq j$ , we conclude  $a_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

By looking at entry  $(1,1)$  and  $(3,3)$ ,  $b = c = 0$ .

Hence they are linearly independent, and hence a basis.

(b) No.  $\det \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = 1 \neq 0 = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

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Q3. (a). Let  $v = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j$  be the unique way of writing  $v$  into linear combination of basis.

Define  $T(v) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j T(v_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j (v_j - 2v_{j-1})$ . It is well-defined by uniqueness.

Let  $v' = \sum_{j=1}^n a'_j v_j$ .  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . (10')

Let  $v+v' = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j v_j = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j + \sum_{j=1}^n a'_j v_j$

As the way of writing  $v+v'$  into linear combination of basis is unique,

$$b_j = a_j + a'_j \text{ for all } j=1, \dots, n.$$

Hence  $T(v+v') = T(v) + T(v')$ .

Let  $av = \sum_{j=1}^n g_j v_j = a \sum_{j=1}^n a_j v_j$ .

By uniqueness again,  $g_j = a a_j$  for all  $j=1, \dots, n$ .

Hence  $T(av) = a T(v)$ .

Hence  $T$  is a linear map.

(b). As  $T(v_j) = 0v_1 + \dots + 0v_{j-2} + (-2)v_{j-1} + v_j + 0v_{j+1} + \dots + 0v_n$  for all  $j$ . (10')

$$[T]_{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c). Yes. As  $\det [T]_{\beta} = 1 \neq 0$ ,  $T$  is invertible. (10')

Q4. (a).  $T_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $T_2 \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $\beta = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be the standard basis.

$$[Id]_{\beta}^{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, [Id]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = ([Id]_{\beta}^{\alpha})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10')$$

$$\text{Hence } [T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = [Id]_{\beta}^{\alpha} [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} [Id]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$

(b). As  $0x+3y-z=0$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  is a normal vector to the plane  $3y-z=0$ .  $T_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Also,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is on the plane, so  $T_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Let  $\beta = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\alpha$  be the standard basis. (10')

$$\text{Then } [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, [id]_{\beta}^{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, [id^{-1}]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = ([id]_{\beta}^{\alpha})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Hence } [T]_{\alpha}^{\alpha} = [id]_{\beta}^{\alpha} [T]_{\beta}^{\beta} [id^{-1}]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{10} & -\frac{1}{10} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{4}{5} & \frac{3}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$