

① Consider \mathbb{R} as a vector space over \mathbb{Q} . Does it have a finite basis? Does it have a countable basis?

② Show that \mathbb{R}^∞ does not have a countable basis

③ Are $x^2, x^2 - 1, x + 1$ linearly independent in $P_2[\mathbb{R}]$?

④ Let $W =$ set of all finite sequences of real numbers that is $\{x_n\} \in W$ iff there is $m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.
 $x_n = 0 \quad \forall n \geq m$

Describe $\text{Span}(W)$

The Fibonacci numbers

Consider the sequence $(u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$

given by $u_1=1, u_2=1, u_{n+1}=u_n+u_{n-1}$ for $n > 1$

Consider the subset $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$ containing all sequences $\{x_n\}$ defined by :

$$x_1 = a \quad a \text{ is some real number}$$

$$x_2 = b \quad b \text{ is some real number}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + x_{n-1} \quad \text{if } n+1 \geq 3$$

1) Prove $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\infty}$

2) Find a basis for W

3) Consider $B = \{ \{z_n\}, \{v_n\} \}$ where

$$\{z_n\} = (1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n, \dots)$$

$$\{v_n\} = (1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^n, \dots)$$

$$\{z_n\} \text{ is in } W \quad \text{if} \quad \alpha^2 = \alpha + 1$$

$$\{v_n\} \text{ is in } W \quad \text{if} \quad \beta^2 = \beta + 1$$

Let α, β be the roots of $x^2 = x + 1$

Show that with this choice of α and

β B is a basis for W

4) Find scalars λ_1 and λ_2 s.t

$$\{u_n\} = (1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots) = \lambda_1 \{z_n\} + \lambda_2 \{v_n\}$$

$$\text{and show } u_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\sqrt{5}}$$