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Mathematics for Physicists II

Sheet 3

Exercise 1. Let $n \geq 1$, and let v_1, \dots, v_n be linearly independent elements of a linear space X .

(i) If their set $M := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a maximal set of linearly independent elements of X i.e., for every $x \in X$ we have that

$$x, v_1, \dots, v_n$$

are linearly dependent elements of X , then M is a basis of X .

[1 point]

(ii) If $\dim(X) = n$, and w_1, \dots, w_n are linearly independent elements of X , then $B := \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ is a basis of X .

[1 point]

(iii) If Y is a subspace of X with $\dim(Y) = \dim(X) = n$, then $Y = X$.

[1 point]

(iv) If $\dim(X) = n$, $1 \leq r < n$, and w_1, \dots, w_r are linearly independent elements of X , then there are elements v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n of X such that the set

$$\{w_1, \dots, w_r, v_{r+1}, \dots, v_n\}$$

is a basis of X .

[1 point]

Exercise 2. If X is a linear space, and $Y, Z \preceq X$, such that

$$\forall x \in X \exists! y \in Y \exists! z \in Z (x = y + z),$$

we write $X := Y \oplus Z$. The following are equivalent:

(a) $X = Y \oplus Z$.

(b) $X = Y + Z$ and $Y \cap Z = \{0\}$.

(a) \Rightarrow (b) [2 points],

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Exercise 3. Let X be a linear space, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\dim(X) = n$.

(i) If $Y \preceq X$, there is some $Z \preceq X$ such that $X = Y \oplus Z$.

[1.5 points]

(ii) Is this Z in case (i) unique?

[0.5 point]

(iii) If $Y, Z \preceq X$ such that $X = Y \oplus Z$, then $\dim(X) = \dim(Y) + \dim(Z)$.

[2 points]

Exercise 4. Let Y be a linearly independent subset of a linear space X , and $x_0 \in X$. If $x_0 \notin \langle Y \rangle$, then $Y \cup \{x_0\}$ is a linearly independent subset of X .

[4 points]

Exercise 5. If Y is a linearly independent subset of a non-trivial linear space X , there is a basis B of X , such that $Y \subseteq B$.

[4 points]

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