

**Homework 5: Linear transformations; matrices. Part 2.**  
**Due Monday February 27.**

1. Consider the linear space  $V$  of degree  $n$  polynomials over a field  $F \subset \mathbb{C}$  (that is, the space of all functions  $f : F \rightarrow F$  of the form  $f(x) = a_n x^n + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$ , where  $a_0, \dots, a_n \in F$ ).
  - (a) Find the dimension of the space  $V$ .
  - (b) Let  $D : V \rightarrow V$  be the linear map  $D(f) = f'$  (the derivative). Find the kernel and image of  $D$ .
2. Let  $C(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of all infinitely differentiable functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $D(f) = f'' + f$ . Show that  $D$  is a linear operator on the space  $C(\mathbb{R})$ , and describe its kernel. Is its kernel finite-dimensional? Make a guess at its dimension (you do not have to include a rigorous proof, but explain your guess.)
3. Let  $V$  be an arbitrary vector space over a field  $F$ , and let  $P : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator with the property that  $P^2 = P$  (here by  $P^2$  we mean  $P$  composed with itself). Such linear operators are called *projectors*.
  - (a) Prove that  $V = \text{Ker}(P) \oplus \text{Im}(P)$ .
  - (b) Make an example of such a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
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