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**(13+15+15+15+15 pts) 1.** Consider the set  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  of polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{R}$  as a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  together with the standard operations.

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , consider the subspace  $P_n = \{f \in \mathbb{R}[x] : \deg(f) < n\} \cup \{0\}$  with  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(P_n) = n$  and let  $D : \mathbb{R}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}[x]$  be the differentiation operator.

(a) Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  be non-zero. Show that the set  $S_f = \{D^k(f) : 0 \leq k \leq \deg(f)\}$  is linearly independent.

Set  $m = \deg(f)$ , say,  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_i x^i$ . Observe that for each  $0 \leq k \leq m$ , we have  $\deg(D^k(f)) = m - k$  and the coefficient of  $x^{m-k}$  in  $D^k(f)$  is equal to  $\binom{m}{k} k! \beta_m$ . Now let  $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_m \in \mathbb{R}$  and suppose that  $\alpha_0 D^0(f) + \dots + \alpha_m D^m(f) = 0$ . By our observation on degrees, the coefficient of  $x^m$  on the left hand side equals  $\alpha_0 \beta_m$ . Since  $\beta_m \neq 0$ , we have that  $\alpha_0 = 0$ . It follows that  $\alpha_1 D^1(f) + \dots + \alpha_m D^m(f) = 0$ . Similarly, the coefficient of  $x^{m-1}$  on the left hand side equals  $\alpha_1 m \beta_m$ . Since  $m \beta_m \neq 0$ , we have that  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . It follows that  $\alpha_2 D^2(f) + \dots + \alpha_m D^m(f) = 0$ . Continuing in this fashion inductively, we obtain that  $\alpha_0 = \dots = \alpha_m = 0$ . Therefore  $D^0(f), \dots, D^m(f)$  are linearly independent.

(b) Prove that any  $D$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  with dimension  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  is equal to  $P_n$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and let  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$  be a  $D$ -invariant subspace of dimension  $n$ . Let  $0 \neq f \in V$ . We shall show that  $\deg(f) < n$ . Since  $V$  is  $D$ -invariant,  $S_f = \{D^0(f), \dots, D^m(f)\} \subseteq V$  where  $m = \deg(f)$ . By Part (a),  $S_f$  is linearly independent. Since  $V$  is of dimension  $n$ , we must have  $m+1 = |S_f| \leq n$  and hence  $m < n$ . It follows that  $V \subseteq P_n$ . However, both subspaces  $V$  and  $P_n$  have dimension  $n$  and hence,  $V = P_n$ .

In the rest of this question, consider  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  as an inner product space over  $\mathbb{R}$  with the inner product  $\langle f | g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ . Let  $W = \text{span}(\{x^{2n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}) = \langle x, x^3, x^5, \dots \rangle$ .

(c) Let  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that  $x^k$  and  $x^\ell$  are orthogonal if and only if  $k$  and  $\ell$  have different parity. Using this fact, conclude that  $D(W) \subseteq W^\perp$ .

Suppose that  $k$  and  $\ell$  have different parity. Then  $k+\ell$  is odd and  $x^{k+\ell}$  is an odd function. It follows that  $0 = \int_{-1}^1 x^{k+\ell} dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^k x^\ell dx = \langle x^k | x^\ell \rangle$  and hence,  $x^k$  and  $x^\ell$  are orthogonal. Now suppose that  $k$  and  $\ell$  have the same parity. Then  $k+\ell$  is even. It follows that  $\frac{2}{k+\ell+1} = \int_{-1}^1 x^{k+\ell} dx = \int_{-1}^1 x^k x^\ell dx = \langle x^k | x^\ell \rangle$  and hence,  $x^k$  and  $x^\ell$  are not orthogonal. Since  $W = \langle x, x^3, x^5, \dots \rangle$ , we have that  $D(W) = \langle D(x), D(x^3), D(x^5), \dots \rangle = \langle 1, 3x^2, 5x^4, \dots \rangle = \langle 1, x^2, x^4, \dots \rangle$ . Let  $g \in D(W)$ , say,  $g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_i x^{2i}$ . Then, for any  $f \in W$ , say,  $f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j x^{2j+1}$ , we have  $\langle g | f \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j \beta_i \langle x^{2i} | x^{2j+1} \rangle = 0$ . Hence  $g$  is orthogonal to every vector in  $W$ . It follows that  $D(W) \subseteq W^\perp$ .

(d) Show that  $\mathbb{R}[x] = W \oplus D(W)$ . Using this fact, conclude that  $D(W) = W^\perp$ .

Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ , say,  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i x^i$ . Consider  $f_{\text{odd}}(x) = \sum_{0 \leq 2i+1 \leq n} \alpha_{2i+1} x^{2i+1}$  and  $f_{\text{even}}(x) = \sum_{0 \leq 2i \leq n} \alpha_{2i} x^{2i}$ . Observe that  $f_{\text{odd}} \in W$  and  $f_{\text{even}} \in D(W)$ . Moreover, we have  $f(x) = f_{\text{odd}}(x) + f_{\text{even}}(x)$ . It follows that  $\mathbb{R}[x] = W + D(W)$ . On the other hand,  $W \cap D(W) = \{0\}$  since there is no non-zero polynomial whose monomials are both even and odd degree. Thus  $\mathbb{R}[x] = W \oplus D(W)$ .

For the conclusion, let  $g \in W^\perp$ . As above, we can write  $g$  as  $g(x) = g_{\text{odd}}(x) + g_{\text{even}}(x)$  where  $g_{\text{odd}} \in W$  and  $g_{\text{even}} \in D(W)$ . Since  $g_{\text{odd}} \in W$  and  $g \in W^\perp$ , we have

$$0 = \langle g_{\text{odd}} | g \rangle = \langle g_{\text{odd}} | g_{\text{odd}} + g_{\text{even}} \rangle = \langle g_{\text{odd}} | g_{\text{odd}} \rangle + \langle g_{\text{odd}} | g_{\text{even}} \rangle = \langle g_{\text{odd}} | g_{\text{odd}} \rangle = \|g_{\text{odd}}\|^2$$

and hence  $g_{\text{odd}} = 0$ . It follows that  $g = g_{\text{even}} \in D(W)$ . This shows that  $W^\perp \subseteq D(W)$ . We already proved  $D(W) \subseteq W^\perp$  in Part (b). Consequently,  $D(W) = W^\perp$ .

(e) Show that we have  $\left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{260} f(x) dx\right)^2 + \left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{261} f(x) dx\right)^2 \leq 262 \int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx$  for every  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ . By Part (b), the set  $\{x^{260}, x^{261}\}$  is orthogonal and hence, by Bessel's inequality, for every  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ , we have  $\frac{| \langle f | x^{260} \rangle |^2}{\|x^{260}\|^2} + \frac{| \langle f | x^{261} \rangle |^2}{\|x^{261}\|^2} \leq \|f\|^2$ . By an easy calculation, we have that  $\|x^{260}\|^2 = \frac{2}{521}$  and  $\|x^{261}\|^2 = \frac{2}{523}$ . Therefore, the inequality above implies that

$$\frac{\left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{260} f(x) dx\right)^2}{2/521} + \frac{\left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{261} f(x) dx\right)^2}{2/523} \leq \|f\|^2$$

Thus  $\left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{260} f(x) dx\right)^2 + \left(\int_{-1}^1 x^{261} f(x) dx\right)^2 \leq \|f\|^2 = \int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx \leq 262 \int_{-1}^1 f(x)^2 dx$ .

**(12 pts) 2.** Consider  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the standard inner product. Fill in the blanks below to determine vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  so that an application of the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process **to the vectors**  $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  in this order results in the vectors  $(1, 1, 1), (-1, 0, 1), (1, -2, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Remark.** For this question only, there shall be no partial credits and hence, you need *not* show your computation but only need to fill in the blanks with appropriate scalars.

$$v_1 = (1, 1, \textcolor{red}{1})$$

$$v_2 = (-1, 0, 1) + (5, \textcolor{red}{5}, \textcolor{red}{5})$$

$$v_3 = (1, -2, 1) + (2, 6, \textcolor{red}{10})$$

Recall the following basic facts: Any odd degree polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  has a root in  $\mathbb{R}$  and any quadratic polynomial in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  with no roots in  $\mathbb{R}$  has distinct roots in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**(15 pts) 3.** Let  $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  be **not** trianguable over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Consider the characteristic polynomial  $p(x)$  and the minimal polynomial  $m(x)$  of the matrix  $A$ . Since  $\deg(p(x)) = 3$ , the polynomial  $p(x)$  has at least one root in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $p(x)$  had more than one root in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $p(x)$  would be a product of linear factors in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  and, since  $m(x) \mid p(x)$  by the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,  $m(x)$  would be a product of linear factors in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ , implying that  $A$  is trianguable over  $\mathbb{R}$ , which we know is not the case. Thus  $p(x)$  has exactly one root in  $\mathbb{R}$ . But then, by the given fact,  $p(x)$  must have three distinct roots in  $\mathbb{C}$ . It now follows from  $m(x) \mid p(x)$  that  $m(x)$  is a product of **distinct** linear factors in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  and hence  $A$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}$ .