

1. Let V and W be vector spaces, let $S = \{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ be a subset of V , and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear transformation.

a) (3 pts) Carefully define what it means to say that $\text{Span } S = V$.

b) (3 pts) Carefully define the set $\text{Image } T$.

c) (6 pts) Show that if $\text{Span } S = V$, then $\text{Image } T = \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$.

a) $\text{Span } S = V$ means

$$\forall \vec{v} \in V, \exists c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k.$$

(Note technically, the above means $V \subset \text{Span } S$, but the reverse inclusion is trivial.)

b) $\text{Image } T = \{ \vec{w} \in W \mid \exists \vec{v} \in V \text{ such that } \vec{w} = T(\vec{v}) \}$,

c) Given: $\text{Span } S = V$

Let us show $\text{Image } T \stackrel{?}{\subset} \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$

Let $\vec{w} \in \text{Image } T$. We want to show $\vec{w} \stackrel{?}{\in} \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$,

Since $\vec{w} \in \text{Image } T$, $\exists \vec{v} \in V$ st. $\vec{w} = T(\vec{v})$.

This \vec{v} can be expressed as $\vec{v} = c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$ for some $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ (because $V = \text{Span } S$).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But then } \vec{w} = T(\vec{v}) &= T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k) \\ &= c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_k T(\vec{v}_k) \quad (T \text{ is linear}) \end{aligned}$$

so we have expressed \vec{w} as a linear combination of $T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)$,
so $\vec{w} \in \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$, as desired.

Conversely, Let us show $\text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\} \stackrel{?}{\subset} \text{Image } T$.

Let $\vec{w} \in \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$. We want to show, $\vec{w} \stackrel{?}{\in} \text{Image } T$.

We know $\exists c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\vec{w} = c_1 T(\vec{v}_1) + \dots + c_k T(\vec{v}_k)$.

But then, by linearity of T , $\vec{w} = T(c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k)$.

This shows that \vec{w} is the image under T of $c_1 \vec{v}_1 + \dots + c_k \vec{v}_k$.

Thus $\vec{w} \in \text{Image } T$, as desired.

The above two paragraphs show: $\text{Image } T = \text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\}$.

[Note the converse, $\text{Span } \{T(\vec{v}_1), \dots, T(\vec{v}_k)\} \stackrel{?}{\subset} \text{Image } T$, can be shown by arguing that $\forall i, T(\vec{v}_i) \in \text{Image } T$, and that $\text{Image } T$ is a subspace. So $\text{Image } T$ contains the span of the $T(\vec{v}_i)$'s, since the span is the smallest subspace containing the $T(\vec{v}_i)$'s.]

2. a) (8 pts) Show that the set $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b) (4 pts) Express the vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ as a linear combination of the vectors in the above basis.

a) Let us show the vectors are linearly independent:

$$\text{if } c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{then } \begin{cases} c_1 + 2c_2 + 3c_3 = 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ c_2 + 4c_3 = 0 & \textcircled{2} \\ c_3 = 0 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Now } \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow c_3 = 0, \\ \text{combine with } \textcircled{2}: \text{ this gives } c_2 = 0, \\ \text{combine these 2 results with } \textcircled{1}: \\ \text{this gives } c_1 = 0. \end{array}$$

Note if we have covered the theorem at this point, we can say: "these are 3 vectors in the 3-dimensional space \mathbb{R}^3 : if they are linearly independent, they are automatically a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 ". However, at this point in the semester we had not yet seen this theorem, so we had to argue as follows:

Let us show that these vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 .

Given an arbitrary $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, we must show $\exists r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $r_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\text{So we must solve } \begin{cases} r_1 + 2r_2 + 3r_3 = x_1 \\ r_2 + 4r_3 = x_2 \\ r_3 = x_3 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } r_1, r_2, r_3 \text{ (in terms of the "input" } x_1, x_2, x_3).$$

It is easy to solve for r_3 , then r_2 , then r_1 (no need for full Gaussian elimination) to get:

$$r_3 = x_3$$

$$r_2 = x_2 - 4x_3$$

$$r_1 = x_1 - 2(x_2 - 4x_3) - 3x_3 = x_1 - 2x_2 + 5x_3.$$

This shows that the vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 . Combining with their linear independence, we get that these vectors are a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 .

b) we must solve $r_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r_2 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + r_3 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. This is system $\textcircled{*}$ above

with $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1$. The solution is

$$\begin{cases} r_3 = 1 \\ r_2 = -3 \\ r_1 = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 3 \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Define the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) (3 pts) Find the matrix A_T .

b) (4 pts) Show that T is injective but not surjective.

c) (5 pts) Find **one** linear transformation $S: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $S \circ T = id_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ (there are many possible answers), and verify that $A_S A_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) $T(\vec{e}_1) = T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, and $T(\vec{e}_2) = T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. These are the columns of A_T , thus $A_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

b) T is injective: Let us show $\ker T \stackrel{?}{=} \{\vec{0}\}$. Of course $\{\vec{0}\} \subset \ker T$; we must show the converse.

If $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \ker T$, then $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$ then $\left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + 2x_2 = 0 \\ 2x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\}$ these 2 show $x_1 = x_2 = 0$.

thus $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \ker T \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$. This shows $\ker T = \{\vec{0}\}$ as desired, & so T is injective.

T is not surjective: it is enough to find ONE $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{Image } T$. There are many choices (anything with $y_1 \neq y_2 + y_3$ will do). The correct example is:

Let us show that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{Image } T$. Indeed, if we had $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, for some $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$, we would have

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 2x_2 = 1 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x_2 = 0 & \textcircled{2} \\ x_1 = 0 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$$

But the $\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$ says $x_1 + 2x_2 = 0$, which contradicts $\textcircled{1}$. There are no solns to this, so $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \notin \text{Image } T$, & so T is not surjective.

c) There are many choices, we want $S\left(T\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right)\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ (since $id\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$)

so we want $S: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, defined for any $S\left(\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}\right)$, with the property that (linear)

$$\forall x_1, x_2, \quad S\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Some trial & error will show you that you

can choose $S\left(\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} y_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}y_2 \end{pmatrix}$

(since $S\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 + 2x_2 \\ 2x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$)

(Note: there are many other choices.)

Let us check: $A_S A_T \stackrel{?}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$,

$$A_S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for our choice,}$$

$$\text{then } A_S A_T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 0 \\ 0 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 & 0 \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

4. Given vectors $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in V$ with $\{\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z}\}$ linearly independent.

a) (6 pts) Show that $\{\vec{x} + \vec{y}, \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} + \vec{z}\}$ are linearly independent.

b) (6 pts) Show that $\{\vec{x} + \vec{y}, \vec{x} + \vec{z}, \vec{y} - \vec{z}\}$ are linearly dependent.

a) Suppose $c_1(\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + c_2(\vec{x} + \vec{z}) + c_3(\vec{y} + \vec{z}) = \vec{0}$.
 (We want to show $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$.)

Then $(c_1 + c_2)\vec{x} + (c_1 + c_3)\vec{y} + (c_2 + c_3)\vec{z} = \vec{0}$.

Thus $\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ c_1 + c_3 = 0 & \textcircled{2} \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 & \textcircled{3} \end{cases}$ because $\{\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z}\}$ are linearly independent.

The system is equivalent to $\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} & -c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ \textcircled{3} & c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{exch}} \begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ -c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \begin{matrix} -1 \\ +1 \end{matrix}$

$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 - c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ 2c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\textcircled{1/2}} \begin{cases} c_1 - c_3 = 0 \\ c_2 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{-1} \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$, as Desired

b) either try to solve a system analogous to part a), & look for a nontrivial solution, or notice by inspection that

$\vec{y} - \vec{z} = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) - (\vec{x} + \vec{z})$. Thus one vector is a linear combination of the others, and they are linearly dependent.

If you prefer, you can write the dependency as:

$$\boxed{(-1) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) + (1) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{z}) + (1) \cdot (\vec{y} - \vec{z}) = \vec{0}}$$

5. (12 pts) Find a basis for the kernel and the image of the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

given by the matrix $A_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

① $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} \in \ker T \Leftrightarrow T\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \text{ (redundant)} \\ x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{(-1)}$

$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 0 \end{cases}$
 here x_1, x_2 are bound
 x_3, x_4 are free
 $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = -x_3 - x_4 \\ x_2 = -2x_3 + x_4 \\ x_3 = x_3 \text{ (arbitrary)} \\ x_4 = x_4 \text{ (arbitrary)} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = x_3 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \in \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. So $\ker T = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

& this set is a basis since it is linearly independent; indeed, if $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$,
 then $\begin{cases} -c_1 - c_2 = 0 \\ -2c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \end{cases}$ so $c_1 = c_2 = 0$. So a basis for $\ker T$ is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

② at this stage, we had not yet proved rank-nullity, so we must find a spanning set for $\text{Im } T$ that is linearly independent. As usual,

$\vec{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{Im } T \Leftrightarrow \exists x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix}$
 namely, $\exists \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists x_1, \dots, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\vec{y} = x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + x_4 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \vec{y} \in \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

But the 4 ^{spanning} vectors we have are not linearly independent! So choose a subset that will be a basis for $\text{Im } T$.

We note (by inspection or by direct computation) that $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, so we can remove $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ & get $\text{Im } T = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. Moreover, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

so we can also remove $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ & get $\text{Im } T = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. These last 2 vectors are linearly independent! $c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_2 = 0 \\ c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$.

Hence $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for $\text{Im } T$.

Note there are many other choices of bases for each of $\ker T$, $\text{Im } T$.

6. (12 pts) Enlarge the set $\{1+x, 1+x+x^3\}$ to a basis of \mathcal{P}_3 . (Recall that \mathcal{P}_3 is the vector space of polynomials of degree ≤ 3 .)

Using the technique we saw in class a few days before the quiz:

(there are of course other ways): ("after" our set, which is linearly indep to begin with)

first, take the union with any basis of \mathcal{P}_3 , then remove any vector that is a linear combination of the previous vectors. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_3 &= \text{Span} \{1+x, 1+x+x^3, 1, x, x^2, \underline{x^3}\} && \text{note } x^3 = (1+x+x^3) - (1+x) \\ & && \text{so it can be removed} \\ &= \text{Span} \{1+x, 1+x+x^3, 1, \underline{x}, x^2\} && \text{note } x = (1+x) - 1, \text{ so it can be removed} \\ &= \text{Span} \{1+x, 1+x+x^3, 1, x^2\} \end{aligned}$$

& finally check this set is linearly independent (not necessary if we use the theorem that 4 spanning vectors in a 4-dimensional space must be a basis):

$$\text{if } c_1(1+x) + c_2(1+x+x^3) + c_3(1) + c_4(x^2) = 0$$

$$\text{then } c_2 x^3 + c_4 x^2 + (c_1 + c_2)x + (c_1 + c_2 + c_3)1 = 0$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} c_2 = 0 \\ c_4 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{so } c_1 = 0 \text{ also} \\ \rightarrow \text{so } c_3 = 0 \text{ also} \end{array}$$

This shows linear independence. So a possible extension to

$$\text{a basis is } \boxed{\{1+x, 1+x+x^3, 1, x^2\}}.$$

(Note that there are many other possibilities for the extension.)