

- 4) If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $n \times n$  matrices over the field  $F$  show that  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$ . Then show that similar matrices have the same trace.
- 4) If  $A$  and  $B$  are complex matrices, show that  $AB - BA = I$  is impossible.
- 4) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  and let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $V$  consisting of all  $A$  such that  $AB = 0$ . Let  $f$  be a linear functional on  $V$  which is in the annihilator of  $W$  and such that  $f(I) = 0$  and  $f(C) = 3$  where  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $f(B)$ .
- 4) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vectorspace over a field  $F$  and let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ . If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $W$  prove that there exists a linear functional  $g$  on  $V$  such that  $g(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in W$ .
- 4) Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic 0 and let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vectorspace over  $F$ . If  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  are finitely many vectors in  $V$ , each not the zero vector, prove that there is a linear functional  $f$  on  $V$  such that  $f(a_i) \neq 0$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .
- 4) Let  $V$  be the vectorspace of  $n \times n$  matrices over a field  $F$  and let  $W_0$  be the subspace of  $V$  spanned by matrices of the form  $AB - BA$ . Show that  $W_0$  is exactly the space of matrices with trace 0.
- 4) Let  $S$  be a set,  $F$  a field, and  $V(S, F)$  the space of all functions from  $S$  into  $F$ . Let  $W$  be any  $n$ -dimensional subspace of  $V(S, F)$ . Show that there exist  $n$  points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $S$  and  $n$  functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  in  $W$  such that  $f_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .
- 4) Let  $F$  be a field a let  $f$  be the linear functional on  $F^2$  defined by  $f(x, y) = ax + by$ . Let  $g = T^t f$ . Find  $g$  for
- $T(x, y) = (y, 0)$ .
  - $T(x, y) = (-y, x)$ .
  - $T(x, y) = (y, 0)$ .
- 4) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . Let  $c$  be a scalar and suppose there is a non-zero vector  $a \in V$  such that  $Ta = ca$ . Prove that there is a non-zero linear functional  $f$  on  $V$  such that  $T^t f = cf$ .
- 4) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times m$  matrix over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $A = 0$  iff  $\text{tr} AA^T = 0$ .