

- 9 Suppose m is a positive integer and $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{F})$ are such that each p_k has degree k . Prove that p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m is a basis of $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbf{F})$.

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Since p_0 is a constant and $p_0 \neq 0$.

Then, $1 = p_0 / p_0$

We can write $p_1 = ax + b$ for some
 $a, b \in \mathbf{F}$ with $a \neq 0$.

$$x = \frac{(p_1 - b)}{a}$$

We can write $p_2 = \bar{a}x^2 + \bar{b}x + \bar{c}$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{(\bar{a})} \left[p_2 - \bar{c} - \bar{b} \left(\frac{p_1 - b}{a} \right) \right]$$

Continue this process x_i as a linear combination of p_0, \dots, p_{i-1} for $i=1, 2, \dots, k$

Thus p_0, \dots, p_k spans $\mathcal{P}_m(\mathbb{F})$ and

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We know that $\dim(\mathcal{P}_k(\mathbb{F})) = k+1$

By 2.42, p_0, \dots, p_k is a basis for $\mathcal{P}_k(\mathbb{F})$.

