

## Answer on Question #44283 – Math - Linear Algebra

### Problem.

which sets are a basis for the following vector subspace of  $P_2$  :

X={A  $\in M_{22}$  : A [1] = [0] }

[2] [0]

A {[2 0], [0 -1], [0 0], [0 0]} C {[2 -1], [0 0]}

[0 0] [0 0] [2 0] [0 -1] [0 0] [2 -1]

B {[2 -1]} D {[2 -1], [2 -1]}

[2 -1] [2 -1] [-2 1]

**Remark.** I suppose that the correct statement is

“Which sets are a basis for the following vector subspace of  $P_2$ :  $X = \{A \in M_{22}: A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\}$

A {[2 0], [0 -1], [0 0], [0 0]}

B {[2 -1]}

C {[2 -1], [0 0]}

D {[2 -1], [2 -1]}

### Solution.

If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  or  $a + 2b = 0$  and  $c + 2d = 0$ , hence  $a = -2b$ ,  $c = -2d$ .

Therefore

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2b & b \\ -2d & d \end{bmatrix} = -b \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - d \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

So the basis for the given vector subspace is  $\{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\}$ .

The correct answer is C.

**Answer:** C.