1. Recall from class that if V is a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $T: V \to V$  is a linear transformation, then the vector space V is made into an  $\mathbb{F}[X]$  module  $V_T$  by defining the scalar multiplication

$$f(X)v = f(T)(v).$$

(See Examples 12 and 13, Pages 111-112.) For this exercise, we will let  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ and  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  will be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear transformation defined by the formula

$$T(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = (x_n, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{n-1}).$$

Answer the following questions concerning the  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  module  $V_T$  determined by this linear transformation T. Let  $v = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ .

(a) Compute Xv.

▶ Solution. 
$$Xv = T(v) = (x_n, x_1, x_2, ..., x_{n-1}).$$

(b) Compute  $(X^2 + 2)v$ .

## ▶ Solution.

$$(X^{2}+2)v = (T^{2}+2I)(v) = (x_{n-1}+2x_{1}, x_{n}+2x_{2}, x_{1}+2x_{3}, \dots, x_{n-2}+2x_{n}).$$

(c) Compute  $(X^{n-1} + X^{n-2} + \dots + X + 1)v$ .

Solution. 
$$(X^{n-1}+X^{n-2}+\cdots+X+1)v = (y, \ldots, y)$$
 where  $y = x_1+\cdots+x_n$ .

(d) If  $e_1 = (1, 0, ..., 0)$  and  $f(X) = a_0 + a_1 X + \cdots + a_{n-1} X^{n-1}$  is an arbitrary polynomial of degree  $\leq n - 1$ , compute  $f(X)e_1$ .

▶ Solution. 
$$f(X)e_1 = (a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{n-1}).$$

(e) Verify that  $(X^n - 1)v = 0$  for all  $v \in V$ .

▶ Solution. Since  $T^n v = v$  for all  $v \in V$ , it follows that  $(X^n - 1)v = v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

(f) Show that no nonzero polynomial f(X) of degree < n has the property f(X)v = 0 for all  $v \in V$ .

▶ Solution. By part (d), it follows that  $f(X)e_1 \neq 0$  for any nonzero polynomial of degree  $\leq n-1$ .

- 2. Let  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  and let  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - (a) If  $T_1: V \to V$  is counterclockwise rotation about the origin by  $\pi/2$  radians, show that V and  $\{0\}$  are the only  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  submodules of  $V_{T_1}$ .

▶ Solution. The  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ -submodules of  $V_{T_1}$  are the  $T_1$ -invariant subspaces of V. But the subspaces of V (other than V and  $\{0\}$ ) are the lines through the origin, and rotation of a line through the origin by  $\pi/2$  radians produces a line perpendicular to the starting line. Hence, no such line is invariant under  $T_1$ .

- (b) If  $T_2: V \to V$  is counterclockwise rotation about the origin by  $\pi$  radians, show that every subspace of V is an  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  submodule of  $V_{T_2}$ .
  - ► Solution. Since rotation of a line through the origin by  $\pi$  radians produces the same line (with individual vectors v switched to -v), it follows that all subspaces of V are  $T_2$ -invariant, and hence every subspace of V is an  $\mathbb{R}[X]$  submodule of  $V_{T_2}$ .