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SEMIFINAL Math 237 – Linear Algebra
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Choose up to 6 problems to work. Work each problem on one of the attached pages; write the standard in the lower left corner. Show all work and justify all of your answers. Answers without work or sufficient reasoning will not receive credit. You may use a calculator, but you must show all relevant work to receive credit for a standard.

E1. Write a system of linear equations corresponding to the following augmented matrix.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &= -7 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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E2. Find RREF A, where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -7 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\, A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]$$

$\square$

E3. Solve the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - z + w &= 5 \\ 3x - y - 2w &= 0 \\ -x + 5z + 3w &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{12} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{4} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{12} & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

So the solutions are

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1+a \\ 3-21a \\ -7a \\ 12a \end{bmatrix} \;\middle|\; a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$\square$

E4. Find a basis for the solution set to the homogeneous system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 + 14x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 3 & -5 & 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 5 & 0 \end{array}\right]$, so RREF $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array}\right]$. It follows that the basis for the solution set is given by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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V1. Let V be the set of all real numbers together with the operations $\oplus$ and $\odot$ defined by, for any $x, y \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= x + y - 3 \\ c \odot x &= cx - 3(c - 1) \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that **scalar multiplication** is **associative**: $a \odot (b \odot x) = (ab) \odot x$.

(b) Determine if V is a vector space or not. Justify your answer

Solution: Let $x, y \in V$, $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. To show associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (d \odot x) &= c \odot (dx - 3(d-1)) \\ &= c\,(dx - 3(d-1)) - 3(c-1) \\ &= cdx - 3(cd - 1) \\ &= (cd) \odot x \end{aligned}$$

We verify the remaining 7 properties to see that V is a vector space.

1) Real addition is associative, so $\oplus$ is associative.

2) $x \oplus 3 = x + 3 - 3 = x$, so 3 is the additive identity.

3) $x \oplus (6 - x) = x + (6 - x) - 3 = 3$, so $6 - x$ is the additive inverse of x.

4) Real addition is commutative, so $\oplus$ is commutative.

5) Associativity shown above

6) $1 \odot x = x - 3(1 - 1) = x$

7)

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (x \oplus y) &= c \odot (x + y - 3) \\ &= c(x + y - 3) - 3(c - 1) \\ &= cx - 3(c-1) + cy - 3(c-1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (c \odot y) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (c + d) \odot x &= (c + d)x - 3(c + d - 1) \\ &= cx - 3(c-1) + dx - 3(c-1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (d \odot x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore V is a vector space.

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V2. Determine if $\begin{bmatrix}1\\4\\3\end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix}3\\0\\-1\end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\4\end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix}5\\1\\-6\end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}3 & 1 & 5 & 1\\0 & -1 & 1 & 4\\-1 & 4 & -6 & 3\end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c}1 & 0 & 2 & 0\\0 & 1 & -1 & 0\\0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$$

So $\begin{bmatrix}1\\4\\3\end{bmatrix}$ is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

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V3. Determine if the vectors $\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\2\\1\end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix}3\\1\\0\\-3\end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix}0\\3\\0\\-2\end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix}-1\\1\\-1\\-1\end{bmatrix}$ span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix}1 & 3 & 0 & -1\\0 & 1 & 3 & 1\\2 & 0 & 0 & -1\\1 & -3 & -2 & -1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0 & 0\\0 & 1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 0 & 1 & 0\\0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}$$

Since every row contains a pivot, the vectors span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

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V4. Determine if the set of all lattice points, i.e. $\{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers}\}$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution: This set is closed under addition, but not under scalar multiplication so it is not a subspace.

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S1. Determine if the vectors $\begin{bmatrix}1\\1\\-1\end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix}3\\-1\\1\end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix}2\\0\\-2\end{bmatrix}$ are linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix}1 & 3 & 2\\1 & -1 & 0\\-1 & 1 & -2\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0\\0 & 1 & 0\\0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix}$$

Since each column is a pivot column, the vectors are linearly independent.

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S2. Determine if the set $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}3\\-1\\2\\3\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}2\\0\\2\\4\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\0\\-1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}-1\\3\\0\\5\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix}3 & 2 & 1 & -1\\-1 & 0 & -1 & 3\\2 & 2 & 0 & 0\\3 & 4 & -1 & 5\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 1 & 0\\0 & 1 & -1 & 0\\0 & 0 & 0 & 1\\0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}$$

Since the resulting matrix is not the identity matrix, it is not a basis.

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S3. Let $W = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix}-3\\-8\\0\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\-1\\3\end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. Find a basis for W.

Solution: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix}-3 & 1 & 0\\-8 & 2 & -1\\0 & 2 & 3\end{bmatrix}$, and compute $\operatorname{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\\0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2}\\0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}$. Since the first two columns are pivot columns, $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}-3\\-8\\0\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\2\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis for W.

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S4. Let $W = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix}2\\0\\-2\\0\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}3\\1\\3\\6\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\0\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\2\\0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. Compute the dimension of W.

Solution:

$$\operatorname{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix}2 & 3 & 0 & 1\\0 & 1 & 0 & 2\\-2 & 3 & 1 & 0\\0 & 6 & 1 & 1\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2}\\0 & 1 & 0 & 2\\0 & 0 & 1 & -11\\0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}$$

This has 3 pivot columns so $\dim(W) = 3$.

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A1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}x\\y\\z\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}-3x+y\\-8x+2y-z\\7x+2y+3z\\0\end{bmatrix}.$$

Write the matrix for T with respect to the standard bases of $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix}3 & 1 & 0\\-8 & 2 & -1\\7 & 2 & 3\\0 & 0 & 0\end{bmatrix}$$

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A2. Determine if $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}x\\y\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}e^x\\e^y\end{bmatrix}$ is a linear transformation.

Solution: It is not linear. For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix}e^2\\1\end{bmatrix} = T\left(\begin{bmatrix}2\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) \neq 2T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}2e\\1\end{bmatrix}$$

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A3. Determine if each of the following linear transformations is injective (one-to-one) and/or surjective (onto).

(a) $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ given by the standard matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ given by the standard matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

(a) RREF $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Since each column is a pivot column, S is injective. Since there is no zero row, S is surjective.

(b) Since $\dim \mathbb{R}^4 > \dim \mathbb{R}^3$, T is not injective.

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since there are only two pivot columns, T is not surjective.

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A4. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear map given by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 8x - 3y - z + 4w \\ y + 3z - 4w \\ -7x + 3y + 2z - 5w \end{bmatrix}$. Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of T.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ -7 & 3 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis for the image, and $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis for the kernel.

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M1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exactly one of the six products AB, AC, BA, BC, CA, CB can be computed. Determine which one, and compute it.

Solution: AC is the only one that can be computed, and

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 & 14 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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M2. Determine if the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since it is not equivalent to the identity matrix, it is not invertible.

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M3. Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 \\ -14 & 3 & -4 \\ -23 & 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 1 \\ -14 & 3 & -4 \\ -23 & 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 & -3 \\ 8 & -13 & 10 \\ 13 & -24 & 18 \end{bmatrix}$$

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G1. Compute the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution: 55.

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G2. Compute the eigenvalues, along with their algebraic multiplicities, of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 108 & -9 & 5 \\ 10 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: The eigenvalues are 1 with multiplicity 1 and -2, with algebraic multiplicity 2.

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G3. Compute the eigenspace of the eigenvalue -1 in the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 15 & -7 & -3 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\,(A+I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the eigenspace is spanned by $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$.

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G4. Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue -1 in the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 15 & -7 & -3 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\mathrm{RREF}\,(A+I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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