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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 upper 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 an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\ 3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 - x_3 + x_4 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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**E2.** Find RREF  $A$ , where

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 5 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -5 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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**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:**

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

So the solutions are

$$\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1+a \\ 3-21a \\ -7a \\ 12a \end{array} \right] \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 + 14x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 = 0$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -5 & 14 & | & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 5 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & | & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . 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 polynomials with the operations, for any  $f, g \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f \oplus g = f' + g'$$

$$c \odot f = cf'$$

(here  $f'$  denotes the derivative of  $f$ ).

(a) Show that scalar multiplication **distributes scalars** over vector addition:  $c \odot (f \oplus g) = c \odot f \oplus c \odot g$ .

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

**Solution:** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$ , and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$c \odot (f \oplus g) = c \odot (f' + g') = c(f' + g')' = cf'' + cg'' = cf' \oplus cg' = c \odot f \oplus c \odot g.$$

However, this is not a vector space, as there is no zero vector. Additionally,  $1 \odot f \neq f$  for any nonzero polynomial  $f$ .

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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & | & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & | & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & | & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this system has a solution,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , namely

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**V3.** Does  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^5$ ?

**Solution:** Since there are only three vectors, they cannot span  $\mathbb{R}^5$ .

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**V4.** Let  $W$  be the set of all complex numbers that are purely real (i.e of the form  $a + 0i$ ) or purely imaginary (i.e. of the form  $0 + bi$ ). Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Solution:** No, because 1 is purely real and  $i$  is purely imaginary, but the linear combination  $1 + i$  is neither.

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**S1.** Determine if the set of polynomials  $\{-3x^3 - 8x^2, x^3 + 2x^2 + 2, -x^2 + 3\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:**

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

This has a non pivot column, therefore the set is linearly dependent.

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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  $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -8 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Find a basis for this vector space.

**Solution:**

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

Thus  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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**A1.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3x_3 \\ 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write the matrix for  $T$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Solution:**

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

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**A2.** Determine if the map  $T : \mathcal{P}^6 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^7$  given by  $T(f) = xf(x) - f(1)$  is a linear transformation or not.

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

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

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

**Solution:**

(a)  $\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . 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  $T : \mathcal{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^3$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T(ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d) = (a + 3b + 3c + 7d)x^3 + (a + 3b - c - d)x^2 + (2a + 6b + 3c + 8d)x + (a + 3b - 2c - 3d)$$

Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of  $T$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then a basis for the kernel is

$$\{-3x^3 + x^2, -x^3 - 2x + 1\}$$

and a basis for the image is

$$\{x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2\}$$

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**M1.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

**Solution:**  $CB$  is the only one that can be computed, and

$$CB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & -5 & 7 \\ 4 & -4 & 12 & -12 \\ 7 & 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**M2.** Determine if the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix is not row equivalent to the identity matrix, so 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  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} &= 2 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - (-1) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 2 \left( 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + (-1) \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) + \left( 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} - 3 \det \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= 2(3(-1) + (-1)(7)) + ((1)(7) - 3(-3)) \\ &= 2(-10) + 16 \\ &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

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**G2.** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . List the eigenvalues of  $A$  along with their algebraic multiplicities.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A - \lambda I) &= \det \begin{bmatrix} -3 - \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-3 - \lambda) \det \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} - (1) \det \begin{bmatrix} -8 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (-3 - \lambda)((2 - \lambda)(3 - \lambda) + 2) - (-8(3 - \lambda)) \\ &= (-3 - \lambda)(8 - 5\lambda + \lambda^2) + 24 - 8\lambda \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 + 7\lambda - 24 + 24 - 8\lambda \\ &= -\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^2 - \lambda \\ &= -\lambda(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1) \\ &= -\lambda(\lambda - 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

So  $A$  has eigenvalues 0 (with multiplicity 1) and 1 (with algebraic multiplicity 2).

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**G3.** Find the eigenspace associated to the eigenvalue 1 in the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 2 \\ 19 & -6 & 5 \\ -11 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** The eigenspace is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G4.** Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 in the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & 2 \\ 15 & -5 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** The eigenspace is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the geometric multiplicity is 1.

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