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# MASTERY QUIZ DAY 14

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

## Version 6

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Show all work. Answers without work will not receive credit. You may use a calculator, but you must show all relevant work to receive credit for a standard.

**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs of real numbers with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (0, cy_1)$$

(a) Show that this scalar multiplication  $\odot$  distributes over scalar addition.

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

**Solution:** Let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V$ , and let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(c + d) \odot (x_1, y_1) = (0, (c + d)y_1) = (0, cy_1) \oplus (0, dy_1) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1).$$

However,  $V$  is not a vector space, as  $1 \odot (x_1, y_1) = (0, y_1) \neq (x_1, y_1)$ .

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**V3.** Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 21 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 11 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ 21 & -8 & -3 & 11 \\ -7 & 3 & 2 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the rank is less than 3, they do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**V4.** Let  $W$  be the set of all  $\mathbb{R}^3$  vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  satisfying  $x + y + z = 0$  (this forms a plane). Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:** Yes, because  $z = -x - y$  and  $a \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ -x_1 - y_1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ -x_2 - y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax_1 + bx_2 \\ ay_1 + by_2 \\ -(ax_1 + bx_2) - (ay_1 + by_2) \end{bmatrix}$ .

Alternately, yes because  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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**S2.** Determine if the set  $\{x^2 + x - 1, 3x^2 - x + 1, 2x - 2\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2$

**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 the resulting matrix is the identity matrix, it is a basis.

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**V3:**

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