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MASTERY QUIZ DAY 14 Math 237 – Linear Algebra
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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 real numbers with the operations, for any $x, y \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ c \odot x &= cx \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that the vector **addition** $\oplus$ is **associative**: $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$.

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

Solution: Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (x \oplus y) \oplus z &= \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \oplus z \\ &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2+y^2})^2 + z^2} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 + (\sqrt{y^2+z^2})^2} \\ &= x \oplus \sqrt{y^2+z^2} \\ &= x \oplus (y \oplus z) \end{aligned}$$

However, this is not a vector space, as there is no zero vector.

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V3. Does $\operatorname{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$?

Solution: Since

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & -3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a zero row, the vectors fail to span $\mathbb{R}^3$.

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V4. Let W be the set of all complex numbers $a + bi$ satisfying $a = 2b$. Determine if W is a subspace of $\mathbb{C}$.

Solution: Yes, because $c(2b_1 + b_1 i) + d(2b_2 + b_2 i) = 2(cb_1 + db_2) + (cb_1 + db_2)i$ belongs to W. Alternately, yes because W is isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}$.

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S2. Determine if the set $\left\{x^2 + x - 1, 3x^2 - x + 1, 2x - 2\right\}$ 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.

$\square$

V1: $\boxed{}$ **V3:** $\boxed{}$ **V4:** $\boxed{}$ **S2:** $\boxed{}$