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**MIDTERM EXAM**

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.

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

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

**Solution:**

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

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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:**

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

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

$$4x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - 6x_4 = 0$$

$$-2x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 3 & -6 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 & | & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -4 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & -3 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . It follows that the basis for the solution set is given by  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

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**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all points on the parabola  $y = x^2$  with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2 + 2x_1x_2)$$

$$c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (cx_1, c^2y_1)$$

(a) Show that the vector **addition**  $\oplus$  is **associative**:

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus ((x_2, y_2) \oplus (x_3, y_3)) = ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) \oplus (x_3, y_3).$$

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

**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:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 5 & | & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & | & 4 \\ -1 & 4 & -6 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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.** Let  $W$  be the set of all polynomials of the form  $ax^3 + bx$ . Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^3$ .

**Solution:** Yes because  $s(a_1x^3 + b_1x) + t(a_2x^3 + b_2x) = (sa_1 + ta_2)x^3 + (sb_1 + tb_2)x$  also belongs to  $W$ . Alternately, yes because  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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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  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since this is not the identity matrix, the set is not a basis.

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

**Solution:** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , and compute  $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . 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  $W = \text{span} \{2x^2 - x + 3, 2x^2 + 2, -x^2 + 4x + 1\}$ . Find the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since it has three pivot columns, its dimension is 3.

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