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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 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

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

**Solution:**

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

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**E3.** Solve the following linear system.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y + z &= 7 \\ x + y + z &= 1 \\ -2x + 3z &= -11 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 & -11 \end{array} \right]$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$ . It follows that the system has exactly one solution:  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

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

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**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all polynomials with the operations, for any  $f, g \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f \oplus g &= f' + g' \\ c \odot f &= cf' \end{aligned}$$

(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  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to the span of the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

**Solution:** Since

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

does not contain a contradiction,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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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:**

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

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

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**V4.** Determine if  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:** It is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, so it is a subspace. Alternatively, it is the image of the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**S1.** Determine if the set of vectors  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:**

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

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

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**S2.** Determine if the set  $\{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 2, -x^3 + 4x^2 - x + 1, -x^3 + 2x + 1, 3x^2 + 3x + 9\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}^3$  or not.

**Solution:**

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

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

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**S3.** Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^2$  given by  $W = \text{span}(\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2, -x + 3\})$ . 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,  $\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

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**S4.** Let  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . Find the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

This has two pivot columns, so  $W$  has dimension 2.

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**A1.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  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 the map  $T : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  given by  $T(f) = f' - f''$  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)  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  given by the standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b)  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by the standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 11 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

(a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since each column is a pivot column,  $S$  is injective. Since there is a zero row,  $S$  is not surjective.

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

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

Since there is a zero row,  $T$  is not surjective.

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**A4.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear map given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ x & y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a + x \\ 0 \\ b + y \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of  $T$ .

**Solution:** Rewrite as  $T' \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+x \\ 0 \\ b+y \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

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

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**M1.** Let

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

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  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

**Solution:** It is row equivalent to the identity matrix, so it is invertible.

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**M3.** Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & -7 & 20 & 47 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{So the inverse is } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 & 12 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & -9 \\ -4 & -7 & 20 & 47 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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**G1.** Compute the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**  $-60$ .

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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 2 in the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The eigenspace is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G4.** Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 in the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The eigenspace is the solution space of the system  $(B - 2I)X = 0$ .

$$\text{RREF}(B - 2I) = \text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 3 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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