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 $x, y \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$x \oplus y = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$c \odot x = cx$$

(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

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\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. 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:

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\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. Determine if $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \ \middle|\ x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ 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 $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ given by

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

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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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