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# MIDTERM EXAM

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.

<b>Standard E1.</b>	Mark:
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Write a system of linear equations corresponding to the following augmented matrix.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -4 & -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$-4x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

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

$$-x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

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<b>Standard E2.</b>	Mark:
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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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<b>Standard E3.</b>	Mark:
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Solve the system of equations

$$-3x + y = 2$$

$$-8x + 2y - z = 6$$

$$2y + 3z = -2$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -2 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

The solutions are

$$\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 - \frac{c}{2} \\ -1 - \frac{3c}{2} \\ c \end{array} \right] \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} c-1 \\ 3c-1 \\ -2c \end{array} \right] \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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<b>Standard E4.</b>	Mark:
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Find a basis for the solution set to the homogeneous system of equations given by

$$2x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 - x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_3 + x_4 = 0$$

$$-4x_1 + x_2 - 9x_3 + 2x_4 = 0$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -2 & 6 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & -9 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ . It follows that the basis for the solution set is given by  $\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right] \right\}$ .

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<b>Standard V1.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $V$  be the set of all points on the line  $x + y = 2$  with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2 - 1, y_1 + y_2 - 1)$$

$$c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (cx_1 - (c-1), cy_1 - (c-1))$$

- (a) Show that this vector space has an **additive identity** element  $\mathbf{0}$  satisfying  $(x, y) \oplus \mathbf{0} = (x, y)$ .
- (b) Determine if  $V$  is a vector space or not. Justify your answer.

**Solution:** Let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V$ ; then  $(x_1, y_1) \oplus (1, 1) = (x_1, y_1)$ , so  $(1, 1)$  is an additive identity element. Now we will show the other seven properties. Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ , and let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- 1) Since real addition is associative,  $\oplus$  is associative.
- 2) Since real addition is commutative,  $\oplus$  is commutative.
- 3) The additive identity is  $(1, 1)$ .
- 4)  $(x_1, y_1) \oplus (2 - x_1, 2 - y_1) = (1, 1)$ , so  $(2 - x_1, 2 - y_1)$  is the additive inverse of  $(x_1, y_1)$ .

5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c \odot (d \odot (x_1, y_1)) &= c \odot (dx_1 - (d - 1), dy_1 - (d - 1)) \\
 &= (c(dx_1 - (d - 1)) - (c - 1), c(dy_1 - (d - 1))) \\
 &= (cdx_1 - cd + c - (c - 1), cdy_1 - cd + c - (c - 1)) \\
 &= (cdx_1 - (cd - 1), cdy_1 - (cd - 1)) \\
 &= (cd) \odot (x_1, y_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

6)  $1 \odot (x_1, y_1) = (x_1 - (1 - 1), y_1 - (1 - 1)) = (x_1, y_1)$

7)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) &= c \odot (x_1 + y_1 - 1, x_2 + y_2 - 1) \\
 &= (c(x_1 + y_1 - 1) - (c - 1), c(x_2 + y_2 - 1) - (c - 1)) \\
 &= (cx_1 + cx_2 - 2c + 1, cy_1 + cy_2 - 2c + 1) \\
 &= (cx_1 - (c - 1), cy_1 - (c - 1)) \oplus (cx_2 - (c - 1), cy_2 - (c - 1)) \\
 &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (c + d) \odot (x_1, y_1) &= ((c + d)x_1 - (c + d - 1), (c + d)y_1 - (c + d - 1)) \\
 &= (cx_1 - (c - 1), cy_1 - (c - 1)) \oplus (dx_1 - (d - 1), dy_1 - (d - 1)) \\
 &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $V$  is a vector space.

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<b>Standard V2.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  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

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

contains the contradiction  $0 = 1$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

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<b>Standard V3.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since there are zero rows, they do not span. Alternatively, by inspection  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the set is linearly dependent, so it spans a subspace of dimension at most 3, therefore it does not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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<b>Standard V4.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W$  be the set of all polynomials of even degree. Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of the vector space of all polynomials.

**Solution:**  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication, but not under addition. For example,  $x - x^2$  and  $x^2$  are both in  $W$ , but  $(x - x^2) + (x^2) = x \notin W$ .

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<b>Standard S1.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the set of polynomials  $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:**

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

Since there is a nonpivot column, the set is linearly dependent.

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<b>Standard S2.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**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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<b>Standard S3.</b>	Mark:
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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 a basis for  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

Then a basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

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<b>Standard S4.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -8 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Find the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since it has two pivot columns, its dimension is 2.

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<b>Additional Notes/Marks</b>	
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