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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 pairs of real numbers with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

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

$$c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (c^2 x_1, c^3 y_1)$$

(a) Show that scalar multiplication **distributes scalars** over vector addition:

$$c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2).$$

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

**Solution:** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) &= c \odot (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (c^2(x_1 + x_2), c^3(y_1 + y_2)) \\ &= (c^2 x_1, c^3 y_1) \oplus (c^2 x_2, c^3 y_2) \\ &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

However,  $V$  is not a vector space, as the other distributive law fails:

$$(c + d) \odot (x_1, y_1) = ((c + d)^2 x_1, (c + d)^3 y_1) \neq ((c^2 + d^2) x_1, (c^3 + d^3) y_1) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1).$$

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**V3.** 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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**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  $s(a_1 x^3 + b_1 x) + t(a_2 x^3 + b_2 x) = (sa_1 + ta_2)x^3 + (sb_1 + tb_2)x$  also belongs to  $W$ . Alternately, yes because  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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**S2.** Determine if the set  $\{x^3 - x, x^2 + x + 1, x^3 - x^2 + 2, 2x^2 - 1\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_3$

**Solution:**

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

Since the resulting matrix is not the identity matrix, it is not a basis.

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**V3:**

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