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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.

Standard E1.	Mark:
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Write an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 0 \\x_1 - x_3 + x_4 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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Standard E2.	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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Standard E3.	Mark:
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Solve the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y - z + w &= 5 \\3x - y - 2w &= 0 \\-x + 5z + 3w &= -1\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

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

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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Standard E4.	Mark:
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Find a basis for the solution set of the system of equations

$$x + 2y + 3z + w = 0$$

$$3x - y + z + w = 0$$

$$2x - 3y - 2z = 0$$

Solution:

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

Then the solution set is

$$\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} -\frac{5}{7}a - \frac{3}{7}b \\ -\frac{8}{7}a - \frac{2}{7}b \\ a \\ b \end{array} \right] \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis for the solution set is $\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} -\frac{5}{7} \\ -\frac{8}{7} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} -\frac{3}{7} \\ -\frac{2}{7} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right\}$, or $\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 8 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{array} \right] \right\}$.

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

$$f \oplus g = f' + g'$$

$$c \odot f = cf'$$

(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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Standard V2.	Mark:
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Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ belongs to the span of the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution: Since

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

contains the contradiction $0 = 1$, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

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Standard V3.	Mark:
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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:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & -1 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Since every row contains a pivot, the vectors span \mathbb{R}^4 .

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Standard V4.	Mark:
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Let W be the set of all complex numbers $a + bi$ satisfying $a = 2b$. Determine if W is a subspace of \mathbb{C} .

Solution: Yes, because $c(2b_1 + b_1i) + d(2b_2 + b_2i) = 2(cb_1 + db_2) + (cb_1 + db_2)i$ belongs to W . Alternately, yes because W is isomorphic to \mathbb{R} .

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Standard S1.	Mark:
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Determine if the set of vectors $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ 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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Standard S2.	Mark:
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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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Standard S3.	Mark:
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Let W be the subspace of \mathcal{P}_3 given by

$W = \text{span}(\{x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1, 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + 3, 3x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2, 7x^3 - x^2 + 8x - 3\})$. 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 $\{x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2\}$.

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Standard S4.	Mark:
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Let $W = \text{span} \left(\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right) \right)$. Compute the dimension of W .

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has 3 pivot columns so $\dim(W) = 3$.

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Additional Notes/Marks	
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