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Work any problems you wish on the provided answer sheets; take care to label the standard for each response. 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.

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

**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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**E2.** Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix below.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 15 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{12} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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**E3.** Find the solution set for the following system of linear equations.

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 + 14x_4 = 8$$

$$x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 = 3$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 3 & -5 & 14 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 5 & 3 \end{array} \right]$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$ . It follows that the solution set

is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2a - b \\ 2 + 3a - 4b \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  for all real numbers  $a, b$ .

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**E4.** 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:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{8}{7} & \frac{7}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{7}a - \frac{3}{7}b \\ \frac{8}{7}a - \frac{7}{7}b \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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

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**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all real numbers together with the operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  defined by, for any  $x, y \in V$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x \oplus y = x + y - 3$$

$$c \odot x = cx - 3(c - 1)$$

- (a) Show that **scalar multiplication** is **associative**:  $a \odot (b \odot x) = (ab) \odot x$ .
- (b) Determine if  $V$  is a vector space or not. Justify your answer

**Solution:** Let  $x, y \in V$ ,  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . To show associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (d \odot x) &= c \odot (dx - 3(d - 1)) \\ &= c(dx - 3(d - 1)) - 3(c - 1) \\ &= cdx - 3(cd - 1) \\ &= (cd) \odot x \end{aligned}$$

We verify the remaining 7 properties to see that  $V$  is a vector space.

- 1) Real addition is associative, so  $\oplus$  is associative.
- 2)  $x \oplus 3 = x + 3 - 3 = x$ , so 3 is the additive identity.
- 3)  $x \oplus (6 - x) = x + (6 - x) - 3 = 3$ , so  $6 - x$  is the additive inverse of  $x$ .
- 4) Real addition is commutative, so  $\oplus$  is commutative.
- 5) Associativity shown above

6)  $1 \odot x = x - 3(1 - 1) = x$

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$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (x \oplus y) &= c \odot (x + y - 3) \\ &= c(x + y - 3) - 3(c - 1) \\ &= cx - 3(c - 1) + cy - 3(c - 1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (c \odot y) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (c + d) \odot x &= (c + d)x - 3(c + d - 1) \\ &= cx - 3(c - 1) + dx - 3(d - 1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (d \odot x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $V$  is a vector space.

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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since this system has a solution,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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**V3.** Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

Since there is a zero row, the vectors do not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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**V4.** 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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**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:**

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

Every column is a pivot column, therefore the set is linearly independent.

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**S2.** Determine if the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since the resulting matrix is the identity matrix, it is 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  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . Compute the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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**A1.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3x_3 \\ 3x_2 - x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write the matrix for  $T$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  and  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**A2.** Determine if  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \\ e^y \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear transformation.

**Solution:** It is not linear. For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \neq 2T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**A3.** Determine if each of the following linear transformations is injective (one-to-one) and/or surjective (onto).

(a)  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x + y + z \\ 2y + 3z \\ x - y - 2z \end{bmatrix}$

(b)  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $S \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3x + 2y \\ x - y \\ x + 4y \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

(a)

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

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

(b)

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

Since all columns are pivot columns,  $S$  is injective. Since there is a zero row,  $S$  is not surjective.

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

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

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

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

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**M1.** Let

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

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

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & 11 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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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  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -8 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 4 & -1 & -8 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -5 & 24 & -28 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -5 & 6 \end{array} \right]$ . Thus the inverse is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 5 \\ -5 & 24 & -28 \\ 1 & -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G1.** Compute the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** 2

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**G2.** Compute the eigenvalues, along with their algebraic multiplicities, of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 2 \\ 19 & -6 & 5 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** 1 with algebraic multiplicity 3

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**G3.** Find the eigenspace associated to the eigenvalue  $-1$  in the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 2 \\ 19 & -6 & 5 \\ -11 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:** The eigenspace is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -\frac{5}{7} \\ 12 \\ -\frac{7}{7} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G4.** Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue  $-1$  in the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 15 & -7 & -3 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF}(A + I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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