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MIDTERM EXAM

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

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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 RREF A , where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 & -2 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF } A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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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 to the system of equations

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

$$2x + y - 4z = 0$$

$$3y - 2z = 0$$

$$x - y - z = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3}a \\ \frac{2}{3}a \\ \frac{2}{3}a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ or $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} f \oplus g &= f' + g' \\ c \odot f &= cf' \end{aligned}$$

(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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V2. Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

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

Since this system has a solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, namely

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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V3. Does $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$?

Solution: Since

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & -3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a zero row, the vectors fail to span \mathbb{R}^3 .

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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 $s(a_1x^3 + b_1x) + t(a_2x^3 + b_2x) = (sa_1 + ta_2)x^3 + (sb_1 + tb_2)x$ also belongs to W . Alternately, yes because W is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^2 .

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S1. Determine if the set of polynomials $\{-3x^3 - 8x^2, x^3 + 2x^2 + 2, -x^2 + 3\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

This has a non pivot column, therefore the set is linearly dependent.

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

Solution:

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

Since this is not the identity matrix, the set is not 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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