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# MIDTERM EXAM

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

## Version 1

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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.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &= -7 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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<b>Standard E2.</b>	Mark:
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Put the following matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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

$$x + 3y - 4z = 5$$

$$3x + 9y + z = 2$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

So the solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 3c \\ c \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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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  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

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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)

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

8)

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

Therefore  $V$  is a vector space.

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<b>Standard V2.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  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

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

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

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<b>Standard V3.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Solution:**

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

Since the resulting matrix has only two pivot columns, the vectors do not span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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<b>Standard V4.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W$  be the set of all  $\mathbb{R}^3$  vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  satisfying  $x + y + z = 0$  (this forms a plane). Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Solution:** Yes, because  $z = -x - y$  and  $a \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ -x_1 - y_1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ -x_2 - y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax_1 + bx_2 \\ ay_1 + by_2 \\ -(ax_1 + bx_2) - (ay_1 + by_2) \end{bmatrix}$ .  
Alternately, yes because  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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<b>Standard S1.</b>	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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<b>Standard S2.</b>	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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<b>Standard S3.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . Find a basis of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

Then  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $W$ .

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<b>Standard S4.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $M_{2,2}$  given by  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . 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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<b>Additional Notes/Marks</b>	
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