SEMIFINAL Math 237 – Linear Algebra

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Choose up to 6 problems to work. Work each problem on one of the attached pages; write the standard in the lower left corner. 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.

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

Solution:

$$3x_1 - x_2 + x_4 = 5$$
$$-x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 = 0$$
$$x_1 - x_3 = -3$$

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E2. Find RREF A, where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & -2 & 1 & 8 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 6 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

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

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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 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:

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\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\dfrac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 1 & -\dfrac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}
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Then the solution set is

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\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{5}{3}a \\ \dfrac{2}{3}a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \;\middle|\; a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}
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So a basis is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \dfrac{5}{3} \\ \dfrac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ or $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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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 $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

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

(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:

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\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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$$(c + d) \odot x = (c + d)x - 3(c + d - 1)$$
$$= cx - 3(c - 1) + dx - 3(c - 1) - 3$$
$$= (c \odot x) \oplus (d \odot x).$$

Therefore V is a vector space.

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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 span $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^5$?

Solution: Since there are only three vectors, they cannot span $\mathbb{R}^5$.

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

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S1. Determine if the set of polynomials $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

Since there is a nonpivot column, the set is linearly dependent.

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S2. Determine if the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ or not.

Solution:

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

Since this is not the identity matrix, the set is not a basis.

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S3. Let $W = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$. Find a basis for this vector space.

Solution:

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

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

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S4. Let W be the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^{2\times 2}$ 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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A1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3x_3 \\ 3x_2 - 5x_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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A2. Determine if the map $T : \mathcal{P}^3 \to \mathcal{P}^4$ given by $T(f(x)) = xf(x) - f(x)$ is a linear transformation or not.

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

(a) $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ given by the standard matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

(b) $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ given by the standard matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

(a) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since each column is a pivot column, S is injective. Since there a no zero row, S is not surjective.

(b) Since $\dim \mathbb{R}^4 > \dim \mathbb{R}^3$, T is not injective.

$$\mathrm{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since there is not a zero row, T is surjective.

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A4. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} x + 3y + 3z + 7w \\ x + 3y - z - w \\ 2x + 6y + 3z + 8w \\ x + 3y - 2z - 3w \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of T.

Solution:

$$\mathrm{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then a basis for the kernel is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

and a basis for the image is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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M1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exactly one of the six products AB, AC, BA, BC, CA, CB can be computed. Determine which one, and compute it.

Solution: BC is the only one that can be computed, and

$$BC = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 & 7 & -8 \\ 8 & 4 & -4 & 8 \\ 5 & -2 & 8 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

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M2. Determine if the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible.

Solution:

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

This matrix is not row equivalent to the identity matrix, so it is not invertible.

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M3. Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dfrac{1}{2} & -\dfrac{1}{2} \\ -1 & \dfrac{3}{2} & -\dfrac{3}{2} \\ 1 & -\dfrac{3}{2} & \dfrac{5}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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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

G2. Compute the eigenvalues, along with their algebraic multiplicities, of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 108 & -9 & 5 \\ 10 & -7 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: The eigenvalues are 1 with multiplicity 1 and -2, with algebraic multiplicity 2.

G3. Compute the eigenspace associated to the eigenvalue 2 in the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: The eigenspace is the solution space of the system $(B - 2I)X = 0$.

$$\text{RREF}(B - 2I) = \text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 3 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the system simplifies to $x - \dfrac{y}{3} = 0$, or $3x = y$. Thus the eigenspace is

$$E_2 = \text{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$$

G4. Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 in the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: The eigenspace is the solution space of the system $(B - 2I)X = 0$.

$$\text{RREF}(B - 2I) = \text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 3 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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