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 upper 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.

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

Solution:

$$x_1 + 4x_3 = 1$$
$$x_2 - x_3 = 7$$
$$x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 = -1$$

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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. Solve the system of linear equations.

$$2x + y - z + w = 5$$
$$3x - y - 2w = 0$$
$$-x + 5z + 3w = -1$$

Solution:

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

So the solutions are

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 + a \\ 3 - 21a \\ -7a \\ 12a \end{bmatrix} \;\middle|\; a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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E4. Find a basis for the solution set to the homogeneous system of equations

$$4x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - 6x_4 = 0$$
$$-2x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$
$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & 4 & 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -4 & 0 \end{array}\right]$, so RREF $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]$. It follows that the basis for

the solution set is given by $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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V1. Let V be the set of all real numbers with the operations, for any $x, y \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$x \oplus y = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$c \odot x = cx$$

(a) Show that the vector **addition** $\oplus$ is **associative**: $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$.

(b) Determine if V is a vector space or not. Justify your answer.

Solution: Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

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\begin{aligned}
(x \oplus y) \oplus z &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \oplus z \\
&= \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2 + z^2} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\
&= \sqrt{x^2 + (\sqrt{y^2 + z^2})^2} \\
&= x \oplus \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} \\
&= x \oplus (y \oplus z)
\end{aligned}
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However, this is not a vector space, as there is no zero vector.

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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 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

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

Since there are zero rows, they do not span. Alternatively, by inspection $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, so the set is linearly

dependent, so it spans a subspace of dimension at most 3, therefore it does not span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

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V4. Determine if the set of all lattice points, i.e. $\{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers}\}$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution: This set is closed under addition, but not under scalar multiplication so it is not a subspace.

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S1. 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:

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

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

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S2. Determine if the set $\{x^3 - x, x^2 + x + 1, x^3 - x^2 + 2, 2x^2 - 1\}$ is a basis of $\mathcal{P}^3$.

Solution:

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

Since the resulting matrix is not the identity matrix, it is not a basis.

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S3. 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:

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

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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S4. Let $W = \text{span}\left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}\right)$. Compute the dimension of W.

Solution: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and compute $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dfrac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \dfrac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since there are two pivot

columns, dim $W = 2$.

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A1. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -3x + y \\ -8x + 2y - z \\ 2y + 3z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write the matrix for T with respect to the standard bases of $\mathbb{R}^3$ and $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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A2. Determine if $D : \mathbb{R}^{2\times 2} \to \mathbb{R}$ given by $D\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = ad - bc$ is a linear transformation or not.

Solution: $D(I) = 1$ but $D(2I) = 4 \neq 2D(I)$, so D is not linear.

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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 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 11 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

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.

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 11 & -1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\dfrac{4}{5} & -\dfrac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & \dfrac{1}{5} & \dfrac{3}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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A4. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear map given by $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 8x - 3y - z \\ y + 3z \\ -7x + 3y + 2z \end{bmatrix}$. Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of T.

Solution:

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

Thus $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the image, and $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is a basis for the kernel.

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M1. Let

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

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 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ is invertible.

Solution:

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

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

M3. Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -5 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -4 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -4 & -7 & 20 & 47 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{array}\right]$$

So the inverse is $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -5 & 12 \\ 1 & 1 & -4 & -9 \\ -4 & -7 & 20 & 47 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$.

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

Solution:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 2\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - (-1)\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

$$= 2\left(3(-1) + (-1)(7)\right) + ((1)(7) - 3(-3))$$

$$= 2(-10) + 16$$

$$= -4$$

G2. Compute the eigenvalues, along with their algebraic multiplicities, of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -3 & 2 \\ 23 & -9 & 5 \\ -7 & 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution: The eigenvalues are 0 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 $(B - 2I)X = 0$.

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

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

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

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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:

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

So the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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