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MIDTERM EXAM — Math 237 – Linear Algebra

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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.

Standard E1.	Mark:

Write an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 4x_3 &= 1 \\ x_2 - x_3 &= 7 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

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

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Standard E2.	Mark:

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:

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

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

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Standard E3.	Mark:

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - 2x_2 + 6x_3 - x_4 &= -1 \\ 3x_1 + 6x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\ -4x_1 + x_2 - 9x_3 + 2x_4 &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & -2 & 6 & -1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 & 1 & 5 \\ -4 & 1 & -9 & 2 & -7 \end{array}\right]$, so RREF $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array}\right]$. It follows that the solution set is given by $\begin{bmatrix} 2-2a \\ 3+a \\ a \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ for all real numbers a.

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Standard E4.	Mark:

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

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - 6x_4 &= 0 \\ -2x_3 - 4x_4 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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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Standard V1.	Mark:

Let V be the set of all points on the line $x + y = 2$ with the operations, for any $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

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

(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)

$$\begin{aligned} (c+d) \odot (x_1, y_1) &= ((c+d)x_1 - (c+d-1), (c+d)y_1 - (c+d-1)) \\ &= (cx_1 - (c-1), cy_1 - (c-1)) \oplus (dx_1 - (d-1), dy_1 - (d-1)) \\ &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore V is a vector space.

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Standard V2.	Mark:

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:

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

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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Standard V3.	Mark:

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:

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

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

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Standard V4.	Mark:

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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Standard S1.	Mark:

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:

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

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

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Standard S2.	Mark:

Determine if the set $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^3$

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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Standard S3.	Mark:

Let $W = \text{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. Find a basis for W.

Solution:

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

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

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Standard S4.	Mark:

Let W be the subspace of $\mathcal{P}_3$ given by $W = \text{span}\left(\{x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 3, 2x^3 + x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 2, x^3 + x^2 + x - 7\}\right)$. Compute the dimension of W.

Solution:

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

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

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Additional Notes/Marks	