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**MASTERY QUIZ DAY 17**

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

**Version 2**

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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.

**V3.** Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since every row contains a pivot, the vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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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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**S2.** 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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