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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.

**E1.** Write an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

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

**Solution:**

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

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**E2.** Put the following matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} &\sim \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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**E3.** Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + 3y - 4z &= 5 \\3x + 9y + z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

**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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**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:**

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

Then the solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3}a \\ \frac{2}{3}a \\ \frac{2}{3}a \\ a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  or  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

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**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all polynomials with the operations, for any  $f, g \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f \oplus g = f' + g'$$

$$c \odot f = cf'$$

(here  $f'$  denotes the derivative of  $f$ ).

(a) Show that scalar multiplication **distributes scalars** over vector addition:  $c \odot (f \oplus g) = c \odot f \oplus c \odot g$ .

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

**Solution:** Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$ , and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$c \odot (f \oplus g) = c \odot (f' + g') = c(f' + g')' = cf'' + cg'' = cf' \oplus cg' = c \odot f \oplus c \odot g.$$

However, this is not a vector space, as there is no zero vector. Additionally,  $1 \odot f \neq f$  for any nonzero polynomial  $f$ .

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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

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

So  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

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**V3.** Does  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Solution:** Since

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & -3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a zero row, the vectors fail to span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**V4.** Let  $W$  be the set of all polynomials of even degree. Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of the vector space of all polynomials.

**Solution:**  $W$  is closed under scalar multiplication, but not under addition. For example,  $x - x^2$  and  $x^2$  are both in  $W$ , but  $(x - x^2) + (x^2) = x \notin W$ .

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**S1.** Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  are linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:**

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

Since each column is a pivot column, the vectors are linearly independent.

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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:**

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

Since the resulting matrix is the identity matrix, it is 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:**

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

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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**S4.** Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$  given by  $W = \text{span}(\{x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 3, 2x^3 + x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 2, x^3 + x^2 + x - 7\})$ . Compute the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

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

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