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Math 237 – Linear Algebra

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

$$x + 3y - 4z = 5$$

$$3x + 9y + z = 0$$

$$x - z = 1$$

Solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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E2. 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:

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

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E3. Solve the system of equations

$$-3x + y = 2$$

$$-8x + 2y - z = 6$$

$$2y + 3z = -2$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} -3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 & -2 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

The solutions are

$$\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} -1 - \frac{c}{2} \\ -1 - \frac{3c}{2} \\ c \end{array} \right] \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} c-1 \\ 3c-1 \\ -2c \end{array} \right] \mid c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 + 14x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 3 & -5 & 14 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 5 & 0 \end{array} \right]$, so $\text{RREF } A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$. It follows that the basis for the solution set is given by $\left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[\begin{array}{c} -1 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right\}$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} f \oplus g &= f' + g' \\ c \odot f &= cf' \end{aligned}$$

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

Solution: Since

$$\text{RREF} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & 3 & -8 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

lacks a zero row, the vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 .

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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 $c(2b_1 + b_1i) + d(2b_2 + b_2i) = 2(cb_1 + db_2) + (cb_1 + db_2)i$ belongs to W . Alternately, yes because W is isomorphic to \mathbb{R} .

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S1. Determine if the 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 $\{x^3 - x, x^2 + x + 1, x^3 - x^2 + 2, 2x^2 - 1\}$ is a basis of \mathcal{P}_3

Solution:

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

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

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S3. Let W be the subspace of \mathcal{P}_3 given by $W = \text{span}(\{x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1, 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + 3, 3x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2, 7x^3 - x^2 + 8x - 3\})$. 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 $\{x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 2\}$.

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S4. Let $W = \text{span} \left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$. 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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