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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 a system of linear equations corresponding to the following augmented matrix.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - x_2 &= 1 \\ -x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &= -7 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Standard E2.	Mark:

Put the following matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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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 system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - 3z &= 0 \\ 2x + y - 4z &= 0 \\ 3y - 2z &= 0 \\ x - y - z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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Standard V1.	Mark:

Let V be the set of all real numbers together with the operations $\oplus$ and $\odot$ defined by, for any $x, y \in V$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= x + y - 3 \\ c \odot x &= cx - 3(c-1) \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that **scalar multiplication** is **associative**: $a \odot (b \odot x) = (ab) \odot x$.

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

Solution: Let $x, y \in V$, $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. To show associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (d \odot x) &= c \odot (dx - 3(d-1)) \\ &= c\,(dx - 3(d-1)) - 3(c-1) \\ &= cdx - 3(cd-1) \\ &= (cd) \odot x \end{aligned}$$

We verify the remaining 7 properties to see that V is a vector space.

1) Real addition is associative, so $\oplus$ is associative.

2) $x \oplus 3 = x + 3 - 3 = x$, so 3 is the additive identity.

3) $x \oplus (6 - x) = x + (6 - x) - 3 = 3$, so $6 - x$ is the additive inverse of x.

4) Real addition is commutative, so $\oplus$ is commutative.

5) Associativity shown above

6) $1 \odot x = x - 3(1-1) = x$

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$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (x \oplus y) &= c \odot (x + y - 3) \\ &= c(x + y - 3) - 3(c-1) \\ &= cx - 3(c-1) + cy - 3(c-1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (c \odot y) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (c + d) \odot x &= (c + d)x - 3(c + d - 1) \\ &= cx - 3(c-1) + dx - 3(c-1) - 3 \\ &= (c \odot x) \oplus (d \odot x) \end{aligned}$$

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:

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

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:

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

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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Standard V4.	Mark:

Determine if $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \;\middle|\; x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution: It is closed under addition and scalar multiplication, so it is a subspace. Alternatively, it is the image of the linear transformation from $\mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix}.$$

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Standard S1.	Mark:

Determine if the set of polynomials $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

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

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Standard S2.	Mark:

Determine if the set $\{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 2, -x^3 + 4x^2 - x + 1, -x^3 + 2x + 1, 3x^2 + 3x + 9\}$ is a basis of $\mathcal{P}^3$ or not.

Solution:

$$\mathrm{RREF}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this is not the identity matrix, the set is not a basis.

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Standard S3.	Mark:

Let W be the subspace of $\mathcal{P}_2$ given by $W = \mathrm{span}\left(\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2, -x + 3\}\right)$. Find a basis for W.

Solution: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and compute $\mathrm{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since the first two columns are pivot columns, $\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2\}$ is a basis for W.

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Standard S4.	Mark:

Let $W = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\3\\-3\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}2\\0\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}3\\-1\\4\\-2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\1\\1\\-7\end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. 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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Additional Notes/Marks	