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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.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y - 4z &= 5 \\ 3x + 9y + z &= 0 \\ x - z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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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Standard E2.	Mark:

Find RREF A, where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & -7 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF } A = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]$$

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Standard E3.	Mark:

Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} -3x + y &= 2 \\ -8x + 2y - z &= 6 \\ 2y + 3z &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 - \frac{c}{2} \\ -1 - \frac{3c}{2} \\ c \end{bmatrix} \middle| \, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c - 1 \\ 3c - 1 \\ -2c \end{bmatrix} \middle| \, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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Standard E4.	Mark:

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

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z + w &= 0 \\ 3x - y + z + w &= 0 \\ 2x - 3y - 2z &= 0 \\ -x + 2z + 5w &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

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

Then the solution set is

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

So a basis for the solution set is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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Standard V1.	Mark:

Let V be the set of all pairs of real numbers with the operations, for any $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) &= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \\ c \odot (x_1, y_1) &= (0, cy_1) \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that scalar multiplication **distributes vectors** over scalar addition: $(c + d) \odot (x, y) = c \odot (x, y) \oplus d \odot (x, y)$.

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

Solution: Let $(x_1, y_1) \in V$, and let $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$(c+d) \odot (x_1, y_1) = (0, (c+d)y_1) = (0, cy_1) \oplus (0, dy_1) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1).$$

However, V is not a vector space, as $1 \odot (x_1, y_1) = (0, y_1) \neq (x_1, y_1)$.

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Standard V2.	Mark:

Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ belongs to the span of the set $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

Solution: Since

$$\operatorname{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \end{array}\right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

does not contain a contradiction, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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Standard V3.	Mark:

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

Solution: Since

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

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

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Standard V4.	Mark:

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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Standard S1.	Mark:

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:

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

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

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Standard S2.	Mark:

Determine if the set $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\\1\\1\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\-1\\0\\2\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\0\\-1\\0\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\2\\0\\-1\end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

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

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 $\mathcal{P}_3$ given by
$W = \text{span}\left(\left\{x^3+x^2+2x+1, 3x^3+3x^2+6x+3, 3x^3-x^2+3x-2, 7x^3-x^2+8x-3\right\}\right)$. 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 $\left\{x^3+x^2+2x+1, 3x^3-x^2+3x-2\right\}$.

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Standard S4.	Mark:

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