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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.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\ 3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 0 \\ x_1 - x_3 + x_4 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}\right]$$

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E2. Find RREF A, where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & -1 & 5 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -5 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\, A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right]$$

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E3. Find the solution set for the following system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 - 5x_3 + 14x_4 &= 8 \\ x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 5x_4 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 3 & -5 & 14 & 8 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 5 & 3 \end{array}\right]$, so RREF $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array}\right]$. It follows that the solution set is given by $\left[\begin{array}{c} 1-2a-b \\ 2+3a-4b \\ a \\ b \end{array}\right]$ for all real numbers a, b.

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

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y + 3z + 7w &= 0 \\ x + 3y - z - w &= 0 \\ 2x + 6y + 3z + 8w &= 0 \\ x + 3y - 2z - 3w &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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 the solution set is

$$\left\{\begin{bmatrix}-3a-b\\ a\\ -2b\\ b\end{bmatrix} \;\middle|\; a, b \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$$

So a basis for the solution set is

$$\left\{\begin{bmatrix}3\\ -1\\ 0\\ 0\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}1\\ 0\\ 2\\ -1\end{bmatrix}\right\}$$

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V1. Let V be the set of all real numbers with the operations, for any $x, y \in V$, $c \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$x \oplus y = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$c \odot x = cx$$

(a) Show that the vector **addition** $\oplus$ is **associative**: $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$.

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

Solution: Let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(x \oplus y) \oplus z &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \oplus z\\ &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^2 + z^2}\\ &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}\\ &= \sqrt{x^2 + (\sqrt{y^2 + z^2})^2}\\ &= x \oplus \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}\\ &= x \oplus (y \oplus z)\end{aligned}$$

However, this is not a vector space, as there is no zero vector.

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V2. Determine if $\begin{bmatrix}3\\ -2\\ 4\end{bmatrix}$ belongs to the span of the set $\left\{\begin{bmatrix}1\\ 2\\ -3\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}2\\ 4\\ -6\end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix}0\\ 0\\ 0\end{bmatrix}\right\}$.

Solution: Since

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

contains the contradiction $0 = 1$, $\begin{bmatrix}3\\ -2\\ 4\end{bmatrix}$ is not a linear combination of the three vectors.

$\square$

V3. Determine if the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ span $\mathbb{R}^3$

Solution:

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

Since the resulting matrix has only two pivot columns, the vectors do not span $\mathbb{R}^3$.

$\square$

V4. 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

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

$\square$

S1. Determine if the set of vectors $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

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

$\square$

S2. 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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S3. Let W be the subspace of $\mathcal{P}_3$ given by
$W = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{x^3+x^2+2x+1, 3x^3+3x^2+6x+3, 3x^3-x^2+3x-2, 7x^3-x^2+8x-3\right\}\right)$. Find a basis for W.

Solution:

$$\operatorname{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then a basis is $\left\{x^3+x^2+2x+1, 3x^3-x^2+3x-2\right\}$.

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S4. Let $W = \operatorname{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. Find the dimension of W.

Solution:

$$\operatorname{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This has two pivot columns, so W has dimension 2.

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