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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.

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

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

$$x - z = 1$$

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 RREF A , where

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

Solution:

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

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E3. Solve the following linear system.

$$4x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - 6x_4 = 5$$

$$-2x_3 - 4x_4 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 = -1$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & 4 & 3 & -6 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -4 & -1 \end{array} \right]$, so $\text{RREF } A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$. It follows that the system is inconsistent with no solutions (since the bottom row implies the contradiction $0 = 1$).

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

$$x + 2y + 3z + w = 0$$

$$3x - y + z + w = 0$$

$$2x - 3y - 2z = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{5}{7} & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{8}{7} & \frac{2}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the solution set is

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{7}a - \frac{3}{7}b \\ \frac{8}{7}a + \frac{2}{7}b \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

So a basis for the solution set is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{7} \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{7} \\ \frac{2}{7} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$, or $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ -7 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ c \odot x &= cx \end{aligned}$$

(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 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \left(\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 2 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Since this system has no solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ cannot be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$.

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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:

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

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

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V4. Determine if the set of all lattice points, i.e. $\{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers}\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 .

Solution: This set is closed under addition, but not under scalar multiplication so it is not a subspace.

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S1. Determine if the set of polynomials $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

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

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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 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 $W = \text{span} \left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$. Compute the dimension of W .

Solution: Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$, and compute $\text{RREF}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Since there are two pivot columns, $\dim W = 2$.

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