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MIDTERM EXAM Math 237 – Linear Algebra
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E1. Write an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

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

Solution:

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

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E2. Find RREF A, where

$$A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & -2 & 1 & 8 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 6 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -4 & 6 \end{array}\right]$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\, A = \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array}\right]$$

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E3. Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y - 4z &= 5 \\ 3x + 9y + z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 2 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array}\right]$$

So the solution set is

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

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E4. 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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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.

$\square$

V2. Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 8 & 5 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]\right) = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}\right]$$

The system has no solution, so $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is not a linear combination of the three other vectors.

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V3. Determine if the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since there is a zero row, the vectors do not span $\mathbb{R}^4$.

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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 $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent

Solution:

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

This has a non pivot column, therefore the set is linearly dependent.

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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:

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

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

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S3. Let $W = \text{span}\left(\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right\}\right)$. Find a basis for 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 the first two columns are pivot columns, $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is a basis for W.

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

Solution:

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

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

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E1: ☐ **E2:** ☐ **E3:** ☐ **E4:** ☐ **V1:** ☐ **V2:** ☐ **V3:** ☐ **V4:** ☐ **S1:** ☐ **S2:** ☐ **S3:** ☐ **S4:** ☐