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### MASTERY QUIZ DAY 14

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

#### Version 1

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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.

**V1.** Let  $V$  be the set of all pairs of real numbers with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$c \odot (x_1, y_1) = (c^2 x_1, c^3 y_1)$$

(a) Show that this scalar multiplication  $\odot$  distributes over vector addition  $\oplus$ .

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

**Solution:** Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$  and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) &= c \odot (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2) \\ &= (c^2(x_1 + x_2), c^3(y_1 + y_2)) \\ &= (c^2 x_1, c^3 y_1) \oplus (c^2 x_2, c^3 y_2) \\ &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

However,  $V$  is not a vector space, as the other distributive law fails:

$$(c + d) \odot (x_1, y_1) = ((c + d)^2 x_1, (c + d)^3 y_1) \neq (c^2 + d^2)x_1, (c^3 + d^3)y_1 = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1).$$

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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:**

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

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

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**V4.** Determine if  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  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  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  given by

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

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**S2.** Determine if the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**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 the resulting matrix is the identity matrix, it is a basis.

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**V1:**

**V3:**

**V4:**

**S2:**