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# MIDTERM EXAM

Math 237 – Linear Algebra

## Version 2

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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.

<b>Standard E1.</b>	Mark:
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Write an augmented matrix corresponding to the following system of linear equations.

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

**Solution:**

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

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<b>Standard E2.</b>	Mark:
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Find the reduced row echelon form of the matrix below.

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \\ & \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 15 & -2 & -3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 24 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{5}{12} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{12} & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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<b>Standard E3.</b>	Mark:
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Solve the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y - z + w &= 5 \\3x - y - 2w &= 0 \\-x + 5z + 3w &= -1\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{12} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{7}{12} & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{12} & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So the solutions are

$$\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1+a \\ 3-21a \\ -7a \\ 12a \end{array} \right] \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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<b>Standard E4.</b>	Mark:
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Find a basis for the solution set to the homogeneous system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}4x_1 + 4x_2 + 3x_3 - 6x_4 &= 0 \\-2x_3 - 4x_4 &= 0 \\2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 4x_4 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:** Let  $A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 4 & 4 & 3 & -6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ , so  $\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$ . It follows that the basis for

the solution set is given by  $\left\{ \left[ \begin{array}{c} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] \right\}$ .

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<b>Standard V1.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $V$  be the set of all points on the line  $x + y = 2$  with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2) &= (x_1 + x_2 - 1, y_1 + y_2 - 1) \\c \odot (x_1, y_1) &= (cx_1 - (c - 1), cy_1 - (c - 1))\end{aligned}$$

- Show that this vector space has an **additive identity** element  $\mathbf{0}$  satisfying  $(x, y) \oplus \mathbf{0} = (x, y)$ .
- Determine if  $V$  is a vector space or not. Justify your answer.

**Solution:** Let  $(x_1, y_1) \in V$ ; then  $(x_1, y_1) \oplus (1, 1) = (x_1, y_1)$ , so  $(1, 1)$  is an additive identity element.

Now we will show the other seven properties. Let  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ , and let  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .

1) Since real addition is associative,  $\oplus$  is associative.

2) Since real addition is commutative,  $\oplus$  is commutative.

3) The additive identity is  $(1, 1)$ .

4)  $(x_1, y_1) \oplus (2 - x_1, 2 - y_1) = (1, 1)$ , so  $(2 - x_1, 2 - y_1)$  is the additive inverse of  $(x_1, y_1)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} c \odot (d \odot (x_1, y_1)) &= c \odot (dx_1 - (d - 1), dy_1 - (d - 1)) \\ &= (c(dx_1 - (d - 1)) - (c - 1), c(dy_1 - (d - 1))) \\ &= (cdx_1 - cd + c - (c - 1), cdy_1 - cd + c - (c - 1)) \\ &= (cdx_1 - (cd - 1), cdy_1 - (cd - 1)) \\ &= (cd) \odot (x_1, y_1) \end{aligned}$$

6)  $1 \odot (x_1, y_1) = (x_1 - (1 - 1), y_1 - (1 - 1)) = (x_1, y_1)$

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$$\begin{aligned} c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) &= c \odot (x_1 + y_1 - 1, x_2 + y_2 - 1) \\ &= (c(x_1 + y_1 - 1) - (c - 1), c(x_2 + y_2 - 1) - (c - 1)) \\ &= (cx_1 + cy_1 - 2c + 1, cx_2 + cy_2 - 2c + 1) \\ &= (cx_1 - (c - 1), cy_1 - (c - 1)) \oplus (cx_2 - (c - 1), cy_2 - (c - 1)) \\ &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (c + d) \odot (x_1, y_1) &= ((c + d)x_1 - (c + d - 1), (c + d)y_1 - (c + d - 1)) \\ &= (cx_1 - (c - 1), cy_1 - (c - 1)) \oplus (dx_1 - (d - 1), dy_1 - (d - 1)) \\ &= c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus d \odot (x_1, y_1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $V$  is a vector space.

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<b>Standard V2.</b>	Mark:
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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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<b>Standard V3.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ 8 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$  span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

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

Since there are zero rows, they do not span. Alternatively, by inspection  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , so the set is linearly dependent, so it spans a subspace of dimension at most 3, therefore it does not span  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

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<b>Standard V4.</b>	Mark:
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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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<b>Standard S1.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the set of polynomials  $\{x^2 + x, x^2 + 2x - 1, x^2 + 3x - 2\}$  is linearly dependent or linearly independent

**Solution:**

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

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

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<b>Standard S2.</b>	Mark:
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Determine if the set  $\{x^2 + x - 1, 3x^2 - x + 1, 2x - 2\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2$

**Solution:**

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

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

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<b>Standard S3.</b>	Mark:
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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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<b>Standard S4.</b>	Mark:
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Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathcal{P}_3$  given by

$W = \text{span} (\{x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 3, 2x^3 + x + 1, 3x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 2, x^3 + x^2 + x - 7\})$ . 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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<b>Additional Notes/Marks</b>	
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