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Work any problems you wish on the provided answer sheets; take care to label the standard for each response. Show all work and justify all of your answers. Answers without work or sufficient reasoning will not receive credit. You may use a calculator, but you must show all relevant work to receive credit for a standard.

**E1.** Write a system of linear equations corresponding to the following augmented matrix.

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

**Solution:**

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

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**E2.** Put the following matrix in reduced row echelon form.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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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  $\text{RREF } A = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \end{array} \right]$ . It follows that the solution set

is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2a - b \\ 2 + 3a - 4b \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  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

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

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 pairs of real numbers with the operations, for any  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

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

(a) Show that scalar multiplication **distributes scalars** over vector addition:

$$c \odot ((x_1, y_1) \oplus (x_2, y_2)) = c \odot (x_1, y_1) \oplus c \odot (x_2, y_2).$$

(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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**V2.** Determine if  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  belongs to the span of the set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ .

**Solution:** Since

$$\text{RREF} \left( \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 & -7 \end{array} \right] \right) = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

does not contain a contradiction,  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination of the three vectors.

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**V3.** Does  $\text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 12 \\ -9 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 2 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

**Solution:** Since

$$\text{RREF} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & -3 & -8 \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

has a zero row, the vectors fail to span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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**V4.** Let  $W$  be the set of all polynomials of the form  $ax^3 + bx$ . Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{P}^3$ .

**Solution:** Yes because  $s(a_1x^3 + b_1x) + t(a_2x^3 + b_2x) = (sa_1 + ta_2)x^3 + (sb_1 + tb_2)x$  also belongs to  $W$ . Alternately, yes because  $W$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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**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:**

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

Every column is a pivot column, therefore the set is linearly independent.

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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:**

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

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

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**S3.** Let  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . Find a basis of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for  $W$ .

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**S4.** Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  given by  $W = \text{span} \left( \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$ . Compute the dimension of  $W$ .

**Solution:**

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

This has 3 pivot columns so  $\dim(W) = 3$ .

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**A1.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be the linear transformation given by

$$T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} -3x + y \\ -8x + 2y - z \\ 2y + 3z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Write the matrix for  $T$  with respect to the standard bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \\ -8 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**A2.** Determine if  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} e^x \\ e^y \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear transformation.

**Solution:** It is not linear. For example,

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \neq 2T \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**A3.** Determine if each of the following linear transformations is injective (one-to-one) and/or surjective (onto).

(a)  $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by the standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(b)  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by the standard matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

**Solution:**

(a)  $\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since each column is a pivot column,  $S$  is injective. Since there is no zero row,  $S$  is surjective.

(b) Since  $\dim \mathbb{R}^4 > \dim \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $T$  is not injective.

$$\text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -7 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -5 & -\frac{5}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since there are only two pivot columns,  $T$  is not surjective.

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**A4.** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear map given by  $T \left( \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+x \\ b+y \\ c+z \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of  $T$ .

**Solution:** Rewrite as  $T' \left( \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a+x \\ b+y \\ c+z \end{bmatrix}$ .

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

Thus  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for the image, and  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is a basis for the kernel.

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**M1.** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Exactly one of the six products  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $BA$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$ ,  $CB$  can be computed. Determine which one, and compute it.

**Solution:**  $AC$  is the only one that can be computed, and

$$AC = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 & 14 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**M2.** Determine if the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is invertible.

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since it is not row equivalent to the identity matrix, it is not invertible.

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**M3.** Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 & 5 \\ -5 & 24 & -28 \\ 1 & -5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -4 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -5 & 24 & -28 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -5 & 6 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -1 & -8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$ . Thus the inverse is  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -8 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G1.** Compute the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Solution:**  $-15$ .

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**G2.** Compute the eigenvalues, along with their algebraic multiplicities, of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 2 \\ 19 & -6 & 5 \\ -11 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** 1 with algebraic multiplicity 2, and -1 with algebraic multiplicity 1.

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**G3.** Compute the eigenspace of the eigenvalue  $-1$  in the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 15 & -7 & -3 \\ -5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF} (A + I) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So the eigenspace is spanned by  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

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**G4.** Compute the geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 in the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Solution:** The eigenspace is the solution space of the system  $(B - 2I)X = 0$ .

$$\text{RREF}(B - 2I) = \text{RREF} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 1 & 0 \\ -9 & 3 & 0 \\ 15 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the geometric multiplicity is 2.

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