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MIDTERM EXAM

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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.

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

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 3x_2 - 4x_3 + x_4 &= 5 \\3x_1 + 9x_2 + x_3 - 7x_4 &= 0 \\x_1 - x_3 + x_4 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 3 & -4 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & -7 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

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Standard E2.	Mark:
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Put the following matrix in reduced row echelon form.

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

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cccc} -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] &\sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -3 \end{array} \right] \\ &\sim \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Standard E3.	Mark:
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Solve the following linear system.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y + z &= 7 \\ x + y + z &= 1 \\ -2x + 3z &= -11 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: Let $A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 & 11 \end{array} \right]$, so $\text{RREF } A = \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right]$. It follows that the system has exactly one solution: $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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

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

Solution:

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

Then the solution set is

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

So a basis for the solution set is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$.

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

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

(a) Show that this vector space has an **additive identity** element $\mathbf{0}$ satisfying $(x, y) \oplus \mathbf{0} = (x, y)$.

(b) 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) .

5)

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

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

7)

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

8)

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

Therefore V is a vector space.

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Standard V2.	Mark:
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Determine if $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Solution:

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

Since this system has a solution, $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as a linear combination of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, namely

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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

Solution: Since

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 12 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & -9 & 3 & -8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

lacks a zero row, the vectors span \mathbb{R}^3 .

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Standard V4.	Mark:
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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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Standard S1.	Mark:
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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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Standard S2.	Mark:
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Determine if the set $\{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 2, -x^3 + 4x^2 - x + 1, -x^3 + 2x + 1, 3x^2 + 3x + 9\}$ is a basis of \mathcal{P}^3 or not.

Solution:

$$\text{RREF} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since this is not the identity matrix, the set is not a basis.

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Standard S3.	Mark:
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Let W be the subspace of \mathcal{P}_2 given by $W = \text{span}(\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2, -x + 3\})$. 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, $\{-3x^2 - 8x, x^2 + 2x + 2\}$ is a basis for W .

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Standard S4.	Mark:
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Let $W = \text{span} \left(\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \right)$. 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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Additional Notes/Marks	
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