

# MAT185 Test 1 Review

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Note: Axiom propositions and names will be taken from two sources: Prof. Sean Uppal's notes and Prof. GDE's textbook: Medici.

## 1 Axioms

### Medici

A vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  over a field  $\Gamma$  of elements  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots\}$ , called scalars, is a set of elements  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}, \dots\}$  called vectors, such that the following axioms are satisfied:

1. There exists an operation of vector addition, denoted  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ , such that for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{V}$ ,

**AI.** Closure:  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$ .

**AII.** Associativity:  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ .

**AIII.** Zero: There exists a zero or null vector  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$ .

**AIV.** Negative: There exists an negative  $-\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

2. There exists an operation of scalar multiplication, denoted  $\alpha\mathbf{u}$ , such that for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V}$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \in \Gamma$ ,

**MI.** Closure:  $\alpha\mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{V}$ .

**MII.** Associativity:  $\alpha(\beta\mathbf{u}) = (\alpha\beta)\mathbf{u}$ .

**MIII.** Distributivity:

(a)  $(\alpha + \beta)\mathbf{u} = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \beta\mathbf{u}$

(b)  $\alpha(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = \alpha\mathbf{u} + \alpha\mathbf{v}$

**MIV.** Unitary: For the identity element  $1 \in \Gamma$ ,  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$ .

### Uppal

A real vector space is a set  $V$  together with two operations called vector addition and scalar multiplication such that the following axioms hold. For all vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in V$  and scalars  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ :

1. (AC) Additive Closure:  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \in V$

2. (SC) Scalar Closure:  $c\mathbf{x} \in V$ .

3. (AA) Additive Associativity:  $(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z})$ .

4. (Z) Zero vector: There exists a unique vector  $\mathbf{0} \in V$  with the property that  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{x}$ .

5. (AI) Additive Inverse: There exists a unique vector  $-\mathbf{x} \in V$  with the property that  $\mathbf{x} + (-\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

6. (SMA) Scalar Multiplication Associativity:  $(cd)\mathbf{x} = c(d\mathbf{x})$ .

7. (DVA) Distributivity of Vector Addition:  $c(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = c\mathbf{x} + c\mathbf{y}$ .

8. (DSA) Distributivity of Scalar Addition:  $(c + d)\mathbf{x} = c\mathbf{x} + d\mathbf{x}$ .

9. (I) Identity:  $1\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ .

### 1.1 Corrolaries

**Theorem: The Cancellation Theorem:** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a vector space, and let  $u, v, w \in \mathcal{V}$ . If:

$$u + w = v + w \quad (1)$$

then:

$$u = v \quad (2)$$

### Medici

**Prop I.** For every  $u, -u \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $-u + u = 0$ .

**Prop II.** For every  $u \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $0 + u = u$ .

**Prop III.** Let  $u \in V$ . Then:

(a) The zero vector  $0 \in \mathcal{V}$  is unique.

(b) The negative  $-u$  of  $u$  is unique.

(c)  $-(-u) = u$ .

**Prop IV.** For  $u, v \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $u + v = v + u$ .

**Prop V.** For all  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ :

(a)  $0v = 0$

(b)  $\alpha 0 = 0$

(c) If  $\alpha v = 0$ , then either  $\alpha = 0$  or  $v = 0$ .

**Prop VI.** For all  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ ,  $(-\alpha)v = -(\alpha v) = \alpha(-v)$ .

### Uppal

**Prop I.** For every  $x \in V$ , then  $0x = 0$ .

**Prop II.** For every  $x \in V$ , then  $(-1)x = -x$ .

**Prop III.** For every  $x \in V$ , then  $-x + x = 0$ .

**Prop IV.** For every  $x \in V$ , then  $0 + x = x$ .

This introduces an additional axiom:

10. (C) Commutativity: For all vectors  $x, y \in V$ ,  $x + y = y + x$ .

## 1.2 Important Facts

You should know and be able to prove the following facts:

- Every vector space is either infinite or contains only the zero vector.

## 2 Subspaces

### Medici

A subspace  $\mathcal{U}$  of a vector space  $\mathcal{V}$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{V}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{U}$  is itself a vector space over the same field  $\Gamma$  with the same vector addition and scalar multiplication of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

To show a subset is a subspace:

**SI.** Zero: There exists a zero vector  $0 \in \mathcal{U}$ .

**SII.** Closure under Vector Addition:  $u + v \in \mathcal{U}$ .

**SIII.** Closure under Scalar Multiplication:  $\alpha u \in \mathcal{U}$ .

### Uppal

A subspace of a vector  $V$  is a subset  $W \subseteq V$  that is itself a vector space with the same operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication as in  $V$ .

To show a subset is a subspace:

1. (AC & SC): Sums and scalar multiples of vectors from  $W$  are in  $W$
2. (Z)  $W$  contains the zero vector of  $V$ .
3. (AI) The additive inverse of each vector in  $W$  is in  $W$ .

**Alternative Formulation:** A non-empty subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $cx + y \in W$  whenever  $x, y \in W$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .