

**May 2021**

Q1. Consider the following two statements:

**P:** If  $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ , with the operations:

**Addition:**

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2); (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in V$$

and

**Scalar Multiplication:**

$$c(x, y) = (cx, cy); (x, y) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a vector space.

**Q:** Let  $V$  be a vector space w.r.t usual addition and scalar multiplication . If  $u, v, w \in V$  are such that  $au + bv + cw = 0$  for some scalars  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $ac \neq 0$  , then  $\text{span}\{u, v\} = \text{span}\{v, w\}$

Consider the following statements:

- **Statement 1:** P is true, but Q is false
- **Statement 2:** Q is true, but P is false
- **Statement 3:** Both P and Q are true
- **Statement 4:** Both P and Q are false

Which one of the above statement is correct? (If Statement 3 is correct, then enter 3 as your answer)

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Q2 Match the vector spaces (with the usual scalar multiplication and vector addition as in  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$ ) in column A with their bases in column B in Table: M2Q2F1.

	Vector Space		Basis
a)	$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$	1)	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

b)	$V = \{A \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}), A \text{ is a lower triangular matrix}\}$	2)	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$
c)	$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ w & z \end{bmatrix} \mid x + w = 0 \text{ and } x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$	3)	$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Table: M2Q2F1

Using the above table answer the given subquestions

### Sub Questions:

**Q1)** The basis (in Column B) of the vector space in the row a of Column A is

[If the basis of the vector space (a) of Column A has the basis with the serial number 1 in column B  
then enter 1 (enter the serial number only) as your answer.]

**Q2)** The basis (in Column B) of the vector space in the row b of Column A is

[If the basis of the vector space (b) of Column A has the basis with the serial number 1 in column B  
then enter 1 (enter the serial number only) as your answer.]

**Q3)** The basis (in Column B) of the vector space in the row c of Column A is

[If the basis of the vector space (c) of Column A has the basis with the serial number 1 in column B  
then enter 1 (enter the serial number only) as your answer.]

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Q3. Three people denoted by  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  intended to buy some rolls, buns and cakes from a shop. They pay ₹ $x_1, ₹x_2, ₹x_3$  per unit for rolls, buns and cakes, respectively.  $P_1$  bought 1 unit of rolls, 2 unit of buns, and 3 units of cakes,  $P_2$  bought 2 unit of rolls, 4 units

of buns, and 5 units of cakes and  $P_3$  bought 1 unit of rolls, 3 unit of buns and 4 units of cakes. The total amount spend by  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  are ₹12, ₹21 and ₹16 respectively.

Represent the system of linear equations given in terms of its matrix  $Ax = b$ , where

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } b = \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 21 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consider the vector space  $V$  spanned by the column vector of  $A$ , viewed as vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with usual addition and scalar multiplication. Which of the following options are correct?

**Options:**

- A.  $\{(1, 2, 1), (2, 4, 3), (3, 5, 4)\}$  is a linearly independent set in  $V$
- B.  $\{(1, 2, 1), (2, 4, 3), (3, 5, 4)\}$  is a linearly dependent set in  $V$
- C.  $\{(1, 2, 1), (2, 4, 5), (1, 3, 4)\}$  is a linearly independent set in  $V$
- D.  $\{(1, 2, 1), (2, 4, 5), (1, 3, 4)\}$  is not a subset of  $V$

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Q4 Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with usual addition and scalar multiplication. Let  $S$  be its subset defined as follows:

$$S = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

and  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be its vector subspaces defined as:

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x = z, \text{ and } y = z; x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$W_2 = \{(x, y, z) \mid z = x + y; x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

Answer the given questions

**Q1)** Which of the following option(s) is(are) true?

**Options:**

A.  $S$  is linearly independent

B.  $S$  spans the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (with usual addition and scalar multiplication)

C.  $\text{span}(S)$  is a proper subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Q2)** Which of the following option is (are) correct?

**Options:**

A.  $S$  is a basis of  $W_1$

B.  $S$  is a basis of  $W_2$

**Q3)** What is the dimension of  $W_1$ ?

**Q4)** What is the dimension of  $W_2$ ?

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Q5. If  $W = \text{span}\{(1, 1, -1), (3, -2, 0), (5, 0, -2), (0, 5, -3)\}$ , then find out the dimension of  $W$

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Q6. Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication i.e.,

Addition:  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2);$   
 $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in V$

Scalar Multiplication:  $c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz); (x, y, z) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$

Suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two vector subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication) defined as follows:

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and

$$W_2 = \{(0, y, 0) \mid y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

with usual addition and scalar multiplication.

Based on the above data, answer the given sub questions

**Q1)** What is the dimension of  $W_1 \cap W_2$  ?

**Q2)** What is the dimension of  $W_1$  ?

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Q7. From the list of given terms find out the best possible options for each of the given suquestions:



- 1) Transpose of a matrix
- 2) Determinant
- 3) Closure with respect to addition
- 4) Closure with respect to scalar multiplication
- 5) Existence of additive inverse
- 6) Commutative of addition
- 7) Associativity of addition
- 8) Spanning set
- 9) Linearly independent set
- 10) Basis

**Q1)**  $S = \{(1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0)\}$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Enter 3 best possible options. Enter only the serial numbers of those options in increasing order without adding any comma or space in between them.)  
[Suppose your answer is 7, 8 and 10, then you should enter 7810]

**Q2)** A spanning set of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with 2 elements must be a \_\_\_\_\_. (Enter 2 best possible options. Enter only the serial numbers of those options in increasing order without adding any comma or space in between them.)  
[Suppose your answer is 7 and 8, then you should enter 78]

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Q8. Consider the following two statements:

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and

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Q9. Consider the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Subset 1)  $W = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } x^2 + z^2 = 0\}$

Subset 2)  $W = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and } x = z\}$

Subset 3)  $W = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x = y + z \text{ and } x + z = y\}$

Subset 4)  $W = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, (x + 1) - (y + 1) + z = 0 \text{ and } x + z = y\}$

Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Subset 1 is a subspace of dimension \_\_\_\_\_. (Enter the numerical value only. Suppose the dimension is 3, then enter 3 as your answer.)

**Q2)** Subset 2 is a subspace of dimension \_\_\_\_\_. (Enter the numerical value only. Suppose the dimension is 3, then enter 3 as your answer.)

**Q3)** Subset 3 is a subspace of dimension \_\_\_\_\_. (Enter the numerical value only. Suppose the dimension is 3, then enter 3 as your answer.)

**Q4)** Subset 4 is a subspace of dimension \_\_\_\_\_. (Enter the numerical value only. Suppose the dimension is 3, then enter 3 as your answer.)

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Q10. Suppose  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined as follows:

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, x + y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and

$$W_2 = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

with usual addition and scalar multiplication, i.e.,

$$\text{Addition: } (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2);$$

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in V$$

$$\text{Scalar Multiplication: } c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz); (x, y, z) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

#### Sub Questions:

**Q1)** Which of the following options represent  $W_1 \cap W_2$ ? (More than one options may be correct)

#### Options:

- A.  $\text{Span}\{(1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 0)\}$
- B.  $\text{Span}\{(-1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 0)\}$
- C.  $\text{Span}\{(1, -1, 0)\}$
- D.  $\text{Span}\{(1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 0)\}$

**Q2)** What is the dimension of  $W_1 \cap W_2$ ?

**Q3)** Which of the following options is true?

#### Options:

- A.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a vector space of dimension 3 (with usual addition and scalar multiplication)

- B.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a vector space of dimension 2 (with usual addition and scalar multiplication)
- C.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is a vector space of dimension 1 (with usual addition and scalar multiplication)
- D.  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is not a vector space (with usual addition and scalar multiplication)

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Q11. Find out the value of  $a$  for which the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 3 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$  will be in the spanning set of the matrices  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  with usual matrix addition and scalar multiplication.

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Q12. Let  $W$  be the set of  $3 \times 3$  skew-symmetric real matrices, i.e.

$$W = \{A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A^T = -A\}$$

$W$  is a vector subspace of  $M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  with usual matrix addition and scalar multiplication. What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

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Q13. Two vector subspaces  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are defined as follows:

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, 0) \mid x, y, \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and

$$W_2 = \{(0, y, z) \mid y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

with usual addition and scalar multiplication, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Addition: } (x_1, y_1, z_1) + (x_2, y_2, z_2) &= (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, z_1 + z_2); \\ (x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2) &\in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Scalar multiplication : } c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz) ; (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

What is the dimension of  $W_1 \cap W_2$  ?

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Q14. For some fixed real number  $\alpha \neq 0$ , define the set  $V_\alpha = \{(x, \alpha, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  along with the following operations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Addition: } (x_1, \alpha, y_1) + (x_2, \alpha, y_2) &= (x_1 + x_2, \alpha, y_1 + y_2) \\ (x_1, \alpha, y_1), (x_2, \alpha, y_2) &\in V_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Scalar Multiplication: } c(x, \alpha, y) = (cx, \alpha, cy); (x, \alpha, y) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Consider the subset  $S = \{(1, \alpha, 0), (0, \alpha, 1)\}$  of  $V_\alpha$ . Which of the following are true ?

**Options:**

A.  $S$  is linearly independent

B.  $\text{Span}(S) \neq V_\alpha$

C.  $S$  forms a basis of  $V_\alpha$

D.  $\dim(V_\alpha) = 3$



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Q15. What is the dimension of vector spaces for the given subquestions.

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)**  $V_1 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x + 3y = 0 = 2z + 3x\}$  with usual addition and scalar multiplication.

**Q2)**

$V_2 = \{A \in M_3(\mathbb{R}) : \text{sum of diagonal entries of } A \text{ is } 0 \text{ and sum of each row is } 0\}$  with usual addition and scalar multiplication of matrices.

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Q16. Shivani, Shruti and Smriti enjoyed shopping on a Sunday, Shivani bought 2 shirts, a T-shirt and 2 pants, whereas Shruti bought a T-shirt and a pant and Smriti bought 2 shirts and a pants. They paid Rs. 600, Rs. 400 and Rs. 300 respectively. Suppose  $x_1$  is the price of a shirt,  $x_2$  is the price of a T-shirt and  $x_3$  is the price of a pant. Then the above information forms a system of linear equations. If  $Ax = b$  is the matrix representation of

the above system, where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$  is the vector that represents the price of a shirt, T-

shirt and a pant respectively, answer the given subquestions

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)** Consider the set  $S$  of solutions of the system  $Ax = 0$ , where  $A$  is as given. Clearly,  $S$  is a vector space with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication. What is the dimension of  $S$  ?

**Q2)** Which of the following forms a basis for  $S$  ?

**Options:**

A.  $\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1, -1 \right), (0, 1, -1) \right\}$

B.  $\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1, -1 \right) \right\}$

C.  $\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1 \right), (0, 1, -1) \right\}$

D.  $\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1, 1 \right) \right\}$

**Q3)** What is the rank of  $A$  ?

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Q17. Let  $W_1 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x - y + z = 0\}$  and  $W_2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x - y + z = 0, 2x + y - 3z = 0\}$  and  $W_3$  be the  $xy$ -plane. Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

**Sub questions:**

**Q1)** Choose the correct option(s) from the following statements.

A. The set  $\{(1, 0, -2), (0, 1, 1)\}$  forms a basis for  $W_1$

B.  $W_2$  is the set of all solutions of the system  $AX = 0$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

C. The intersection of  $W_1$  and  $W_3$  is the line  $y = 2x$

D. The intersection of  $W_1$  and  $W_3$  is spanned by the vector  $(2, 1, 0)$

E.  $W_2$  is the straight line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  passing through the origin and the vector  $(1, 4, 2)$

**Q2)** Find  $\dim(W_1 + W_2)$ .

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Q18. Let  $W = \{A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} : A = -A^T\}$

Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

**Sub questions:**

**Q1)** Let  $A \in W$  be a non-zero matrix. Then rank of  $A$  is

**Q2)** What is the dimension of the vector space  $W$ ?

**Q3)** Which of the following sets form a basis for  $W$ ?

**Options:**

A.  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

$$\text{B. } S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{C. } S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{D. } S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

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$$\text{Q19. Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ What is the rank of } A?$$

**Jan 2024**

Q20. Consider the following subsets of  $M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Sub Questions:**

**Q1)**  $W_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a + b + c = 1 \right\}.$

If  $W_1$  is a subspace, find the dimension else write the answer as 0

**Q2)**  $W_2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a = b = c \right\}$  If  $W_2$  is a subspace, find

the dimension else write the answer as 0.

**Q3)**  $W_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  If  $W_3$  is a subspace, find the dimension else

write the answer as 0.

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Q21. Consider the vectors  $v_1 = (1, -1, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (2, 3, -1)$  and  $v_3 = (a, b, c)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Choose

the correct options from the following.

**Options:**

A. If  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 0$ ,  $c = -1$ , then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  forms a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

B. If  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 0$ ,  $c = -1$ , then the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  are linearly dependent.

C. If  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 0$ ,  $c = -1$  and  $A$  is the matrix with  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  as its columns, then  $\text{rank}(A) = 3$ .

D. If  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 1$ , then the subspace spanned by the vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  has dimension 3.

E. If  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $c = 1$  and  $A$  is the matrix with  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $v_3$  as its columns, then  $A$  is invertible.