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Q1. Let $v_1 = (1, 0, 3)$, $v_2 = (4, 2, 14)$, $v_3 = (3, 6, 10)$ and $u = (3, -36, 3)$. If $u = av_1 + bv_2 + cv_3$, then find the value of $a - b + c$.

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Q2. Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Which of the following options are true?

Options:

A. $\det(A) \neq 0$

B. A is invertible

C. The columns of matrix A are linearly independent

D. $A^{-1} = A^T$

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Q3. Consider the set V together with the operations addition and scalar multiplication defined as follows:

$$V = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

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

Scalar Multiplication:

$$c(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} (0, 0, 0) & c = 0 \\ \left(cx, cy, \frac{z}{c}\right) & c \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (x, y, z) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Consider the following statements

1. There exists an element 0 (called the zero vector of V) in such that $0 + v = v$, $\forall v \in V$.
2. For each v in V , there exists an element v' , such that $v' + v = v + v' = 0$
3. For each $v \in V$, $1v = v$
4. For each $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(a + b)v = av + bv$

5. For each $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and for each pair $v_1, v_2 \in V$, $a(v_1 + v_2) = av_1 + av_2$
 6. For each $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(ab)v = a(bv)$

Choose the correct statement from the above

Options:

- A. 1 is correct
 B. 2 is correct
 C. 3 is correct
 D. 4 is correct
 E. 5 is correct
 F. 6 is correct

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Q4. Consider the following sets with the given operations defined as follows:

$$W_1 = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x + y + z = 1\}$$

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

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in W_1$$

$$\text{Scalar Multiplication: } c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz); (x, y, z) \in W_1, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

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

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

$$(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2) \in W_2$$

$$\text{Scalar Multiplication: } c(x, y, z) = (cx, cy, cz); (x, y, z) \in W_2, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Based on the above data, answer the given subquestions.

Sub questions:

Q1) Which of the following options are true for W_1 ?

Options:

- A. There does not exist any zero element of W_1
 B. W_1 is closed under addition
 C. W_1 is a subset of \mathbb{R}^3
 D. W_1 is not a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

Q2) Which of the following options are true for W_2 ?

Options:

- A. There does not exist any zero element of W_2
- B. W_2 is closed under addition
- C. W_2 is closed under scalar multiplication
- D. W_2 is a subset of \mathbb{R}^3
- E. W_2 is a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3

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Q5. If addition and scalar multiplication on $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined as follows:

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

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

Consider the following statements

1. There exists an element 0 (called the zero vector of V) in V such that $0 + v = v$, $\forall v \in V$
2. There exists a vector v' in V such that $v' + v = v + v' = 0$, $\forall v \in V$
3. For each vector $v \in V$, $1v = v$
4. For each vector of $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(a + b)v = av + bv$
5. For each vector of $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and for each pair $v_1, v_2 \in V$, $a(v_1 + v_2) = av_1 + av_2$
6. For each vector of $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(ab)v = a(bv)$

Which of the above statements is not true with respect to the addition and scalar multiplication on $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ defined above? (Enter the serial number of statement which is not true. If statement 2 is not correct then enter 2 as your answer)

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Q6. Which of the following subsets are not a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication?

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

Enter the serial number of the subsets which is not a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication. (If the subset corresponding to serial number 2 is not a subspace, then enter 2 as your answer)

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Q7. If S is a (non-empty) linearly independent subset of \mathbb{R}^3 (with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication), then what can be the maximum possible cardinality of S ?

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Q8. If S is a (non-empty) linearly independent subset of \mathbb{R}^3 (with respect to usual addition and scalar multiplication), then what can be the minimum possible cardinality of S ?

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Q9. Choose the set of correct options.

- A. If v and w are linearly independent, then $v + w$ and w are also linearly independent.
- B. If $A^n = 0$ for some 2×2 matrix A and some non-zero natural number n , then A must be 0 (zero matrix of order 2)
- C. If a homogeneous system of linear equation $Ax = 0$ has some non-zero solution, then it must have infinite number of solutions
- D. If $A^3 = I$ for some $n \times n$ matrix A , then it is not necessary that A^3 is an invertible matrix.

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Q10. 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

The conditions that need to be checked to identify a subspace W of a vector space V :
_____. (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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Q11. If addition and scalar multiplication on $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined as follows:

$$\text{Addition: } (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (0, 0) ;$$

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

$$\text{Scalar Multiplication: } c(x, y) = (0, 0); (x, y) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Consider the following statements

1. There exists an element 0 (called the zero vector of V) in V such that $0 + v = v, \forall v \in V$.
2. For each vector of $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(a + b)v = av + bv$
3. For each vector of $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and for each pair $v_1, v_2 \in V$, $a(v_1 + v_2) = av_1 + av_2$
4. For each vector of $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(ab)v = a(bv)$

Which of the above statements is not true with respect to the addition and scalar multiplication on $V = \mathbb{R}^2$ defined above? (Enter the serial number of the statement which is not true. If statement 2 is incorrect, then enter 2 as your answer.)

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Q12. 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:

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

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

Answer the subquestions with respect to the given information.

Sub Questions:

Q1) Which of the following is(are) true?

Options:

- A. V_α is closed under the given addition but not closed under the given scalar multiplication
- B. V_α is not closed under the given addition but closed under the given scalar multiplication
- C. V_α is neither closed under the given addition but nor closed under the given scalar multiplication
- D. V_α is closed under the given addition and also closed under the given scalar multiplication

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

Options:

- A. V_α has no zero element with respect to the given addition
- B. $(0, 0, 0)$ is the zero element of V_α with respect to the given addition
- C. $(0, \alpha, 0)$ is the zero element of V_α with respect to the given addition
- D. (α, α, α) is the zero element of V_α with respect to the given addition

Q3) Consider the element $v = (2, \alpha, 0)$. Which of the following options is(are) correct?

Options:

- A. v is not an element of V_α
- B. v has no inverse element with respect to the given addition in V_α
- C. $(-1)v$ is the inverse element of V_α
- D. $(-2, \alpha, 0)$ is the inverse element of V_α

Q4) Choose the correct option(s).

Options:

- A. For each element of $v \in V_\alpha$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(a + b)v = av + bv$
- B. For each vector of $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and for each pair $v_1, v_2 \in V_\alpha$, $a(v_1 + v_2) = av_1 + av_2$
- C. For any real number c , we always have $c(0, \alpha, 1) = (0, \alpha, 1)$
- D. There does not exist any real number c such that $c(0, \alpha, 1) = (0, \alpha, 1)$

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Q13. Which of the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 is/are vector spaces with respect to usual addition and usual scalar multiplication ?

Options:

A. $V_1 = \{(x, y) : 2x + 3y = 0\}$

B. $V_2 = \{(x, y) : y^2 = 0, x = 2y\}$

C. $V_3 = \{(x, y) : x = 1\}$

D. $V_4 = \{(x, y) : 2x + 3y - 1 = 0, x - y = 0\}$

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Q14. Select the true statement(s).

Options :

A. Any subset of a linearly independent set is a linearly independent set.

B. Any superset of a spanning set is a spanning set.

C. Any subset of a basis is a basis.

D. Any superset of a subspace is a subspace.

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Q15. Consider the set $W = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) : \det(A^T) = 0\}$ with usual addition and usual scalar multiplication of matrices. Which of the following is/are true?

Options :

A. W is closed under addition.

B. W is closed under scalar multiplication.

C. W is a vector space.

D. W is not a vector space.

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Q16. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} -6 & 3 & 4 \\ 7 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let v_1, v_2 and v_3 be the column vectors of A and let u_1, u_2 and u_3 be the column vectors of B .

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

Options:

- A. The vectors v_1, v_2 and v_3 lie on a plane
- B. The vectors u_1, u_2 and u_3 lie on a plane
- C. The vectors u_1, u_2 and u_3 are linearly independent
- D. The system $Ax = 0$ has a unique solution
- E. The system $Bx = 0$ has a unique solution
- F. The vector u_3 is a linear combination of u_1 and u_2

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Q17. Unless otherwise stated, assume that we consider the usual vector addition and scalar multiplication. Choose the correct option(s) from the following statements.

Options:

- A. The set of vectors $\{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ with scalar multiplication defined by $k(a, b) = (0, kb)$ forms a vector space.
- B. The set of real numbers with addition defined by $x + y := x - y$ forms a vector space
- C. Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ be an invertible matrix. The set of all solutions of homogeneous system $AX = 0$ is a vector space of dimension 0
- D. Any vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^2 with dimension 1 is of the form $ax + by = 0$ where $a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$

E. Any vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 with dimension 1 is of the form $ax + by = c$ where $a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$

F. $V = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a + b = c + d \right\}$ forms a vector space

G. The set of all $n \times n$ matrices with rank strictly less than n does not form a vector space.

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Q18. Let $V = \{(x, y, 5) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Let us define addition and scalar multiplication as follows:

Addition : $(x_1, y_1, 5) + (x_2, y_2, 5) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2, 5); (x_1, y_1, 5), (x_2, y_2, 5) \in V$

Scalar multiplication : $c(x, y, 5) = (cx, cy, 5); (x, y, 5) \in V, c \in \mathbb{R}$

Answer the following questions with respect to the given information.

Sub Questions:

Q1) Is the set V closed under addition?

Options:

- A. Yes
- B. No

Q2) Is the set V closed under scalar multiplication?

Options:

- A. Yes
- B. No

Q3) Which of the following is(are) correct?

Options:

- A. V has no zero element with respect to the given addition.
- B. $(0, 0, 0)$ is the zero element with respect to the given addition.
- C. $(0, 0, 5)$ is the zero element with respect to the given addition.
- D. For any real number c , we always have $c(0, 1, 5) = (0, 1, 5)$
- E. For each element of $v \in V$ and for each pair $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $(a + b)v = av + bv$

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Q19. Let $u = (1, 2, -1)^T$, $v = (2, 1, 0)^T$ and $w = (-1, 4, -3)^T$. Let $A \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $Au = u$ and $Av = -v$. If $A^3w = (a, b, c)^T$, then

Sub Questions:

Q1) a is equal to

Q2) b is equal to

Q3) c is equal to