## Midterm 1 practice 3

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- This exam has 4 questions, for a total of 20 points.
- Please print your working and answers neatly.
- Write your solutions in the space provided showing working.
- Indicate your final answer clearly.
- You may write on the reverse of a page or on the blank pages found at the back of the booklet however these will not be graded unless very clearly indicated.
- Non programmable and non graphing calculators are allowed.

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## Discussion section (please circle):

Question	Points	Score
1	5	
2	5	
3	5	
4	5	
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**Question 1** is multiple choice. Indicate your answers in the table below. The following three pages will not be graded, your answers must be indicated here.

Part	A	В	С	D
(a)				
(b)				
(c)				
(d)				
(e)				

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- 1. Each of the following questions has exactly one correct answer. Choose from the four options presented in each case. No partial points will be given.
  - (a) (1 point) If V is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb C$  and  $v \in V$  then

$$(2-3) \cdot (v+w) + (5-3) \cdot v + w$$

equals

- A. 1
- B. *v*
- C. 0
- D. 2v

The following two questions concern the subsets

$$A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \middle| \lambda a^2 + 2(c - a^2) = 0 \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$B = \{ p \in \mathbb{R}[x] \mid p' = \lambda \} \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$$

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) (1 point) Which of the following is a true statement.
  - A. Both A and B are subspaces regardless of the value of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
  - B. A is not a subspace for any  $\lambda$  and B is a subspace when  $\lambda = 0$ .
  - C. Both are subspaces when  $\lambda = 0$ .
  - D. A is a subspace when  $\lambda = 2$ .

- (c) (1 point) When  $\lambda = 0$ , the subspace B has dimension
  - A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 4

(d) (1 point) Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be one of the fields  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for p=2,3,5,7. Consider the vectors

$$\begin{pmatrix} [1] \\ [1] \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} [-1] \\ [5] \end{pmatrix}.$$

For which fields are the two vectors linearly dependent?

- A. Only for  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- B. Only for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$
- C. For  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .
- D. For  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

(e) (1 point) Fix  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider the subspaces

$$U = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -a \\ \lambda a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \mid a + b = 0 \right\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

When is  $U \oplus W = \mathbb{R}^2$ ? (i.e. when is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a direct sum of these two subspaces).

- A. For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- B. Never.
- C. When  $\lambda \neq 1$ .
- D. When  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

- 2. Give (simple) examples of all of the following situations.
  - (a) (2 points) An infinite dimensional vector space V over  $\mathbb C$  and an infinite dimensional subspace W such that  $W \neq V$ .

(b) (2 points) A linearly dependant subset  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\} \subseteq V$  consisting of 3 elements such that no element is a scalar multiple of another (i.e.  $v_i \neq \lambda v_j$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $i \neq j$ ).

(c) (1 point) A basis for W.

3. (5 points) Let  $\mathbb{C}_3[x]$  be the vector space consisting of polynomials of degree less than 3 (i.e constant, linear and quadratic polynomials only). Let  $S = \{1 + x, x - x^2, 1 + x + x^2\} \subset \mathbb{C}_3[x]$ . Prove or disprove that S is a basis of  $\mathbb{C}_3[x]$ .

- 4. Let V be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and W be a subspace.
  - (a) (2 points) Consider the map  $\pi: V \longrightarrow V/W$  given by  $\pi(v) = v + W$ . Show that  $\pi$  is a linear map.

(b) (3 points) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and

$$W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \in V \mid a - b = 0, b - c = 0, c - a = 0 \right\}$$

Find the dimension of W and V/W.

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