

## Week 3 Conceptual Quiz

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### Problem 1. (1 point)

Which of the following most accurately describes what it means to add two vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ , represented as arrows, in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

- A. Place the tip of  $\vec{w}$  on the tip of  $\vec{v}$  and draw an arrow from the base of  $\vec{v}$  to the base of  $\vec{w}$ .
- B. Place the base of  $\vec{w}$  on the tip of  $\vec{v}$  and draw an arrow from the base of  $\vec{v}$  to the tip of  $\vec{w}$ .
- C. Place the base of  $\vec{w}$  on the tip of  $\vec{v}$  and draw an arrow from the base of  $\vec{w}$  to the tip of  $\vec{v}$ .
- D. Place the tip of  $\vec{v}$  on the tip of  $\vec{w}$  and draw an arrow from the base of  $\vec{w}$  to the base of  $\vec{v}$ .

*Correct Answers:*

- B

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### Problem 2. (1 point)

Let

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ -8 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

What is  $-8\vec{v} + 5\vec{w}$ ?

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} -27 \\ 114 \\ -44 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$
- B.  $\begin{bmatrix} -27 \\ -120 \\ 8 \\ -15 \end{bmatrix}$
- C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 117 \\ -14 \\ 84 \\ 65 \end{bmatrix}$
- D.  $\begin{bmatrix} -117 \\ -40 \\ -72 \\ -65 \end{bmatrix}$

*Correct Answers:*

- B

**Problem 3. (1 point)**

A linear system in the variables  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_5$  has the following solution set:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 15 + 16s + 14t \\x_2 &= t \\x_3 &= -5 - 19s \\x_4 &= s \\x_5 &= -27\end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the solution set as a vector equation.

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 0 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ -27 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \\ -19 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- B.  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ -27 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \\ -19 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- C.  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 1 \\ -5 \\ 1 \\ -27 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \\ -19 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

- D.  $\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 \\ 0 \\ -5 \\ 0 \\ -27 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \\ -19 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

*Correct Answers:*

- A

**Problem 4. (1 point)**

Consider the following linear system:

$$\begin{aligned}-5x_1 + 10x_3 - 8x_4 &= 6 \\-9x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 - 8x_4 &= -8 \\-10x_1 + 8x_2 - 5x_4 &= 7 \\-x_1 - 10x_2 + 9x_3 + 7x_4 &= -5\end{aligned}$$

Represent this linear system as a vector equation.

- A.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -9 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 1 \\ -10 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -8 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

- B.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -10 \\ 8 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ -10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

- C.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -9 \\ -10 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 8 \\ -10 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -8 \\ -8 \\ -5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

- D.  $x_1 \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} + x_3 \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + x_4 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ -10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -8 \\ 7 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$

*Correct Answers:*

- C

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**Problem 5. (1 point)**

Recall that  $\mathcal{P}_4$  denotes the set of polynomials of degree at most 4. What is the zero vector in  $\mathcal{P}_4$ ?

- A.  $x^4$
- B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- C. There is no zero vector in  $\mathcal{P}_4$ , the elements of  $\mathcal{P}_4$  are not vectors.
- D. 0

*Correct Answers:*

- D