

# Mathematics 700 Test #1

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Show your work to get credit. An answer with no work will not get credit.

1. (15 Points) Define the following:

(a) Linear independence.

(b) The span of a subset  $S$  of a vector space  $V$ .

(c) The vector space  $V$  is direct sum of its subspaces  $U$  and  $W$ .

2. (10 Points) Find (no proof required) a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  so that

$$T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. (10 Points) Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be linearly independent vectors in a vector space  $V$ . Then show that the vectors  $v_1, 2v_1 + v_2, 3v_1 + 2v_2 + v_3$  are also linearly independent.

4. (10 Points) Let  $M_{2 \times 2}$  be the 2 by 2 matrices over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{F} \right\}$$

be the subspace of diagonal matrices. Show that any three dimensional subspace of  $M_{2 \times 2}$  contains a nonzero diagonal matrix.

5. (10 Points) Find (no proof required) a basis for the set of the space of vectors  $(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4$  that satisfy

$$x + y + z + w = 0$$

$$x + y + 2z + 3w = 0.$$

6. (15 Points) Show that if  $v_1, \dots, v_k$  are vectors in the vector space  $V$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_k \in \mathbb{F}$  are scalars so that

$$c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2 + \dots + c_k v_k = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad c_k \neq 0$$

then

$$\text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}\} = \text{Span}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}.$$

7. (15 Points) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be subspaces of a vector space so that

$$\dim U = 3, \quad \dim W = 4, \quad \dim(U \cap W) = 2.$$

Then show directly, that is without using the theorem that  $\dim(U + W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim U \cap W$ , that  $\dim(U + W) = 5$ . (So you are being ask to prove  $\dim(U + W) = \dim U + \dim W - \dim(U \cap W)$  in this special case.)

8. (15 Points) Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{u_1, u_2\}$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  be two linearly independent sets in a vector space  $V$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \cup \mathcal{W}$  is linearly independent. Then show

$$\text{Span}(\mathcal{U}) \cap \text{Span}(\mathcal{W}) = \{0\}.$$