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## PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

1. Read each question carefully, and **answer all questions in the space provided after each question.** For questions 6 to 8, you may use the backs of pages if necessary, but be sure to indicate to the marker that you have done this.
2. Questions 1 to 5 are worth 1 point each, and no part marks will be given. However, you must show some work to obtain the point. Simply writing the correct answer will earn you 0.
3. Questions 6 and 7 and are worth 6 points each, and part marks can be earned. **The correct answers here require justification written legibly and logically: you must convince the marker that you know why your solution is correct.** Question 8 is a bonus question and is worth 3 points. Earning points here will be much more difficult than in questions 1-7.
4. You have to submit this assignment by putting into the box marked “**MAT1341 Section E**” in the cabinet in the foyer of the math building (KED) on the due date, by 5pm.

1. Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbf{R}^4$  are closed under (the standard operation of) multiplication by scalars? A.  $\{(a, b, c, d) \mid a b c = 0\}$

B.  $\{(a, b, c, d) \mid a = 1, b = 0 \text{ and } c + d = 0\}$

C.  $\{(a, b, c, d) \mid a > 1 \text{ and } b < 1\}$

D.  $\{(a, b, c, d) \mid a > 0 \text{ and } b > 0\}$

E.  $\{(a, b, c, d) \mid a - b + 2c = 0\}$

ANSWER

2. Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}] = \{f \mid f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}$ ?

$U = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}] \mid f(-1)f(1) = 0\}$   $V = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}] \mid f(1) + f(2) = 0\}$   $S = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}] \mid f(x) = f(-x), \forall x \in \mathbf{R}\}$   $T = \{f \in \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}] \mid f(1) \leq 0\}$

ANSWER

3. Which two of the following statements are true?

- I. The span of any vector in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  is a line through the origin.
- II. The span of any two distinct vectors in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  is all of  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .
- III. A set of vectors  $\{u, v, w\}$  in a vector space spans  $V$  if every vector in  $V$  is a linear combination of  $u, u + v$  and  $u + v + w$ .
- IV. The set  $\{(1, 1), (2, 3)\}$  spans  $\mathbf{R}^2$ .

ANSWER

4. For which value of  $s$  does the vector  $(6, 3, s)$  belong to the subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$  spanned by  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(0, 1, 2)$ ?

ANSWER

5. If we give  $X = \mathbf{R}^2$  the *non-standard* operations

$$(x, y) \oplus (x', y') = (x + x' - 1, y + y' + 2) \quad (\text{vector addition})$$

and

$$k \odot (x, y) = (kx - k + 1, ky + 2k - 2) \quad (\text{multiplication by scalars}),$$

then  $X$  is a real vector space.

- What is the zero vector of  $X$ ?
- If  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y)$  is in  $X$  then what is  $-\mathbf{v}$ ?

ANSWER

$0 =$	$-\mathbf{v} =$
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6. Let  $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbf{R}^3 \mid x - y + z = 0\}$
- Is  $W$  a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ ?
  - Find a spanning set for  $W$ .
  - Give a complete geometric description of  $W$ .

*(You must justify your answers.)*



7. Consider the vector space  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) = \{f \mid f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}\}$ , with the standard operations. Recall that the zero of  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R})$  is the function that has the value 0 for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

Let  $U = \{f \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{R}) \mid f(1) = f(-1)\}$  be the subspace of functions which have the same value at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . Define functions  $g, h, j$  and  $k \in \mathbf{F}[\mathbf{R}]$  by

$$g(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1, \quad h(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x + 1, \quad (1)$$

$$k(x) = -x^3 + 5x^2 + x + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad j(x) = x^3 - x, \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{R}. \quad (2)$$

- a) Show that  $g$  and  $h$  belong to  $U$ .
- b) Show that  $k \in \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .
- c) Show that  $j \notin \text{span}\{g, h\}$ .
- d) Show that  $\text{span}\{g, h\} \neq \text{span}\{g, h, j\}$ .

*(You must justify your answers.)*



8. [Bonus] Let  $\mathbf{E} = \{“ax + by + cz = d” \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}\}$  be the set of linear equations with real coefficients in the variables  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ . Equip  $\mathbf{E}$  with the usual operations on equations that you learned in high school: addition of equations, denoted here by “ $\oplus$ ” and multiplication by scalars, denoted here by “ $\otimes$ ”, as follows:

$$“ax + by + cz = d” \oplus “ex + fy + gz = h” = “(a + e)x + (b + f)y + (c + g)z = d + h”$$

and

$$\forall k \in \mathbf{R}, \quad k \otimes “ax + by + cz = d” = “kax + kby + kcz = kd”.$$

You may assume without proof that  $\mathbf{E}$  is a vector space.

Find a spanning set for  $\mathbf{E}$ . (*You must justify your answer.*)

