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*Show all work* in the space provided. *Indicate clearly* if you continue on the back. Write your **name** at the **top** of the *scratch* sheet *if it is to be graded*. No books or notes are allowed. A scientific calculator is OK—but not needed. The maximum total score is 100.

**Part I: Short Questions.** Answer **8** of the 12 short questions: 6 points each. **Circle** the **numbers** of the 8 questions that you want counted—*no more than 8!* Detailed explanations are not required, but they may help with partial credit and are *risk-free!* Maximum score: 48 points.

1. Let  $\mathbb{F} = \{0, 1\}$  be the field of two elements, in which  $1 + 1 = 0$ . Either state the relationship of order (e.g.  $<$ ,  $=$ , or  $>$ ) between 0 and 1 in  $\mathbb{F}$ , or state that no order relation exists in  $\mathbb{F}$ .
2. Express the vector (directed line segment)  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  in terms of the vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
3. True or False: The set  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1\}$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .
4. Determine whether the set  $\{(1, 1, 2), (3, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 0)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is linearly *independent* or linearly *dependent*.
5. Give an example of two subspaces  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $S_1 \cup S_2$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
6. Find the dimension of the subspace  $S \subseteq C(\mathbb{R})$  consisting of all twice differentiable functions such that  $f'' = 0 \in C(\mathbb{R})$ .
7. If  $S$  and  $T$  are subspaces of a vector space for which  $\dim(S + T) = 8$ ,  $\dim(S) = 5$ ,  $\dim(T) = 6$ , find  $\dim(S \cap T)$ .
8. How many one-dimensional subspaces are there in  $\mathbb{F}^3$  if  $\mathbb{F} = \{0, 1\}$  is the two-element field

9. True or False: A system of 7 linear *homogeneous* equations in 8 unknowns must have a nontrivial solution.

10. True or False: A system of  $n$  homogeneous linear equations in  $n$  unknowns must have a nontrivial solution if the rank of the coefficient matrix is exactly  $n$ .

11. Find a *basis* for the solution space to the system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_4 &= 0 \\x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 2x_4 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

12. For which value(s) of  $\alpha$  do the 3 columns of the *coefficient matrix* of the system below span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + 2x_2 + \alpha^2 x_3 &= b_1 \\x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3 &= b_2\end{aligned}$$

**Part II: Proofs.** Prove carefully 2 of the following 3 theorems for 26 points each. **Circle** the letters of the 2 proofs to be counted in the list below—*no more than 2!* You may write the proofs below, on the back, or on scratch paper. Maximum total credit: 52 points.

A. Let  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  be points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{CD}$ . Use *vector algebra* to prove that  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{BD}$ . (Suggestion: It may be helpful to express as  $\vec{A}$  the vector pointing from the origin to the point  $A$ , and the same for the three other points, so that  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  becomes the *difference* between two vectors, etc.)

B. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $P_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0 \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R} \forall i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$ . Prove:

(i)  $P_n(\mathbb{R})$  is a *subspace* of the (known) vector space  $P(\mathbb{R})$  of all polynomials on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(ii) The set  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$  is a *basis* for the subspace  $P_n(x)$ .

C. Suppose  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\gamma, \delta)$  are two *distinct* points in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Prove that the solution space  $S$  of the system of 2 linear homogeneous equations in 3 unknowns written in vector form as

$$x_1 \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \delta \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

has dimension *exactly* equal to 1. (Suggestion: Consider the possibilities for the rank of the coefficient matrix of this system.)

## Solutions and Class Statistics

1. No order relation exists. In any ordered field, the multiplicative identity 1 must be positive, as shown in class and in the homework. But then the sum  $1 + 1$  would need also to be positive, which is impossible since  $1 + 1 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ .
2.  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{B} - \vec{A}$ .
3. False:  $S$  is not closed under either scalar multiplication or vector addition, both of which are required to be a vector space.
4. The set is linearly dependent: row reduce the matrix of the three given row vectors to echelon form and the third row vector will be  $\vec{0} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .
5. For example, let  $S_1 = \{(a, 0, 0) \mid a \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and let  $S_2 = \{(0, b, 0) \mid b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
6. The dimension is 2:  $f'$  must be a constant function  $c$  and  $f(x) = cx + d$ , so that  $S$  has the basis  $\{1, x\}$ .
7.  $\dim(S + T) = \dim(S) + \dim(T) - \dim(S \cap T)$ , so  $\dim(S \cap T) = 3$ .
8.  $F^3$  has  $8 - 1 = 7$  nonzero vectors and 7 one-dimensional subspaces.
9. True: the rank of the coefficient matrix cannot exceed 7, making the dimension of the solution space at least 1.
10. False: If the rank were  $n$  then the set of  $n$  column vectors must be linearly independent, so that the system has only the trivial solution.
11. Reducing the coefficient matrix to echelon form, we see that for a basis we may take  $B = \{(1, 0, 1, 0), (-3, 1, 0, 1)\}$ , for example.
12. Row reducing the augmented matrix to echelon form, we see that we need  $\alpha \neq \pm 2$ .

## Class Statistics

Grade	Test#1	Test#2	Test#3	Final Exam	Final Grade
90-100 (A)	7				
80-89 (B)	6				
70-79 (C)	9				
60-69 (D)	3				
0-59 (F)	3				
Test Avg	78.6%	%	%	%	%
HW Avg	6.3				
HW/Test Correl	0.65				