

1. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$  which is row equivalent to  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

(a) What is the relationship between the solution sets to  $\mathcal{LS}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{LS}(B)$ ? **(1 point)**

(b) Find a matrix  $C$  that is row equivalent to  $A$  and is in reduced row echelon form. Label any row operations you perform. **(2 points)**

(c) Parameterize all solutions to the linear system  $\mathcal{LS}(A)$ . **(3 points)**

(d) Find the dimension of the row space  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  of  $A$ . **(2 points)**

2. Let  $W$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$ . We say that  $W$  is *awesome* when both:

(i) The subset  $W$  is nonempty.

(ii) For all  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  in  $W$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the linear combination  $aw_1 + w_2$  is also in  $W$ .

Prove that if  $W$  is a subspace then it is awesome. **(6 points)**

3. Let  $S$  in  $\text{Mat}_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R})$  be the subspace of symmetric matrices, i.e., those whose transpose  $A^t$  is equal to  $A$ .

(a) Give an explicit basis for  $S$ , carefully justifying your answer. **(6 points)**

(b) What is the dimension of  $S$  and why? **(2 points)**

4. Suppose  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  are linearly independent vectors in a vector space  $V$ . For  $v$  in  $V$ , prove that if  $\{v, w_1, w_2\}$  is linearly dependent then  $v$  is in  $\text{span}(w_1, w_2)$ . **(6 points)**

5. Suppose  $V$  is a vector space where  $\dim V = 2$ .

(a) For any subspace  $W \subset V$ , what are the possibilities for  $\dim W$ ? **(2 points)**

(b) Suppose  $W_1 \subset W_2 \subset W_3 \subset W_4$  are all subspaces of  $V$ . Prove that at least two of  $W_1, W_2, W_3$  and  $W_4$  are the same. Hint: Use part (a). **(5 points)**

6. Circle true or false as appropriate; you do **not** need to provide any justification.

(1 point each)

(a) If  $A \in \text{Mat}_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R})$  is row equivalent to a matrix in RREF that has no zero rows then the linear system  $\mathcal{LS}(A)$  is consistent.

true false

(b) If  $\{u, v, w\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then  $\{u - v, v - w, w - u\}$  is also a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

true false

(c) The set  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + y + z = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

true false

(d) The elements  $f(t) = \sin^2(t)$ ,  $g(t) = \cos^2(t)$  and  $h(t) = 1$  are linearly independent in  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

true false

(e) Suppose a linear system with 4 variables and 6 equations has  $(1, 2, 0, 1)$  and  $(3, 0, 1, 5)$  as solutions. Then the total number of solutions to this system is finite.

true false

(f) The set  $\{a \sin(t) + b \cos(t) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

true false

(g) With the terminology of Problem 2, if a subset  $W$  of a vector space  $V$  is awesome then it is a subspace.

true false