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**Exam Linear Algebra I**  
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## Question 1

Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false.

Throughout this exercise, we let  $V$ ,  $W$ , and  $W'$  be vector spaces over a field  $K$ , and let  $U \subseteq V$  be a subspace of  $V$ .

**1.MC1 [1 Point]** Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be linear complements of  $U$  in  $V$ . Then,  $W_1$  is isomorphic to  $W_2$ .

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC2 [1 Point]** Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  and  $g : W \rightarrow W'$  be linear maps. Then  $g \circ f \equiv 0$  implies  $f \equiv 0 \vee g \equiv 0$ .

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC3 [1 Point]** Consider a subspace  $V' \subseteq V$  such that  $U \subseteq V'$ . Then

$$V/U / V'/U \cong V/V'.$$

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC4 [1 Point]** The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible.

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC5 [1 Point]** The set

$$\{1, x + 1, (x + 1)^2, (x + 1)^3\} \subset K[x]$$

is a basis for  $K[x]_3$ , the space of polynomials over  $K$  of degree at most 3.

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC6 [1 Point]** Let  $V_1, V_2 \subseteq V$  be subspaces. We have

$$U + (V_1 \cap V_2) = (U + V_1) \cap (U + V_2).$$

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC7 [1 Point]** The set

$$\{(t, 0, 1), (0, t^2, 1), (1, 0, t)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

is linearly independent for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC8 [1 Point]** Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  and  $g : W \rightarrow W'$  be linear maps. Assume that  $f$  is surjective. We have

$$\text{rank}(g \circ f) = \text{rank}(g).$$

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC9 [1 Point]** Let  $f : V \rightarrow W$  be an injective linear map. Then its dual map  $f^* : W^* \rightarrow V^*$  is also injective.

- (A) True
- (B) False

**1.MC10 [1 Point]** Consider a linearly independent subset  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\} \subset V$ , for some natural number  $m \geq 1$ , and let  $w \in V$ . Then

$$\dim \text{Sp}(v_1 + w, v_2 + w, \dots, v_m + w) < m.$$

- (A) True
- (B) False

## Question 2

Let  $V, W$  be vector spaces over a field  $K$ .

**2.Q1 [1 Point]** Give the definition of  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$ .

**2.Q2 [9 Points]** Fix a subspace  $U \subseteq V$  and consider the space

$$H := \{f \in \text{Hom}(V, W) \mid f|_U \equiv 0\}.$$

Show that  $H$  is isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}(V/U, W)$ .

*Remark.* None of the spaces above are assumed to be finite-dimensional.

### Question 3

Let  $K$  be a field and denote  $K[x]_3$  the space of polynomials with coefficients in  $K$  of degree at most 3. Fix some  $a \in K$  and consider the linear maps

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Comp} : K[x]_3 &\rightarrow K[x]_3 \\ p(x) &\mapsto p(ax) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D : K[x]_3 &\rightarrow K[x]_3 \\ p(x) &\mapsto p'(x) \end{aligned}$$

**3.Q1 [6 Points]** Write the matrices representing  $\text{Comp}$  and  $D$ , respectively, with respect to the standard basis for  $K[x]_3$ .

**3.Q2 [4 Points]** Write the matrix representing  $D \circ \text{Comp}$  with respect to the standard basis of  $K[x]_3$ .

## Question 4

Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over a field  $K$ . Consider a linear map  $f : V \rightarrow W$ .

**4.Q1 [2 Points]** Define the rank of  $f$ .

**4.Q2 [8 Points]** Assume that  $V$  is finite-dimensional. State and prove the formula relating the dimension of  $V$  to the dimension of the kernel of  $f$  and the rank of  $f$ .

## Question 5

Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $K$ .

**5.Q1 [2 Points]** Give the definition of a basis of  $V$ .

**5.Q2 [8 Points]** Assume that  $V$  is finite-dimensional. Let  $S$  be a generating set for  $V$  and let  $T \subseteq S$  be a finite linearly independent set. Write a short algorithm or explain in a few sentences how we can obtain a basis  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $V$  that verifies  $T \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq S$ .

## Question 6

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & \alpha & 3 \\ 3 & \alpha & 2 \end{pmatrix} \in M_{3 \times 3}(\mathbb{R}), \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**6.Q1 [6 Points]** For which values of  $\alpha$  is the matrix  $A$  invertible?

**6.Q2 [4 Points]** When  $A$  is not invertible, give a basis for the kernel of the linear map

$$\begin{aligned} T_A : \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \\ v &\mapsto A \cdot v \end{aligned}$$

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- Turn off any **mobile devices and smartwatches** and keep them stored out of reach. **You may not carry any smart devices on you during the exam.**
- Place your Student ID (Legi) visibly on the table.
- Only non-erasable pens are allowed. The ink must not be red or green. Except in the True/False exercise, do not use whiteout, instead just cross out the relevant parts.
- Please note the **additional information on the next page.**

Good Luck!

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**For answering questions:**

- Questions should be **answered in this booklet**.
  - Circle your answers in the True/False exercise. You are allowed to use whiteout to make changes.
  - Use the pages designated for a given question.
  - Intermediate steps may be marked! You should simplify your final answer.
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**At the end of the exam**

- Sort all additional pages by question.
- Wait until all exams have been collected and follow the instructions.

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## Question 1

1. (A) True  
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2. (A) True  
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## Question 2

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### Question 3

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## Question 4

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## Question 5

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## Question 6

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