Math 2318 Exam 1. Sanders Fall 2026

This exam has 5 problems, and all 5 problems will be graded. Use my supplied paper only. Return your solution sheets with the problems in order. Put your name, **last name first**, and **student id number** on each solution sheet you turn in. Each problem is worth 20 points with parts equally weighted unless otherwise indicated.

1. Consider the matrices.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute the following when defined.

(a) $D + E$ (b) $A + 2C$ (c) AB (d) DC

2. Write each of the following linear systems as an augmented matrix. Reduce to echelon form by Gaussian elimination. Finally determine <u>all</u> solutions if there is one.

(a)
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &= 1 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 &= 2 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

(b)
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 &= 8 \\ 2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 &= 10 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

3. Answer the following.

(a) Is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$? (b) Is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$?

If true, write the given vector as a linear combination of the two spanning vectors. Please show all your work.

4. Consider the two spaces which are spanned as follows.

(a) $\mathcal{V}_a = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$. (b) $\mathcal{V}_b = \text{span}\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$.

For each space, determine its **standard basis** and its **dimension**.

5. Consider the following two matrices, A, each which defines a linear operator via matrix multiplication; i.e. $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv A\mathbf{x}$.

(a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ (b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

Determine a basis for $\mathcal{L}$'s **null space** and also compute the <u>standard basis</u> for $\mathcal{L}$'s **range space**.