

No books, watches, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

**Question 1.** Let  $V = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x > 3\}$ . For  $u, v \in V$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  vector addition is defined as  $u \oplus v = uv - 3(u + v) + 12$  and scalar multiplication is defined as  $a \boxtimes u = (u - 3)^a + 3$ . It can

be shown that  $(V, \oplus, \boxtimes)$  is a vector space over the scalar field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find the following:

a. (1 mark)  $4 \oplus 5 = 4(5) - 3(4+5) + 12 = 20 - 27 + 12 = 5$

b. (1 mark)  $-2 \boxtimes 4 = (4-3)^{-2} + 3 = 4$

c. (2 marks) 0

Let  $0 = a$  and  $u \in V$   $u \oplus 0 = u$   
 $u \boxtimes 0 = u$   
 $ua - 3(u+a) + 12 = u$

$$\begin{aligned} ua - 3u - 3a + 12 &= u \\ a(u-3) &= 4u - 12 \\ a &= \frac{4u-12}{u-3} \\ 0 &= a = 4 \in V \end{aligned}$$

d. (2 marks) the additive inverse of  $x$

Since  $(V, \oplus, \boxtimes)$  is a vector space we know the additive inverse of  $x$  is  $-x$  by thm 1.1.1 (note we could have used thm 1.1.1 for part c)  $-x = (x-3)^{-1} + 3 = \frac{1}{x-3} + 3$

**Question 2. (3 marks)** Determine whether the following is a vector space:  $V = \{A \mid A \in \mathcal{M}_{101 \times 101} \text{ and } A \text{ is invertible}\}$  with the following operations:

$$A + B = AB \text{ and } kA = kA$$

That is, vector addition is matrix multiplication and scalar multiplication is the regular scalar multiplication. Justify.

Not a vector space since it is not closed under scalar mult.

If  $I_{101} \in V$  and  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $0I_{101} = 0_{101} \notin V$  since  $\det(0) = 0$  therefore not invertible

**Question 3. (4 marks)** In any vector space  $V$ , for any  $\vec{v}, \vec{w} \in V$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  prove that if  $a\vec{v} = a\vec{w}$  and  $a \neq 0$  then  $\vec{v} = \vec{w}$ . Justify every step and cite the axiom(s) used!!!

$$\begin{aligned} a\vec{v} &= a\vec{w} \\ \frac{1}{a}(a\vec{v}) &= \frac{1}{a}(a\vec{w}) \text{ since } a \neq 0 \\ \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\vec{v} &= \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\vec{w} \text{ by axiom 9.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1\vec{v} &= 1\vec{w} \\ \vec{v} &= \vec{w} \text{ by axiom 10.} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 4. (2 marks)** Determine whether the following statement is true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement. A vector space must contain at least two vectors.

False

$V = \{0\}$  with the operation  $0+0=0$  and  $k0=0$  is a vector space.