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SOLUTION KEY / ASSIGNMENT 1 / MATH 420

§1.2 #13  $V$  with the defined operations fails (vs  $\otimes$ ):

$$(s+t)(a, a_2) = (s+t)(a_1, a_2)$$

$$s(a, a_2) + t(a, a_2) = (sa, a_2) + (ta, a_2) = ((s+t)a, a_2)$$

E.g.  $s=1, t=0, (a_1, a_2) = (1, 2)$  we have

$$(1+0)(1, 2) = (1, 2)$$

$$1(1, 2) + 0(1, 2) = (1, 2) + (0, 2) = (1, 4)$$

#16  $V = M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), F = \mathbb{Q}$  (rationals)

$V$  is a v.s. over  $\mathbb{Q}$  since  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

and since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a field.

#18 Addition is not commutative, so NO:

$$(1, 2) + (3, 4) = (1+3, 2+4) = (4, 6)$$

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§1.3 #5  $(A+A^t)_{ij} = A_{ij} + (A^t)_{ij} = A_{ij} + A_{ji}$

and  $((A+A^t)^t)_{ij} = (A+A^t)_{ji} = A_{ji} + A_{ij}$

so  $(A+A^t)^t = A+A^t$

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#8 (b)  $W_2 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a_1 = a_3 + 2\}$

Not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  since  $\mathbf{0} \notin W_2$

(d)  $W_4 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a_1 - 4a_2 - a_3 = 0\}$

is a subspace by Thm 1.3

(f)  $W_6$  is not a subspace because it is not closed under addition:

$$(1, 2, \sqrt{2}/6), (0, 1, 1/\sqrt{2}) \in W_6 \text{ but their sum } \notin W_6.$$

#10  $\mathbf{0} \notin W_2$  so  $W_2$  is not a subspace.  $W_1$  satisfies the conditions of Thm 1.3 so it is a subspace.

#12 Apply Thm 1.3 and matrix operations

#19 Let  $W_1 \subseteq V$ ,  $W_2 \subseteq V$  and let  $W = W_1 \cup W_2$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $W$  is a subspace and, by way of contradiction,  $W_1 \not\subseteq W_2$  and  $W_2 \not\subseteq W_1$ . Then  $\exists x \in W_1 \setminus W_2$ ,  $\exists y \in W_2 \setminus W_1$ .

Consider now  $x+y$  which belongs to  $W$  since  $x, y \in W$  and since  $W$  is a subspace. There are two cases now:

(1)  $x+y = z \in W_1$ . Then  $y = z-x \in W_1$ , contradiction.

(2)  $x+y = z \in W_2$ . Then  $x = z-y \in W_2$ , contradiction.

So, either  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$  or  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $W_1 \subseteq W_2$  (in which case  $W_1 \cup W_2 = W_2$ ) or  $W_2 \subseteq W_1$  (in which case  $W_1 \cup W_2 = W_1$ ). In either case  $W_1 \cup W_2 \subseteq V$ .

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# 31  $V$  is a v.s.,  $W \subseteq V$ .

(a)  $(\Rightarrow)$ . Suppose  $v+W \subseteq V$ . Then there exists  $w \in W$  such that  $v+w = 0$ . Since  $V$  is a v.s. it follows that  $w = -v \in W$ ; since  $W$  is a subspace it follows that  $v \in W$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose  $v \in W$ . Then  $v+W \subseteq W$ . Also,  $\forall x \in W$ ,  $x = v + (x-v) \in v+W$ , i.e.  $W \subseteq v+W$ .  
So  $v+W = W \subseteq V$ .

(b)  $v_1+W = v_2+W \iff \exists w_1, w_2 \in W$  such that  $v_1+w_1 = v_2+w_2$   
 $\iff v_1 - v_2 = w_2 - w_1 \in W$