## Linear Algebra Resit (2) September 2001 Ali Nesin

Justify all your answers. An answer without justification will receive a zero grade. All vector spaces may be considered as vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers.

1. Give an example of a system of three linear equations with three unknowns
1a. with only one solution. (2 pts.)
1b. with infinitely many solutions. (2 pts.)
1c. with no solutions. (2 pts.)

**2.** Prove that there cannot be a fourth case in Question 1. (4 pts.)

3. Draw the plane

**3a.** { $(2x, 3y, 4x + 6y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ }

**3b.**  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x + y - z = 0\}.$ 

in 3-dimensional space (represented in your two dimensional paper!) (6 pts.)

4. Is the set

**4b.** {
$$(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$$
}  
**4c.** { $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^4 = 0$ }

a vector space? (6 pts.)

5. What is the equation of the plane passing through the points (1, 1, 1), (2, 1, 0) and (1, 3, -1)? (5 pts.)

6. Let *W* be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . Show that  $W_1 = \{(x_1, ..., x_6) : x_1 + ... + x_6 \in W\}$ is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . What is the dimension of  $W_1$ ? (10 pts.)

7. Let V be a vector space and  $f: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. 7a. Show that Ker  $f^2 \subseteq$  Ker f. (3 pts.) 7b. Find an example where Ker  $f^2 \neq$  Ker f. (4 pts.) 7c. Find an example where Ker  $f^2 =$  Ker  $f \neq 0$ . (4 pts.)

**8.** Find the vector space generated by

**8a.** the set  $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  (4 pts.) **8b.** the vectors (3, 4, 7) and (1, 4, 5). (3 pts.) **8c.** the vector (3, 4, 7). (3 pts.)

**9a.** Show that the vectors (1, 2, 1), (1, 1, 1) and (2, 1, 1) form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (4 pts.)

**9b.** Write the vector (0, 2, 1) as a linear combination of these vectors. (3 pts.)

**9c.** Write the vector (0, 0, 0) as a linear combination of these vectors. (2 pts.)

**9d.** What is the matrix of the linear map  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x - y, z - t, t + x)$  with respect to this basis? (4 pts.)

**9e.** What is the kernel of the above map? (4 pts.)

**10.** Let *V* be a vector space. Let  $f: V \times V \rightarrow V$  be defined by f(v, w) = v + w.

**10a.** Show that the map f is linear. (3 pts.)

**10b.** What is its kernel? (4 pts.)

**10c.** What is its image? (4 pts.)

**10d.** Find a linear map  $g: V \rightarrow V \times V$  such that  $f \circ g = \text{Id}_V$ . (7 pts.)

**10e.** Show that there is no a linear map  $g: V \to V \times V$  such that  $g \circ f = \text{Id}_{V \times V}$ . (7 pts.)