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SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING



**ECEN 5713 Linear Systems**  
**Fall 2003**  
**Midterm Exam #2**



**PH.D. Students- DO ALL FIVE PROBLEMS**

**MS Students- Choose FOUR out of five problems: Indicate below which four are chosen**

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**Problem 1:**

Let  $F = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Define the rules of addition and multiplication such that  $F$  is a field.

**Problem 2:**

For

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the rank and nullity of the above linear operator,  $A$  ? And find a basis for the range space and the null space of the linear operator,  $A$ , respectively ?

**Problem 3:**

Assume  $\alpha = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_n]^T$  and  $\beta = [b_1 \ b_2 \ \cdots \ b_n]^T$  are linearly independent, prove that  $\alpha' = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \cdots \ a_n \ a_{n+1}]^T$  and  $\beta' = [b_1 \ b_2 \ \cdots \ b_n \ b_{n+1}]^T$  are linearly independent as well.

**Problem 4:**

Consider the subspace of  $\mathfrak{R}^4$  consisting of all  $4 \times 1$  column vector  $x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]^T$  with constraints  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$  and  $3x_1 + 3x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$ . Extend the following set (with only one element) to form a basis for THE subspace:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Problem 5:**

Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. Show that the set of all  $1 \times m$  vectors  $y$  satisfying  $yA = 0$  forms a vector space, called the left null space of  $A$ , with dimension  $m - \rho(A)$ , where  $\rho(A)$  is the rank of  $A$ .