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There are 20 questions. The questions are of equal value.  
All questions should be attempted.

Answers to the Multiple Choice questions must be entered on  
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**Multiple Choice Section**

*For each question, choose exactly one option.*

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1. Let  $\mathbf{u} = [1, \alpha, 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = [3, -2, 9]$  and  $\mathbf{w} = [-1, \beta, -3]$ . Find the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  so that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal and  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are parallel.

- (a)  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = \frac{2}{3}$       (b)  $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}, \beta = \frac{3}{2}$       (c)  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = -\frac{2}{3}$   
(d)  $\alpha = -\frac{3}{2}, \beta = \frac{2}{3}$       (e)  $\alpha = -\frac{2}{3}, \beta = \frac{3}{2}$

2. Which one of the following augmented matrices is in row echelon form?

- (a)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$       (b)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right]$       (c)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right]$   
(d)  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$       (e) None of the above.

3. What is the area of the parallelogram inscribed by the vectors  $[2, -1, 3]$  and  $[-1, 1, 0]$ ?

- (a) 19      (b) 7      (c)  $\sqrt{7}$       (d)  $\sqrt{19}$       (e)  $2\sqrt{7}$

4. What is the distance of the point  $P = (-1, -2, -3)$  from the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = -7$ ?

- (a) 7      (b) 21      (c)  $\sqrt{7}$       (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}$       (e)  $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}$

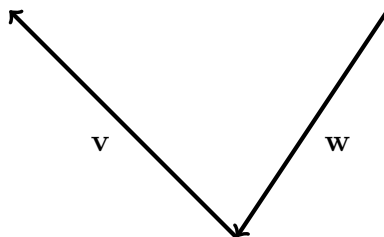
5. Consider the following system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} x & + & y & + & z & - & w & = & 0 \\ & & -y & + & 2z & - & w & = & 0 \\ 2x & & & + & 6z & - & 4w & = & 0 \end{array}$$

Which one of the following statements about this system is true?

- (a) There is a unique solution.
- (b) The general solution is expressed using exactly 1 parameter.
- (c) The general solution is expressed using exactly 2 parameters.
- (d) The general solution is expressed using 3 or more parameters.
- (e) There is no solution.

6. Suppose  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are two non-zero vectors lying in this page:



Which of the following is true?

- (a)  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$  are parallel.
- (b)  $(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$  is a non-zero scalar.
- (c)  $(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) \times \mathbf{v}$  is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- (d)  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$  points upwards, towards the ceiling.
- (e)  $(\mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{v}) \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{v}$  but not  $\mathbf{w}$ .

7. The two lines given by the respective parametric equations

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x & = & 3 + t \\ y & = & -5 + 2t \\ z & = & -5 - t \end{array} \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{lcl} x & = & -3 - 2s \\ y & = & -2 - 4s \\ z & = & 1 + 2s \end{array} \quad s \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) do not intersect.
- (b) intersect at the point  $(7, 3, -9)$ .
- (c) intersect at the point  $(-2, -15, 0)$ .
- (d) intersect at the point  $(-3, -2, 1)$ .
- (e) coincide.

8. The cosine of the angle between the vectors  $[1, 2, 2]$  and  $[3, 0, 4]$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{14}{225}$       (b)  $\frac{225}{11}$       (c)  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{15}}$       (d)  $\frac{11}{15}$       (e)  $\frac{15}{11}$

9. Consider the three planes with equations

$$\mathcal{P}_1 : \quad x + 2y - z = 1,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_2 : \quad -2x - 5y + 2z = 1,$$

$$\mathcal{P}_3 : \quad -4x - 8y + 4z = 10.$$

Which of the following is true?

- (a) None of the planes are parallel to each other.  
(b)  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2$  are parallel to each other but not parallel to  $\mathcal{P}_3$ .  
(c)  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}_3$  are parallel to each other but not parallel to  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .  
(d)  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and  $\mathcal{P}_3$  are parallel to each other but not parallel to  $\mathcal{P}_1$ .  
(e) All of the planes are parallel to each other.

10. Which one of the following sequences of row operations, when applied to the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{bmatrix}$ , produces the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} d-a & e-b & f-c \\ 3a & 3b & 3c \end{bmatrix}$ ?

- (a) First  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , then  $R_2 \rightarrow 3R_2$ , then  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ .  
(b) First  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ , then  $R_1 \rightarrow 3R_1$ , then  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ .  
(c) First  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ , then  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ , then  $R_1 \rightarrow 3R_1$ .  
(d) First  $R_1 \rightarrow 3R_1$ , then  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ , then  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ .  
(e) First  $R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2$ , then  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2$ , then  $R_2 \rightarrow 3R_2$ .

11. Which one of the following is true for all linearly independent vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ ?

- (a)  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are orthogonal.  
(b) If  $a\mathbf{v} + b\mathbf{w} = c\mathbf{v} + d\mathbf{w}$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .  
(c)  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are parallel.  
(d) The vectors  $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}$  are linearly dependent.  
(e) None of the above.

12. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (a) There are three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  is linearly independent.
- (b) Any set of three vectors from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  must span  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (c) If  $\text{span}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \mathbb{R}^2$ , then  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (d) The set  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{0}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  only if  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (e) For any three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , there is a subset of  $\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}\}$  that is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

13. Which one of the following statements is true, given that  $A$  is a matrix of size  $4 \times 4$ ,  $B$  is a matrix of size  $3 \times 4$ , and  $C$  is a matrix of size  $1 \times 3$ ?

- (a)  $A^3 B^T - B^T B A$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix.
- (b)  $BA + B^2$  is a  $3 \times 4$  matrix.
- (c)  $CB$  is a column vector.
- (d)  $BAB$  is defined.
- (e)  $(CBA)^T$  is a  $4 \times 1$  matrix.

14. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , which one of the following is true?

- (a)  $A$  is not invertible.
- (b)  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (c)  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (d)  $A$  is invertible and  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .
- (e) None of the above.

15. Let  $A = P D_1 P^{-1}$ , and  $B = P D_2 P^{-1}$  where  $D_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $D_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $(AB)^5$  is

- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2^5 & 3^5 - 2^5 \\ 0 & 3^5 \end{bmatrix}$ .      (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} -3^5 & 2^5 - 3^5 \\ 0 & -2^5 \end{bmatrix}$ .      (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 3^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^5 \end{bmatrix}$ .  
 (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2^5 & 1 \\ 0 & 3^5 \end{bmatrix}$ .      (e)  $\begin{bmatrix} -2^5 & -3^5 + 2^5 \\ 0 & -3^5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

16. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  diagonalisable matrices. Which one of the following is always true?

- (a)  $A + B$  is diagonalisable.  
 (b)  $AB$  is diagonalisable.  
 (c)  $AB = BA$ .  
 (d)  $A^2$  and  $B^2$  are diagonalisable.  
 (e) none of the above.

17. Let  $B$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and suppose that  $\det(B) = 2$ . Then  $\det\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}B\right)$  is

- (a)  $1/2$       (b)  $-1/\sqrt{2}$       (c)  $-1$       (d)  $-\sqrt{2}$       (e)  $-2$

18. Which one of the following is true for all  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ?

- (a)  $(A + B)^2 = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$   
 (b) if  $A^2 = B^2$  then  $A = \pm B$   
 (c) if  $AB = 0$  then  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$   
 (d) if  $A$  is invertible then  $AB$  is invertible  
 (e) if  $A$  is invertible and  $AB$  is invertible then  $B$  is invertible

19. Let  $P$  be a transition matrix of a Markov chain on  $n$  states. Which of the following is NOT necessarily true.
- (a)  $P$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix.
  - (b)  $P^2$  is a transition matrix for a Markov chain.
  - (c) If  $P$  is invertible, then  $P^{-1}$  is a transition matrix for a Markov chain
  - (d) If  $Q$  is another transition matrix for a Markov chain on  $n$  states, then  $\frac{1}{2}(P + Q)$  is a transition matrix for a Markov chain
  - (e) If  $Q$  is another transition matrix for a Markov chain on  $n$  states, then  $PQ$  is a transition matrix for a Markov chain.
20. Suppose a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  has 3 distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ . Which one of the following is NOT necessarily true?
- (a) The characteristic polynomial of  $A$  has 3 distinct roots.
  - (b)  $\det(A) = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3$ .
  - (c)  $A$  is invertible.
  - (d) There is a  $3 \times 3$  invertible matrix  $P$  so that  $PAP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
  - (e) If  $B$  is any  $3 \times 3$  invertible matrix then  $BAB^{-1}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ .

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**End of Multiple Choice Section.**

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THE EXTENDED ANSWER SECTION BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE.



There are **three** questions in this section, each with a number of parts. Write your answers in the space provided. If you need more space there are extra pages at the end of the examination paper.

- $$\begin{array}{rclcl} x & - & y & + & 2z & = & 4 \\ x & + & ay & - & 5z & = & b \\ 3x & - & 3y & - & z & = & 5 \end{array}$$







(b) Use your answer to (a), or another valid method, to solve the system of equations

$$\begin{array}{rcccccl} 4x & + & 2y & + & 3w & = & 1 \\ -x & - & y & - & w & = & 2 \\ -x & & & - & w & = & -1 \\ 5x & + & y & + & w & + & 2z = 3. \end{array}$$





**3.** (a) Let

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $P$  is the transition matrix for a Markov chain with three states, and  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is the initial state vector for the population.

(i) Compute  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$ .

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(ii) What is the probability of moving from state 2 to state 3 in 2 transitions?

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(iii) Find the steady state vector.



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**End of Extended Answer Section.**

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