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MODULE CODE: MS4131

SEMESTER: Spring 2016

MODULE TITLE: Linear Algebra 1

DURATION OF EXAM: 2.5 hours

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GRADING SCHEME: 80 marks

100% of module grade

EXTERNAL EXAMINER: Prof. J. King

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Scientific calculators approved by the University of Limerick can be used.
Students must attempt any 4 questions from 5.

Question 1

Part A. Matrix Multiplication (4 Marks)

Given the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 7 \\ -1 & 0 & \\ 7 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

calculate the products AB and CA .

Part B. Diagonal Matrices (3 Marks)

Consider the following diagonal matrix D . Provide answers for the following questions in terms of the values a , b and c .

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (1 Mark) Write an expression for the trace of the matrix D .
- (ii) (1 Mark) State the inverse of D , i.e. D^{-1} .
- (iii) (1 Mark) State the matrix D^3 .

Part C. Matrix Multiplication (5 Marks)

Suppose A is a lower triangular matrix of the form;

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ b & c & 0 \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (1 Mark) State the transpose of A .
- (ii) (3 Marks) Compute B where $B = A \times A^T$.
- (iii) (1 Mark) B is a symmetric matrix. What is meant by this?

Please Turn Over For Parts D and E

Part D. Invertible Matrices (4 Marks)

Show that if A is an $n \times n$ invertible matrix that satisfies

$$9A^3 + A^2 - 3A = 0$$

where $A^n = \underbrace{A \dots A}_{n \text{ times}}$, I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix and 0 is the $n \times n$ zero matrix, then the inverse of A is given by

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}I + 3A.$$

Part E. Matrix Transposition (4 Marks)

Let A and B be $m \times n$ matrices.

$$(AB)^T = B^T \times A^T$$

(i) (4 Marks) Prove this identity for A and B .

A proof that is provided on the basis that A and B are both 2×2 matrices will be sufficient for full marks.

Question 2

Part A. Fundamental Theorem of Invertible Matrices (4 Marks)

The Fundamental Theorem of Invertible Matrices states that a set of mathematical expressions concerning an $n \times n$ matrix A are each equivalent to one another.

- (i) (4×1 Mark) State any four of these expressions.

Part B. Inverting a Matrix with Elementary Row Operations (6 Marks)

In this question, you are required to find the inverse of the following matrix using elementary row operations.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (2 Mark) Write down the augmented matrix of this system.
- (ii) (4 Marks) Find the inverse of the matrix, using elementary row operations. Show your workings for each stage of the calculation.

Please Turn Over For Parts C and D

Part C. Inverting a Matrix with Co-Factor Method (9 Marks)

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (5 Marks) For each element of B , calculate the corresponding minor. Show your workings for each calculation. State the matrix of minors.
- (ii) (2 Marks) Hence or otherwise, compute the determinant of B i.e. $\det(B)$.
- (iii) (1 Mark) Compute the cofactor matrix for B i.e. $\text{cof}(B)$.
- (iv) (1 Marks) State the inverse matrix of B , given by

$$B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(B)} \text{cof}(B)^T.$$

Part D. Inverting Multiples of a Matrix (1 Mark)

Suppose that the inverse of the following matrix M

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ -6 & -2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is given as

$$M^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ -0.25 & -1.0 & -0.75 \\ 0.50 & 0.5 & 0.50 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (1 Mark) State the inverse of the matrix N where $N = 2M$.

$$N = 2M = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 4 & 4 \\ 8 & 0 & -4 \\ -12 & -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question 3

Part A. Vector Calculations (9 Marks)

Consider the three vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$u = (1, 2, 0), \quad v = (0, 1, 3), \quad w = (1, 2, 3).$$

- (i) (3 Marks) Evaluate $u + v$, $\|u\|$ and $\|v\|$,
- (ii) (3 Marks) Evaluate $u \cdot v$, $u \times v$ and the angle between u and v .
- (iii) (2 Marks) Calculate the scalar triple product $u \cdot (v \times w)$.
- (iv) (1 Mark) With reference to the answer for part (iii), state the scalar triple product $u \cdot (w \times v)$. Justify your answer.

Part B. Orthonormal Projections (7 Marks)

If

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix},$$

- (i) (3 Marks) Find the vector component of u along a , $\text{proj}_a u$
- (ii) (2 Marks) Find the vector orthogonal component to a ;
- (iii) (2 Marks) Calculate the norm of $\text{proj}_a u$ and the norm of $u - \text{proj}_a u$;

Part C. Proofs for Vector Products (4 Marks)

- (i) (4 Marks) Prove that for any $u, v, w, \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and any $k \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$(u \times v) \times w = (u \cdot w)v - (v \cdot w)u.$$

Question 4

Part A. System of Linear Equations (7 Marks)

Consider the linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 + x_3 &= 4 \\2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 &= -3 \\x_2 + 3x_3 &= 7.\end{aligned}$$

- (i) (2 Marks) Write down the coefficient matrix and the augmented matrix of this system.
- (ii) (5 Marks) Solve the system of equations, using any appropriate method. Show your workings for each stage of the calculation.

Part B. Proof of Vector Identities (7 Marks)

- (i) (1 Marks) Let u and v be two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 and let θ be the angle between them. Define the scalar product $u \cdot v$ in terms of θ
- (i) (2 Marks) Hence or otherwise, prove the so-called “*Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality*”:

$$\|u \cdot v\| \leq \|u\| \times \|v\|$$

- (ii) (4 Marks) Hence or otherwise, prove the so-called “*Triangular Inequality*”

$$\|u + v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\|$$

Part C. Distance from Planes (6 Marks)

- (i) (3 Marks) Give the general form of the equation of the plane π in \mathbb{R}^3 passing through the point $P_0 = (1, 0, 2)$ with the vector $n = (-5, 3, 2)$ as the normal.
- (ii) (3 Marks) Show that the point $Q = (1, -1, 1)$ does not lie in the plane π and find its distance from π .

Question 5

Part A. Determinants of Matrices (4 Marks)

You are given the following piece of information concerning a matrix A .

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 7 \\ -1 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

- (i) (2 Marks) Hence or otherwise, state the determinant of matrices B and C . Provide a brief justification for your answer.

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 7 \\ -3 & -1 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 & 14 \\ -2 & -2 & 14 \\ 2 & 10 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (ii) (2 Marks) State the determinant of matrices D and E . Provide a brief justification for your answer.

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 8 \\ -3 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 5 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 8 & 14 \\ 0 & -2 & 14 \\ 0 & 10 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Part B. Row-Echelon Form of a Matrix (4 Marks)

Consider the matrices U, V, W and X presented below. For each matrix state one reason why that matrix is not in row-echelon form. Provide distinct answers for each of the four matrices.

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 6 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 8 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Marking Scheme: 4×1 Marks where 1 Mark is awarded for each valid and distinct reason.

Please Turn Over For Part C

Part C. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors (12 Marks)

Consider the following matrix A

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 1 & 1.5 \\ -3 & -5 & -3 \\ 3.5 & 5 & 2.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) (2 Marks) Determine the Characteristic Equation for A .
- (ii) (2 Marks) Determine the eigenvalues for A .
- (iii) (4 Marks) For each eigenvalues, compute the corresponding eigenvectors of A .
- (iv) (2 Marks) Diagonalise A ; i.e, give a matrix P and a diagonal matrix D , such that $A = PDP^{-1}$.
- (v) (2 Marks) Hence, evaluate A^4 .