



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018  
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)  
SCO 109: LINEAR ALGEBRA FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

DATE: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Attempt QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY OTHER TWO

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a) Determine whether the set  $A = \{(2,0,3), (1,2,0), (3,2,3)\}$  is linearly dependent or independent. (4 marks)

b) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Determine

i.  $|A|$

ii. Rank of  $A$

c) Find the inverse of the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

d) Solve the following equation

$$3a - 3b + 2c = 9$$

$$5a + b - 2c = 1$$

$$a + b + c = 6$$

a) Let  $\vec{u} = (2, 4, -2)$ ,  $\vec{v} = (-1, 4, 6)$  and  $\vec{k} = (2, -2, 4)$ . Find

i.  $(\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{k}))$

ii. Angle between  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{k}$

e) Find the area of the triangle determined by  $u = (1, -1, 2)$  and  $v = (0, 3, 1)$

f) Given that  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $f(x, y, z) = (x + y + 2z, x - y)$ . Determine if  $f$  a linear function.

- g) Determine whether the vector  $(3,3,3)$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $w = (1, -2, 2)$  and  $v = (0, 3, -1)$  (4 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Given that  $B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = 2y\}$ , determine whether  $B$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (5 marks)
- b) Show that the set of vectors  $\vec{a} = j - 2k$ ,  $\vec{a} = i - j + k$  and  $\vec{c} = i + 2j + k$  is linearly independent (8 marks)
- c) Determine whether the vector  $(3, 3, 3)$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $w = (1, -2, 2)$  and  $v = (0, 3, -1)$  (7 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine whether all the vectors of the form  $(a, a, 0)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (4 marks)
- b) Reduce the following matrix in row echelon form (6 marks)
- $$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 & 8 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 9 & -2 & 5 \\ 6 & 0 & 2 & 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$
- c) Given that  $F: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $f(x, y, z) = (x + y + 2z, x - y)$ . Determine
- Is  $f$  a linear function. (4 marks)
  - Nullity of  $f$  (2 marks)
  - Rank of  $f$  (2 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) If  $u$  and  $v$  are vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  show that  $u \times v$  is orthogonal to either  $u$  or  $v$  (3 marks)



- b) Let  $u = (-6, 4, 2)$  and  $v = (3, 1, 5)$
- Find a vector that is perpendicular to both  $u$  and  $v$  (3 marks)
  - Determine magnitude of  $u$  (2 marks)
  - Angle between  $u$  and  $v$  (3 marks)
- c) Find the equation of a plane that passes through  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(2, 5, 7)$  and  $(4, 6, 5)$  (5 marks)
- d) Find the equation for the line passing through  $P(3, -1, 2)$  and parallel to the vector  $(2, 1, 3)$  (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE 20 (MARKS)

a) Evaluate  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 2 & -8 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$  (4 marks)

- b) Find the distance of the point  $A(25, 5, 7)$  from the plane  $12x + 4y + 3z = 3$  (6 marks)
- c) Find the Eigen values of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$  (3 Marks)
- d) Show that the set  $\{(3, 8, 7, -3), (1, 5, 3, -1), (2, -1, 2, 6), (1, 4, 0, 3)\}$  is a linearly independent set. (7 marks)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & 4 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 4 & \\ 2 & & -2 & 4 & 2 & -2 & \end{array}$$

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$$(2 \times 4 \times 4) + (-1 \times 6 \times 2) + (2 \times 4 \times -2) - [(2 \times 4 \times 2) + (2 \times 6 \times -1) + (-1 \times 4 \times 2)]$$

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- b) Given that  $2t\hat{i} + 4h\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} = -10\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4c\hat{k}$  find  $t, h$  and  $c$ . (3 marks)
- c) Let  $a = (1, -2, 4)$  and  $b = (-3, 5, -1)$ .  
Find  
i.  $a \times b$  (3 marks)  
ii.  $3a \cdot 2b$  (2 marks)
- d) Solve the following equation  
$$\begin{aligned} 3a - 3b + 2c &= 9 \\ 5a + b - 2c &= 1 \\ a + b + c &= 6 \end{aligned}$$
 (5 marks)
- e) Consider the vectors  $a = (4, -5, 7)$  and  $b = (3, 5, -7)$ . Find  $u \cdot v$  and determine the angle between  $u$  and  $v$ . (5 marks)
- f) Find the area of the triangle determined by  $u = (1, -1, 2)$  and  $v = (0, 3, 1)$  (4 marks)
- g) Determine whether the vector  $(3, 3, 3)$  is a linear combination of the vectors  $w = (1, -2, 2)$  and  $v = (0, 3, -1)$  (4 marks)



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- b) Show that the set  $\{(3, 8, 7, -3), (1, 5, 3, -1), (2, -1, 2, 6), (1, 4, 0, 3)\}$  is a linearly independent set. (8 marks)
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- Is  $f$  a linear function. (6 marks)
  - Kernel of  $f$  (3 marks)
  - Image of  $f$  (3 marks)
  - Nullity of  $f$  (2 marks)
  - Rank of  $f$  (2 marks)