



**JANUARY EXAMINATIONS 2017**

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<b>Department</b>	Mathematics
<b>Module Code</b>	MA1112
<b>Module Title</b>	Linear Algebra I
<b>Exam Duration</b>	Two hours
<b>CHECK YOU HAVE THE CORRECT QUESTION PAPER</b>	
<b>Number of Pages</b>	3
<b>Number of Questions</b>	4
<b>Instructions to Candidates</b>	Answer all questions.  All marks gained will be counted.  All questions carry equal weight.
<b>FOR THIS EXAM YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE THE FOLLOWING:</b>	
<b>Calculators</b>	Permitted calculators are the Casio FX83 and FX85 models
<b>Books/Statutes provided by the University</b>	No
<b>Are students permitted to bring their own Books/Statutes/Notes?</b>	No
<b>Additional Stationery</b>	No



1. Find all the solutions of the following linear systems.

(a) **[5 marks]**

$$4x_1 + x_2 - 3x_3 = 11$$

$$-3x_2 + 2x_3 = 9$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = -3$$

(b) **[5 marks]**

$$x - 2y = 5$$

$$3x + y = 1$$

(c) **[7 marks]**

$$x_2 - x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 0$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_4 = 4$$

(d) **[8 marks]**

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$$

$$2x_3 - 4x_4 = 0$$

$$-2x_1 - 4x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = 0$$

**Total: 25 marks**

2. (a) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

i. **[5 marks]** Compute  $A^T A$ .

ii. **[5 marks]** Compute  $AA^T$ .

(b) Find the inverse  $A^{-1}$  for the given matrix  $A$ , if it exists, in each case below.

i. **[5 marks]**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

ii. **[5 marks]**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii. **[5 marks]**

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Total: 25 marks**

3. (a) **[4 marks]** Let  $V$  be a vector space,  $S = \{\vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_r\} \subseteq V$ . Under what conditions do we say that  $S$  is linearly independent?
- (b) **[4 marks]** Give the definition of a basis of a vector space.
- (c) **[5 marks]** Is  $S = \{1 - t, 2t + 3t^2, t^2 - 2t^3, 2 + t^3\}$  a basis of  $\mathbb{P}_3$ , the space of all polynomials of degree up to three? Briefly justify your answer.
- (d) **[5 marks]** Define the rank and the nullity of a  $m \times n$  matrix. Find the rank and the nullity of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 6 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (e) **[7 marks]** Write  $\vec{v}$  as a linear combination of  $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_3$  where

$$\vec{v} = (1, 2, 3, 5), \quad \vec{u}_1 = (1, 2, 3, 4), \quad \vec{u}_2 = (-1, -2, -3, -4), \quad \vec{u}_3 = (0, 0, 1, 1),$$

or explain why it is impossible to do so.

**Total: 25 marks**

4. (a) For each of the following sets  $S \subseteq V$ , state if they are linearly independent or not, briefly justifying your answer.
- [4 marks]**  $S = \{(2, -1, 3), (5, 0, 4)\}$ ,  $V$  is the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - [4 marks]**  $S = \{(2, 0, 7), (2, 4, 5), (2, -12, 13)\}$ ,  $V$  is the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - [4 marks]**  $S = \{(6, 2, 1), (-1, 3, 2), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)\}$ ,  $V$  is the real vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - [4 marks]**  $S = \{(i, 1), (-1, i)\}$ ,  $V$  is the complex vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$ .
- (b) For each of the following sets  $W \subseteq V$ , state whether  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , briefly justifying your answer. If  $W$  is indeed a subspace also state what its dimension is.
- [3 marks]**  $W = \{(x, y) | x = 2y\} \subseteq V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - [3 marks]**  $W = \{(x, y) | x - y = 1\} \subseteq V = \mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - [3 marks]**  $W = \{(x, y, z) | x \geq 0\} \subseteq V = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Total: 25 marks**