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Linear Algebra  
MTH 2101

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER 2014

TIME: 2: 00- 5:00 PM

DURATION: 3HRS

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**Instructions:**

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1. Carefully read through ALL the questions before attempting
  2. **ANSWER FIVE (5) Questions ONLY.** (Each question carries equal marks)
  3. No names should be written anywhere on the examination book.
  4. Ensure that your **Reg number** is indicated on all pages of the examination answer booklet.
  5. Ensure your work is **clear and readable**. Untidy work shall be penalized
  6. Any type of examination Malpractice will lead to automatic disqualification
  7. Do not write anything on the questions paper.
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1. a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Verify that:

i)  $(A+C)B = AB + CB$

(3 marks)

ii)  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .

(3 marks)

b) Let A and B be  $m \times n$  matrices and C be an  $n \times p$  matrix. Prove that

$(A+B)C = AC + BC$ .

(3 marks)

c) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & t \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $t$  is a scalar. Find  $A^2$  and  $A^3$ . Hence state  $A^n$  for  $n$  a positive integer.

(5 marks)

d) i) Let A be a non singular matrix. Show that the inverse of A is unique. (3 marks)

ii) Show that no positive power of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  equals the identity  $I_2$ .

(3 marks)

2. a) Find the condition on  $r$  and  $t$  such that the system

$$-2x + ry = 2$$

$$x - y = t$$

i) has no solution

ii) has one solution

iii) has infinitely many solutions.

(6 marks)

b) i) Explain the three row operations of the Gaussian elimination process.

(3 marks)

ii) Solve the following system of linear equation by Gaussian elimination process.

$$2x + 3y - z = 3$$

$$x - 2y + 3z = -2$$

$$3x + y + z = 2$$

(5 marks)

c) The UMU library owns 20,000 books. Each month 20% of the books in the library are lent out, and 80% of the books lent out are returned, while 10%

remain lent out and 10% are reported lost. 25% of the books are listed as lost the previous month are found and returned to the library. At present 18,000 books are in the library, 2,000 are lent out, and none are lost. How many books will be in the library, lent out and lost after two months? **(6 marks)**

3. a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $I_3$  be the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.

i) Find the characteristic polynomial  $P(t) = \det(A - tI_3)$ , where  $t$  is a scalar. **(3 marks)**

ii) Find the values of  $t$  for which  $\det(A - tI_3) = 0$ . **(2 marks)**

iii) For each of the values of  $t$  in part ii) above, find a vector  $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{pmatrix}$  such that  $Av = tv$ . **(3 marks)**

b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all  $3 \times 2$  matrices  $B$  such that  $BA = 0$ . **(5 marks)**

c) Show that for any  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B)$ . **(3 marks)**

d) i) Show that  $\det(I_n) = 1$ . **(2 marks)**

ii) Using part 3c) and 3di) above, show that  $\det(A) = \frac{1}{\det(A^{-1})}$ . **(2 marks)**

4. a) Let  $A$  be a square matrix. What is meant by " $A$  is a non singular matrix"? **(2 marks)**

b) Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ 5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  by row reduction method. **(5 marks)**

c) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ 5 & 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  Find:

i) the co-factor matrix  $C$  of  $A$ . **(4 marks)**

ii) the determinant of  $A$ . **(2 marks)**

Hence state  $A^{-1}$ . **(2 marks)**

d) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & t \\ 3 & 0 & r \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the values of  $t$  and  $r$  for which:

i) A is singular.

ii) A is non singular.

(5 marks)

5. a) Define the following terms as used in Linear algebra:

i) vector subspace

(1 marks)

ii) span of a set

(1 marks)

iii) linear combination of vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ .

(1 marks)

b) A subset L of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is given by  $L = \{(x, y, z) : rx + ty + sz = 0\}$  for  $r, t, s$  scalars. Show that L is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(6 marks)

c) i) Let  $U_1, U_2$  and  $U_3$  be subspaces of vector space V. Show that  $U_1 \cup U_2 \cup U_3$  is not necessarily a subspace of V.

(3 marks)

ii) Vectors  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  are such that  $v_3 = 2v_2 - v_1$ . Comment about the linear independence of the set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ .

(2 marks)

d) Determine which of the following sets are linearly independent:

i.  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$

(3 marks)

ii.  $P = \{x^2 + 2x, x + 5, x^2 - 3\}$

(3 marks)

6. a) Let V be a vector space. What is meant by a "basis for V"?

(2 marks)

b) A subset  $W = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \end{pmatrix} \mid a = e = c, f = 0 \right\}$ . Find a basis for W. Hence state the  $\dim(W)$ .

(5 marks)

c) Show that  $S = \{(2, 1, 0), (0, 1, 2), (0, 0, -1)\}$  generates  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(3 marks)

d) i) What is a linear transformation?

(2 marks)

ii) Which of the following functions is a linear transformation?

$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (1, x_2, x_3)$

(2 marks)

$T: P_2 \rightarrow P_1$  where  $T(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2) = a_1 + 2a_2x$

(3 marks)

$T: P_2 \rightarrow P_3$  where  $T[p(x)] = p(0) + xp(x)$ .

(3 marks)

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