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MAST10007 Linear Algebra

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This examination consists of 12 questions.

The total number of marks is 120.

All questions may be attempted. All answers should be appropriately justified.

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— BEGINNING OF EXAMINATION QUESTIONS —

1. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -2 \\ 4 & -5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Evaluate, if possible:

- (a)  $AB$
- (b)  $CD$
- (c)  $3B^2$
- (d)  $(AC)^T + D$

[4 marks]

2. (a) Consider the following linear system:

$$\begin{array}{rrrrrrcl} 3x_1 & + & 2x_2 & + & x_3 & - & 4x_4 & = & 4 \\ x_1 & + & 3x_2 & + & 5x_3 & + & x_4 & = & -1 \\ 2x_1 & + & x_2 & + & 2x_3 & + & 3x_4 & = & 0 \end{array}$$

- (i) Write down the augmented matrix corresponding to the linear system.
  - (ii) Reduce the matrix to row-echelon form.
  - (iii) Use the row-echelon form to give all solutions to the linear system.
- (b) Determine the values of  $k$  (if any) for which the following linear system has:
- (i) a unique solution,
  - (ii) no solution,
  - (iii) infinitely many solutions.

$$\begin{array}{rrrrcl} x & + & ky & + & & = & 1 \\ kx & + & 9y & + & & = & 3 \\ 2x & + & 2ky & + & kz & = & 4 \end{array}$$

[12 marks]

3. (a) Consider the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) Calculate its determinant  $\det(M)$ .
  - (ii) Find  $M^{-1}$  (if it exists).
  - (iii) Suppose that  $N$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix with  $\det(3N) = 54$ . Calculate  $\det(M^{-1}N^T)$ .
- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices, such that the reduced row-echelon form of both matrices is the identity matrix. Show that the reduced row-echelon form of  $AB$  is the identity matrix.

[12 marks]

4. Let  $\Pi$  be the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the following vector equation:

$$(x, y, z) = (2, 1, 1) + s(1, 2, 2) + t(-1, 0, 2), \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Find a Cartesian equation for  $\Pi$ .
- (b) Find a vector equation of the line of intersection of  $\Pi$  and the plane  $2x + y + 4z = 6$ .

[8 marks]

5. For each of the following, decide whether or not the given set  $S$  is a subspace of the vector space  $V$ . Justify your answers by either appealing to appropriate theorems, or providing a counter-example.

- (a)  $V = \mathcal{P}_2$  (all real polynomials of degree at most 2) and

$$S = \{ ax^2 + bx + c \in \mathcal{P}_2 : a + b + c = 0 \}$$

- (b)  $V = M_{2,2}$  (all real  $2 \times 2$  matrices) and

$$S = \{ A \in M_{2,2} : A^2 = A \}$$

[6 marks]

6. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 8 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & 6 & 3 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix  $B$  is the reduced row-echelon form of the matrix  $A$ . Using this information, or otherwise, answer the following, giving reasons for your answers.

- (a) What is the rank of  $A$ ?
- (b) Write down a basis for the column space of  $A$ .
- (c) Write down (or calculate) the dimension of the row space of  $A$ .
- (d) Are the rows of  $A$  linearly independent? Explain your answer.
- (e) Write down a basis for the row space of  $A$ .
- (f) Do the vectors  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 1)$ ,  $(3, 4, 5, 5, -3)$ ,  $(0, 2, 4, 7, 6)$ ,  $(1, 1, 1, -2, 3)$ ,  $(6, 7, 8, 4, -4)$  span  $\mathbb{R}^5$ ? Explain your answer.
- (g) Write  $(0, 2, 4, 7, 6)$  as a linear combination of  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 1)$  and  $(3, 4, 5, 5, -3)$ .
- (h) Find a basis for the solution space of  $A$ .

[10 marks]

7. (a) Determine whether or not the given set  $S$  is a spanning set for the given vector space  $V$ . If the set is a spanning set, find a subset that is a basis for  $V$ .

$$(i) \quad S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$V = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad (\text{all real symmetric } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices})$$

$$(ii) \quad S = \{-1 + x - x^2, 3 - 3x + 3x^2, 4 - x + 3x^2, 7 - x + 5x^2, 2 + x + x^2\}$$

$$V = \mathcal{P}_2 \quad (\text{all real polynomials of degree at most 2})$$

- (b) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and  $T : V \rightarrow W$  a linear transformation. Let  $S = \{\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$  be a subset of  $V$ . Show that if  $\{T(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, T(\mathbf{v}_k)\}$  is linearly independent, then  $S$  is linearly independent.

[11 marks]

8. (a) Let  $S, T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be linear transformations of the plane where  $S$  is the rotation by  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise about the origin and  $T$  is the reflection in the line  $y = x$ .
- (i) Find the standard matrices for  $S$ ,  $T$ , and  $S \circ T$ .
  - (ii) Give a single geometric transformation with the same effect as  $S \circ T$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathcal{P}_2$  denote the vector space of all real polynomials of degree at most 2.
- (i) Show that the function  $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$T(p) = \int_0^1 p(x) dx$$

is a linear transformation. (You may use standard properties of integration.)

- (ii) Find bases for the image and kernel of  $T$ .

[12 marks]

9. Consider the following three bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \mathcal{B} = \{(3, 1), (1, 1)\} \quad \mathcal{C} = \{(1, -1), (1, 3)\}$$

- (a) (i) Write down the transition matrix  $P_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{C}}$  from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{S}$ .
  - (ii) Find the transition matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S}}$  from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .
  - (iii) Find the transition matrix  $P_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}}$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (b) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by:

$$T(x, y) = (-x + 4y, -x + 2y)$$

- (i) Find the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{S}}$  of the transformation  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- (ii) Find the matrix  $[T]_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}}$  of the transformation  $T$  with respect to bases  $\mathcal{B}$  for the domain and  $\mathcal{C}$  for the codomain.
- (iii) Given that  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfies  $[\mathbf{v}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $[T(\mathbf{v})]_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

[10 marks]

10. (a) For each of the following formulae either prove that it defines an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , or prove that it does not.

(i)  $\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle = 2x_1y_1 + x_1y_2 + x_2y_1 + 3x_2y_2$

(ii)  $\langle (x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2) \rangle = 2x_1y_1 + 2x_1y_2 + 3x_2y_2$

- (b) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  having basis:

$$\{(1, 1, 1, 1), (2, 1, 0, 1), (3, -2, 5, -2)\}$$

Apply the Gram-Schmidt procedure to the above basis to find an orthonormal basis for  $W$  using the dot product as inner product.

[14 marks]

11. (a) For each of the following matrices decide whether or not the matrix is diagonalizable. You should justify your answers.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Consider the matrix

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (i) Find all eigenvalues of the matrix  $C$  and a basis for each eigenspace.  
(ii) Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $C = PDP^{-1}$ .  
(iii) Use your results from (ii) to find a formula for  $C^n$  valid for each integer  $n \geq 1$ .  
(iv) Describe the limiting behaviour of  $C^n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

[14 marks]

12. (a) Verify that the vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

are *eigenvectors* of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 24 & 0 \\ 24 & -7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and find their associated *eigenvalues*.

- (b) Write down an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  so that

$$D = P^{-1}AP.$$

- (c) Write down an *orthogonal* matrix  $Q$  so that

$$D = Q^T A Q$$

(where  $D$  is the diagonal matrix above).

- (d) Write down  $Q^{-1}$ .

[7 marks]

— END OF EXAMINATION QUESTIONS —



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