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MAP 1301 – Linear Algebra

Answer all Questions.

Time allowed: **Three Hours**

1.

(i). Show that

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is a linearly independent subset of } \mathbb{R}^3.$$

(ii). Show that  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is in the span of by finding  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  giving a linear relationship.

$$c_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + c_2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show that the pair  $c_1, c_2$  is unique.

(iii). Show that this subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a \\ d \\ g \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} b \\ e \\ h \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ f \\ i \end{pmatrix} \right\} \text{ is linearly independent iff}$$

$$aei + bfg + cdh - hfa - idb - gec \neq 0.$$

(iv). Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ . For each of the products  $A^2, AB, BA, B^2$  state whether or not it exists; if it exists then evaluate it.

(v). Prove or disprove that is a vector space under these operation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } r \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rx \\ ry \\ rz \end{pmatrix}$$

- (vi). For each, decide if it is a vector space; the intended operations are the natural ones. This set of  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & x+y \\ x+y & y \end{pmatrix} \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (vii). Show that  $\{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = 0\}$  is a subspace of the vector space of degree two polynomials.

2.

- (i). Let  $A$  be a column matrix and  $B$  a row matrix,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = [b_1 \ b_2 \ b_3 \ b_4] \text{ then their product } C = AB \text{ is a } 4 \times 4 \text{ matrix.}$$

- a) Can the matrix  $C$  be invertible? Justify your answer; no marks will be given for answer "yes" or "no" if it is not supported by a clear explanation.
- b) What are the possible values of the rank of the matrix  $C$ ? Justify your answer; no marks will be given for an answer not supported by clear explanation.
- (ii). State the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , Find the characteristic polynomial of  $A$  and verify the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

3.

- (i). Find  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & a \\ 0 & a & -a \end{pmatrix}$  is Orthogonal.

- (ii). Orthogonally diagonalise the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

that is find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$ . Such that  $P^T A P = D$ .

- (iii). Is the matrix  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  diagonalizable? Justify your answer.

4.

(i). Which of the following matrices (if any) are in row echelon form?

a) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

b) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii). Consider the linear system.

$$3x_1 - 6x_2 + 3x_3 + 9x_4 = 3$$

$$2x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 4$$

$$-3x_1 + 7x_2 - 2x_3 - 10x_4 = -1$$

- Write down the augmented matrix of the system.
- Transform the augmented matrix to row echelon form. Indicate which elementary row operation you use at each step.
- Identify the leading and the free variables, and write down the solution set of the system.

5.

(i). Consider the following subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ :

$$S = \text{Span} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

Find a basis for  $S$ .

- Let  $V$  and  $W$  be the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  spanned by  $(1,1)$  and  $(1,2)$  respectively. Find vectors  $v \in V$  and  $w \in W$  so  $v + w = (2, -1)$ .
- Let  $V$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of all solutions to the equation  $x + 2y + z = 0$ .  
Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by  $(1,1,1)$ . Find vectors  $v \in V$  and  $w \in W$  so  $v + w = (1,1,0)$ .
- Determine whether each of the following quadratic forms  $Q$  is positive definite.
  - $Q_1(x) = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 4x_2x_3 + 7x_3^2$
  - $Q_2(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 4x_2x_3 + 3x_3^2$