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School of Mathematics and Statistics

MAST10007 Linear Algebra

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- You should attempt all questions.
- Marks may be awarded for
 - Using appropriate mathematical techniques.
 - Accuracy of the solution.
 - Showing full working, including results used.
 - Using correct mathematical notation.
- There are 11 questions with marks as shown. The total number of marks available is 100.

Question 1 (8 marks)

(a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Calculate the following, if they exist:

(i) AC

(ii) BA

(iii) $A^T C$

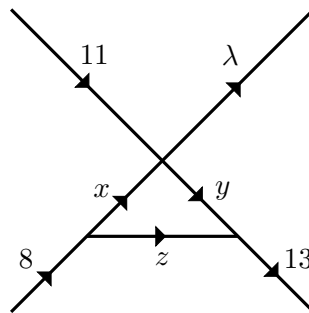
(b) Let $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ a & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

(i) Use row operations to calculate $\det(M)$.

- (ii) Write $\det(N)$ in terms of $\det(M)$ and a .

Question 2 (8 marks)

Consider the following flow diagram where the flow into any vertex must equal the flow out, and $x, y, z, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.



- (a) Set up a linear system in the unknowns x , y and z using equations corresponding to the flow at each of the vertices.

- (b) Find the values of λ for which the system in part (a) is (i) consistent and (ii) inconsistent. For (i) find the general solution.

- (c) Find all solutions to the consistent linear system (for correctly chosen λ) such that $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$ and $z \geq 0$.

Question 3 (12 marks)

Consider the four points $O(0, 0, 0)$, $A(1, 1, 0)$, $B(0, 1, 1)$ and $C(1, 2, 4)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

- (a) Find a vector equation of the line L containing B and C .

- (b) Find a Cartesian equation for the plane Π_1 containing O , A and B .

- (c) Find a Cartesian equation for the plane Π_2 containing A , B and C .

- (d) Find the cosine of angle between the planes Π_1 and Π_2 .

- (e) Find the volume of the parallelepiped having OA , OB and OC as edges.

Question 4 (10 marks)

In each part of this question, determine whether W is a subspace of the real vector space V . For each part, give a complete proof using the subspace theorem, or a specific counterexample to show that some subspace property fails.

(a) $V = \mathbb{R}^4$, $W = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : ab = cd\}$

(b) $V = M_{3,3}$, $W = \{A \in M_{3,3} : A^2 = 3A\}$

(c) $V = \mathcal{P}_3$, $W = \{p(x) \in \mathcal{P}_3 : p(20) = p(19)\}$



Question 5 (7 marks)

You are given the following matrices related by a sequence of elementary row operations:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 11 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using this information (or otherwise), answer the following questions:

(a) Show that

$$\{1 - 2x + x^2 + x^3, x + 2x^2 + x^3, -2 + 7x + 4x^2 + x^3, 2 + 11x^2 + 6x^3\}$$

is not a linearly independent subset of \mathcal{P}_3 by writing one of the polynomials as a linear combination of the others.

(b) Is

$$\{(1, -2, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2, 1), (-2, 7, 4, 1), (2, 0, 11, 6)\}$$

a spanning set for \mathbb{R}^4 ? Explain your answer.

(c) Find a basis for the subspace of $M_{2,2}$ defined by

$$W = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}.$$

What is the dimension of W ?

Question 6 (10 marks)

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3\}$ be an ordered basis for a real vector space V , and suppose that

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = \mathbf{b}_1, \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2, \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = \mathbf{b}_1 - 3\mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3$$

- (a) Write down the coordinate vectors $[\mathbf{c}_1]_{\mathcal{B}}$, $[\mathbf{c}_2]_{\mathcal{B}}$ and $[\mathbf{c}_3]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

- (b) Show that $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3\}$ is a basis for V .

- (c) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}}$ (that converts coordinates with respect to \mathcal{C} to coordinates with respect to \mathcal{B}).

- (d) Find the transition matrix $P_{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{B}}$ (that converts coordinates with respect to \mathcal{B} to coordinates with respect to \mathcal{C}).

- (e) Using your answer to part (d), find $[2\mathbf{b}_1 + 3\mathbf{b}_2 - \mathbf{b}_3]_{\mathcal{C}}$.

Question 7 (10 marks)

Consider the function $T : \mathcal{P}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$ given by

$$T(p(x)) = p''(x) + xp'(x) - p(x),$$

where $p'(x)$ and $p''(x)$ are the first and second derivatives of $p(x)$.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{1, x, x^2\}$ be the standard ordered basis of \mathcal{P}_2 .

- (a) Prove that T is a linear transformation.

- (b) Find the matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} .

- (c) Find a basis for the image of T .

- (d) Find a basis for the kernel of T .

- (e) Determine whether T is injective, surjective or neither.

Question 8 (7 marks)

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T(x, y) = (x + y, 2x + y).$$

Consider the following two ordered bases of \mathbb{R}^2

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B} = \{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}.$$

- (a) Find the matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{S}}$ of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{S} .

- (b) Is T invertible? (You should explain your reasoning.)

- (c) Find the matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$ of T with respect to the basis \mathcal{B} .

Question 9 (12 marks)

A student gets some exercise by going for a walk each day, either to the local park or to the nearby river.

- If the student goes to the park one day, then the next day she goes to the park with probability $\frac{1}{4}$.
- If she goes to the river one day, then the next day she goes to the river with probability $\frac{1}{2}$.

Let p_n be the probability that the student goes to the park on day n , and r_n be the probability that the student goes to the river on day n .

(a) Explain briefly why

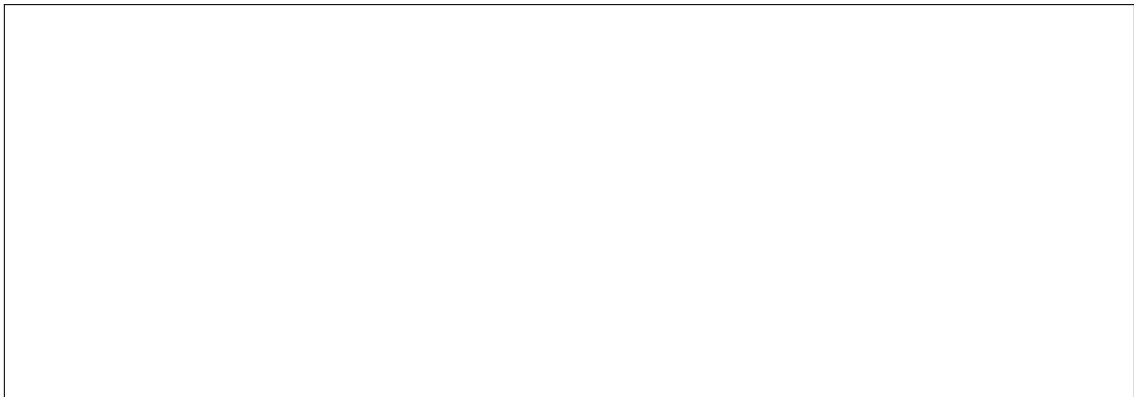
$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{n+1} \\ r_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} p_n \\ r_n \end{bmatrix},$$

where

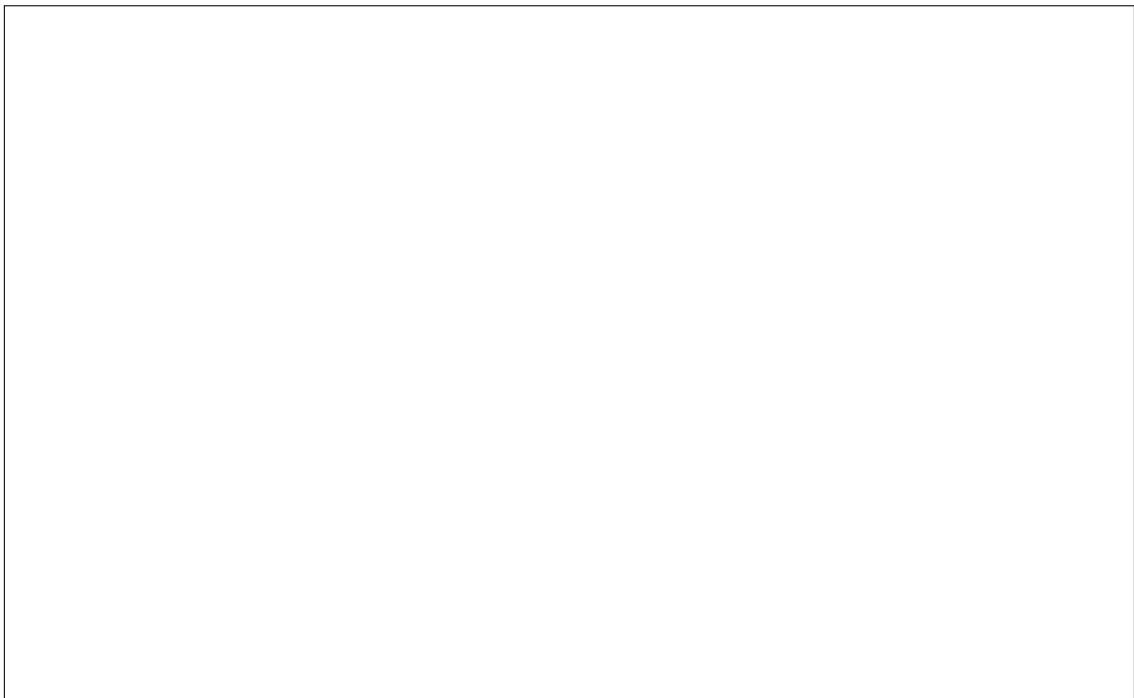
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors for A .

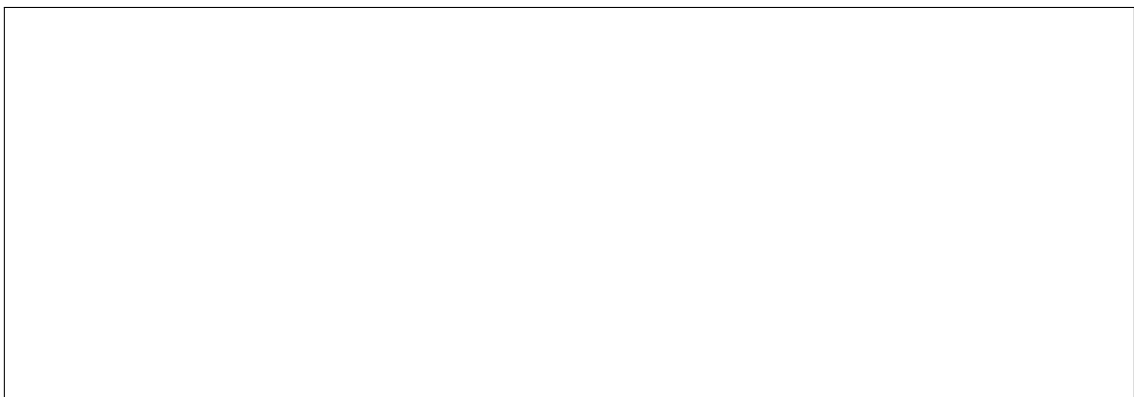
- (c) Find an invertible matrix P and a diagonal matrix D such that $A = PDP^{-1}$.



- (d) Describe the limiting behaviour of A^n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.



- (e) What is the long term probability that the student visits the river?



Question 10 (10 marks)

Consider \mathcal{P}_1 with the inner product given by

$$\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle = p(1)q(1) + 2p(2)q(2).$$

- (a) Prove that the formula for $\langle p(x), q(x) \rangle$ defines an inner product on \mathcal{P}_1 .

- (b) Calculate the length of x with respect to this inner product.

- (c) Let $W \subset \mathcal{P}_1$ be the subspace spanned by x . Find the point of W that is closest to $x + 1$ using this inner product.

Question 11 (6 marks)

Let A be an arbitrary $n \times n$ matrix with complex entries.

- (a) Prove that if λ is an eigenvalue of A then λ^2 is an eigenvalue of A^2 .

- (b) Is it always true that every eigenvector of A^2 is also an eigenvector of A ? Justify your answer by either giving a general proof, or by giving an example of a matrix A where this does not hold.

End of Exam—Total Available Marks = 100