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**UNIT NAME** PMTH213

**PAPER TITLE:** Linear Algebra

**PAPER NUMBER:** First and Only

**DATE:** Friday 18 November 2011 **TIME:** 1:45 PM TO 5:00 PM

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**OTHER AIDS REQUIRED:** NIL

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**Question 1**

[10 marks]

Find all linear transformations

$$T: \mathbb{R}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (u, v, w) \longmapsto (x, y)$$

which map the  $u$ - $w$  plane onto the line given by the equation  $3y = 2x$ .**Question 2**

[10 marks]

Find a basis for the kernel and a basis for the image of the linear transformation

$$T: \mathbb{C}^3 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^3, \quad (x, y, z) \longmapsto (x + y + 5z, 4x + 9y + 5z, 6x + 7y + 27z)$$

**Question 3**

[8 marks]

Find all rational  $2 \times 2$  matrices,  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$  with  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}^2 = \underline{\mathbf{0}}_2$ , where  $\underline{\mathbf{0}}_2$  denotes the  $2 \times 2$  zero matrix.**Question 4**

[10 marks]

Prove that the linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $T$  maps a basis of  $V$  to a basis of  $W$ , that is,  $\{T(\mathbf{e}_j) \mid j \in J\}$  is a basis for  $W$  whenever  $\{\mathbf{e}_j \mid j \in J\}$  is a basis for  $V$ .

**Question 5**

[12 marks]

Let  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  be a basis for the vector space  $V$  and  $T: V \rightarrow V$  a linear transformation.

- (a) Show that if  $\mathbf{f}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_3 = \mathbf{e}_1$ , then  $\{\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{f}_3\}$  is also a basis for  $V$ .
- (b) Find the matrix,  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ , of the  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$  given that its matrix with respect to  $\{\mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{f}_3\}$  is

$$\underline{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Question 6 is on page 3.)

**Question 6**

[10 marks]

- (a) Let  $\underline{\mathbf{A}} = [a_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $\underline{\mathbf{B}} = [b_{ij}]_{n \times m}$  an  $n \times m$  matrix.  
Prove that  $\text{tr}(\underline{\mathbf{A}} \underline{\mathbf{B}}) = \text{tr}(\underline{\mathbf{B}} \underline{\mathbf{A}})$ , where  $\text{tr}(\underline{\mathbf{X}})$  denotes the trace of the matrix  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ .
- (b) Prove that if two matrices,  $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$ , represent the linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow V$ , then  $\text{tr}(\underline{\mathbf{A}}) = \text{tr}(\underline{\mathbf{C}})$ .

**Question 7**

[15 marks]

Given the symmetric matrix  $\underline{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ , find

- (a) its eigenvalues,  
 (b) bases for its eigenspaces,  
 (c) an orthogonal matrix,  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ , which diagonalises it, and  
 (d)  $\underline{\mathbf{M}}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{A}} \underline{\mathbf{M}}$ .

**Question 8**

[25 marks]

Let  $V$  be the real vector space of all continuous functions  $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

- (a) Prove that

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle: V \times V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (f, g) \longmapsto \int_{-1}^1 f(t)g(t) dt$$

defines an inner product on  $V$ .

- (b) Find an orthonormal basis for the subspace of  $V$  generated by the polynomial functions  $\{x, x + x^2, x + x^2 + x^3\}$ .

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