

# Mathematics I (MA101)

Quiz 1 (5 Questions, 10 Marks)

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1. True or False. (No justification required.)

(a) There exists a linear system with exactly two distinct solutions.

$\frac{1}{2}$

(b) If  $x$  and  $y$  are two non-zero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then  $\text{rank}(xy^T) = 1$ .

$\frac{1}{2}$

(c) Every  $2 \times 2$  real matrix can be expressed as a product of a lower triangular matrix and an upper triangular matrix.

$\frac{1}{2}$

(d) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If  $\text{rank}(A) = 1$  and exactly one entry of  $A$  is changed then  $\text{rank}(A)$  is either 0, 1 or 2.

$\frac{1}{2}$

**Solution:** False, True, False, True.

2. Give 5 vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that any two vectors among these 5 vectors are linearly independent.

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**Solution:**

- The five points given should be such that none is multiple of another. (Full Marks: **2 Marks**)
- Only three or four pair wise linearly independent vectors. (Partial Marks: **1 Mark**)
- Three or more pair wise linearly independent vectors and vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . (Partial Marks: **1 Mark**)

3. Let  $u_1, \dots, u_k$  be vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $P$  be an invertible matrix. Prove that

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$$\dim(\text{span}(\{u_1, \dots, u_k\})) = \dim(\text{span}(\{Pu_1, \dots, Pu_k\}))$$

**Solution:** For any set  $v_1, \dots, v_p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i v_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i P v_i = 0$$

Thus, if  $\{u_{i_1}, \dots, u_{i_p}\}$  is a basis for  $\text{span}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$  then  $\{P u_{i_1}, \dots, P u_{i_p}\}$  is a basis for  $\text{span}(P v_1, \dots, P v_k)$  noting that  $P$  is invertible. **2 Marks**

**Alternative**

- Choose the basis as  $\{u_{i_1}, \dots, u_{i_p}\}$ . **1 mark**
- Linearly independence of two sets of vectors does not change as  $P$  is invertible. **1 Mark**

If only second point is written. **1 Mark**

Arguments for which marks are **NOT** awarded.

- Choosing  $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  as basis or linearly independent.
- Showing  $\text{span}(u_1, \dots, u_k) = \text{span}(P u_1, \dots, P u_k)$ .
- Showing  $\text{span}(u_{i_1}, \dots, u_{i_l}) = \text{span}(P u_{i_1}, \dots, P u_{i_l})$ .
- Stating given conditions and reaching the conclusion without saying about preservation of dependency relation or linear independence.

4. Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 19 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find the RREF of  $[A \mid b]$  and determine the value of  $\alpha$  for which the system  $Ax = b$  is consistent.

**Solution:**

$$\text{RREF}([A \mid b]) = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{5} & \frac{44}{5} \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{5} & \frac{7}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \alpha - 7 \end{array} \right]$$

Condition for consistency:  $\alpha - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = 7$ . Marking scheme:

- Computation of correct RREF. **1 Mark**
  - In case there is only one incorrect entry in RREF.  $\frac{1}{2}$  **Mark**

- If more than one entry is incorrect in RREF. **0 Mark**
- Correct computation of  $\alpha$  **1 Mark**
  - Wrong value of  $\alpha$  but correct reasoning. **1 Mark**
  - Value of  $\alpha$  without any reasoning. **0 Mark**

5. Consider the matrix  $B$  and its RREF given by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 & -1 & 2 & 17 \\ 2 & 6 & -2 & 14 & -3 & -19 \\ 4 & 12 & 2 & 16 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 13 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{RREF}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(a) Find a basis of  $\text{row}(B)$ .

$\frac{1}{2}$

**Solution:** First three rows of  $\text{RREF}(B)$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

For correct answer  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark, otherwise 0.

(b) Find a basis of  $\text{col}(B)$ .

$\frac{1}{2}$

**Solution:**  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$  columns of  $B$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For correct answer  $\frac{1}{2}$  mark, otherwise 0.

(c) Find a basis of  $\text{null}(B)$ .

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**Solution:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -4 \\ 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Marking scheme:

- Proper explanation with correct calculation and correct answer **1 Mark**
- Proper explanation but without correct calculation/correct answer  $\frac{1}{2}$  **Mark**
- Proper explanation with correct calculation but only two vectors  $\frac{1}{2}$  **Mark**
- Vectors written as rows are also accepted as answers.