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MATH1019 Linear Algebra and Statistics for Engineers



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EXAMINATION

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This paper is for Bentley Campus and Curtin Malaysia students

This is a RESTRICTED BOOK examination

Examination paper IS to be released to student

Examination Duration 2 hours

Reading Time 10 minutes

Students may write notes in the margins of the exam paper during reading time

Total Marks 100

Supplied by the University

1 x 16 page answer book

Supplied by the Student

Materials

One A4 sheet of handwritten or typed notes (both sides)

Calculator

A calculator displaying 'Engineering Approved Calculator' sticker

Instructions to Students

Attempt as many questions or part questions as possible.

SHOW ALL WORKING.

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Question 1

Given the four points $A(2, 1, 1)$, $B(0, 2, -1)$, $C(3, -1, 0)$ and $D(6, -1, 5)$, as well as the vectors $\mathbf{a} = [3, -2, 1]$ and $\mathbf{b} = [-2, 1, 0]$, determine:

- (a) The position vector of A . (1 mark)
- (b) The distance from A to B . (2 marks)
- (c) The length of \mathbf{a} . (1 mark)
- (d) The dot product $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$. (1 mark)
- (e) The direction cosines and direction angles of \mathbf{b} . (4 marks)
- (f) A non-zero vector that is orthogonal to \mathbf{b} and \overrightarrow{DB} . (3 marks)
- (g) A vector in the direction of \mathbf{b} but with a length of 2. (2 marks)
- (h) If the four points A , B , C and D are coplanar or not. (6 marks)

(A total of 20 marks for this question.)

QUESTION 2 IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Question 2

- (a) Given that \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are vectors in 3 space, determine whether the following expressions results in either: a scalar, a vector, or is the expression meaningless (i.e. it's not possible). If the expression is meaningless explain why the expression cannot be determined.
- (i) $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$ (1 mark)
- (ii) $\|\mathbf{a}\| \cdot \mathbf{b}$ (1 mark)
- (iii) $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ (1 mark)
- (iv) $\|\mathbf{a}\|\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$ (1 mark)
- (v) $(\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c})\|\mathbf{c}\|$ (1 mark)
- (vi) $\frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})}$ (1 mark)
- (b) Determine the angle between the direction vector of the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = z$ and the normal vector to the plane $-x + z = 3$. (5 marks)
- (c) Determine if the line $x = 1 + 3t$, $y = -t$, $z = -4 - 2t$ is parallel or not parallel to the plane $-6x + 2y - 4z = 1$. (4 marks)
- (d) Find the shortest distance from the point $P(-1, 1, 0)$ to the line $\mathbf{r} = [2, 2, -1] + t[3, 0, -2]$. (5 marks)

(A total of 20 marks for this question.)

QUESTION 3 IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Question 3

Given the matrices,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & -15 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

find the following, or briefly justify why it cannot be found,

- (a) $B - A$. (2 marks)
- (b) BA . (2 marks)
- (c) CD . (2 marks)
- (d) AC^T . (3 marks)
- (e) $\det(C)$. (2 marks)
- (f) A^{-1} . (3 marks)
- (g) E^{-1} . (3 marks)
- (h) $|B|I_3$. (3 marks)

(A total of 20 marks for this question.)

QUESTION 4 IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Question 4

- (a) Solve the following linear system with two variables by using Cramer's rule. (Make sure you use Cramer's rule in solving both variables p and q).

$$\begin{aligned} 3p - 4q &= 8 \\ p - 2q &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

(5 marks)

- (b) Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Decide whether the set of vectors $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ is linearly dependent or linearly independent. (5 marks)

- (c) Consider the following system of linear equations,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 &= 2 \\ 2x_2 + 4x_3 + 2x_4 &= 3 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &= k \end{aligned}$$

By using Gaussian Elimination, identify the value of k that makes the system consistent. Hence, find the solution of the system. (10 marks)

(A total of 20 marks for this question.)

QUESTION 5 IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

Question 5

(a) Given the matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i) Use the Gauss-Jordan method to either calculate the inverse A^{-1} of the matrix A or to show that A has no inverse. Is A a singular matrix? (8 marks)

(ii) If $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is the matrix form of a homogeneous system, where \mathbf{b} is the column vector of constants, determine whether the system has a trivial or non-trivial solution. (1 mark)

(b) Is the set $U = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid b = a^2, c = a + b \text{ where } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 ? Justify why it is or isn't a subspace. (4 marks)

(c) Using the pseudoinverse, determine the least squares line $y = a_0 + a_1x$ that best fits the four-point data set: $(-1, 6), (0, 3), (2, 2)$ & $(3, -1)$. (7 marks)

(A total of 20 marks for this question.)

END OF EXAMINATION