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## Instructions

- Answer all ten questions.
- Only approved calculators are allowed.
- No other material is allowed.

## Evaluation

All questions are of equal value. The examination counts for 50% towards your final grade.

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## Questions

### Question 1

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{u} = (1, 1, 1)$ . Find vectors  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that are orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$  and to each other.
- (b) Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(1, 2, -2)$ ,  $(2, 3, 0)$  and  $(3, 5, -2)$ .

### Question 2

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (-2, 4, 1)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (1, 2, -1)$ .

- (a) Find scalars  $r$  and  $s$  such that  $r\mathbf{x} + s\mathbf{y} = (11, -2, -8)$ .
- (b) Find a vector  $\mathbf{z}$  such that  $\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answer.

### Question 3

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 1, -2)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (3, -3, -3)$ . Find the orthogonal projection  $\mathbf{z}$  of  $\mathbf{x}$  on  $\mathbf{y}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{w}$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{y}$  such that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{w}$ .
- (b) Find the distance from the point  $(4, -3)$  to the line  $3x + 5y - 2 = 0$ .

**Question 4**

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a basis for the solution space of the homogeneous system of linear equations  $AX = \mathbf{0}$ .**Question 5**

(a) Rewrite the system

$$\begin{cases} x + y - 3z = 7 \\ x + z = 0 \\ 3x + y = 2 \end{cases}$$

as a matrix equation of the form  $Ax = b$ , and show that

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & -9 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is a solution of  $Ax = b$ .**Question 6**

- (a) Find the equation of the plane that contains the point  $(2, -2, 1)$  and is perpendicular to the line with parametric equations  $x = t - 1$ ,  $y = 3t + 2$ ,  $z = t + 1$ .
- (b) Find parametric equations for the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains the points  $(1, 1, -1)$  and  $(2, 1, 2)$ .

**Question 7**

Convert the linear system

$$L = \begin{cases} 2x + 6y - z = 4 \\ 3x + 9y = 15 \\ -3x - 9y + z = -9 \end{cases}$$

to an augmented matrix in the variables  $x, y, z$  and use elementary row operations to find the solutions of  $L$ .

**Question 8**

Find two  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$  for which the vector

$$BA \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

is the reflection of the vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

about the line  $y = x$ , followed by a counterclockwise rotation of the vector by  $\pi/3$  radians and calculate the vector

$$BA \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

(Hint:  $\cos(\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\sin(\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3}$ .)

**Question 9**

Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & -6 \\ 3 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

**Question 10**

Let

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(a) Verify that the matrix

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -2 \\ -4 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the inverse of  $M$  by showing that the two matrix products  $MN$  and  $NM$  are both the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix.

(b) Find the matrix  $C$  such that  $MC = B$ .