

**Section A Linear Algebra**  
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**Question 1**

- (a) Recall that, for an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ ,  $T_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a linear map such that  $T_A(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ . For the following matrices  $A$ , decide whether there exist distinct non-zero vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  such that  $T_A(\mathbf{x}_1) = T_A(\mathbf{x}_2)$ .

i.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 & 8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

ii.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 8 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Justify your answers.

**[5 Marks]**

- (b) Show that the polynomials  $\mathbf{p}_1 = 1 + x - 3x^2$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_2 = 3 - x + 12x^2$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_3 = x + 3x^2$  form a basis of the vector space  $P_2$  of polynomials of degree at most 2 and find the coordinates of  $1 + x$  in this basis. Show your working.

**[6 Marks]**

- (c) Find all real numbers  $x$  such that the vectors

$$(x, 1, 1, 1), (1, x, 1, 1), (1, 1, x, 1), (1, 1, 1, x)$$

do not form a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . For each of the values that you find, determine the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that they span. Show your working.

**[8 Marks]**

- (d) Let  $U$  and  $W$  be two 2-dimensional subspaces in a 5-dimensional vector space  $V$ . Let  $U + W$  denote the set of all vectors in  $V$  of the form  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w}$  where  $\mathbf{u} \in U$  and  $\mathbf{w} \in W$ . Prove that  $U + W$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Describe all dimensions that this subspace can possibly have.

**[6 Marks]**

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**Question 2**

- (a) Find an orthonormal basis of the vector space  $P_3$  of polynomials of degree at most 3

i. with respect to the inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \rangle = \int_0^2 f(x)g(x) dx$$

**[7 Marks]**

ii. with respect to the inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \rangle = f(-1)g(-1) + f(0)g(0) + f(1)g(1).$$

**[7 Marks]**

Show your working.

- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = 0$  is the zero matrix. Prove that if 0 is not an eigenvalue of  $B$  then every eigenvector of  $B$  is also an eigenvector of  $A$ . **[5 Marks]**
- (c) Consider the set  $W$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  such that both  $(1, 1)$  and  $(1, -1)$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ . Prove that  $W$  is a subspace of the space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices and find the dimension of  $W$ . **[6 Marks]**

**Section B Calculus****(Prof. Magnus Bordewich)****Question 3**

(a) Give either a proof or a counterexample to each of the following assertions:

- i. If  $\{n^2 u_n\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges.
- ii. If  $\{n u_n\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges.
- iii. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n^2$  converges.
- iv. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges absolutely then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n^2$  converges.
- v. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n$  converges absolutely then  $|u_n| < 1/n$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ .

**[14 Marks]**

(b) Find the radius of convergence in each of the following power series. Show your working.

- i.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{2020} z^n$ .
- ii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^n n^4}$ .
- iii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(nz)^n}{n!}$ .

**[9 Marks]****Question 4**

Let  $e(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 - 2x_2x_1 + \min\{x_1, x_2\}$ .

- (a) Draw a computation graph for  $e$ , identifying intermediate variables. List the intermediate variables and the operation by which each is obtained from its inputs. **[5 Marks]**
- (b) Compute the partial derivatives of each intermediate variable with respect to its inputs. **[5 Marks]**
- (c) Use a forward pass of your computation graph to compute  $e(5, 1)$ . Show your working. **[3 Marks]**
- (d) Use forward mode Automatic Differentiation (AD) to compute the directional derivative of  $e$  at point  $(5, 1)$  in the direction  $(1, 2)$ . Show your working. **[7 Marks]**
- (e) Use reverse mode AD to compute a vector pointing in the direction of greatest increase in  $e$  from point  $(5, 1)$ . Show your working. **[7 Marks]**

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