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**Linear Mathematics for Applications – Mock exam  
2**

**2 hours**

*Answer **four** questions. You are advised **not** to answer more than four questions: if you do, only your best four will be counted.*

1 (a) Which of the following matrices are in reduced row echelon form (RREF)? Explain your answers. (4 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Row-reduce the following matrix. (6 marks)

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 5 & 5 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Consider the vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad v_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 4 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

You may assume the row-reduction

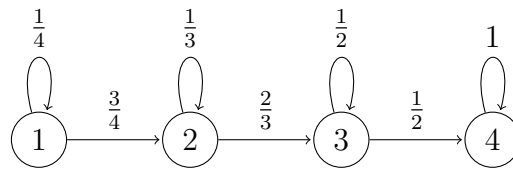
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 7 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 6 & 4 \\ 7 & 0 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (i) Either express  $v_5$  as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ , or explain why that is not possible. (3 marks)
- (ii) Either express  $v_6$  as a linear combination of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ , or explain why that is not possible. (3 marks)
- (d) Find inverses for the matrices  $F$ ,  $G$  and  $H$  below, and explain why  $J$  does not have an inverse. (9 marks)

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 100 & 10 & 111 \\ 10 & 1 & 100 & 111 \\ 10 & 100 & 1 & 111 \\ 100 & 1 & 10 & 111 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Hint:** for  $H$ , trial and error may be easier than a systematic method.

2 Consider the following Markov chain:



(a) Write down the associated transition matrix  $P$ . (2 marks)

(b) Show that the following vectors are eigenvectors for  $P$ , and find the corresponding eigenvalues. (4 marks)

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -9 \\ 24 \\ -16 \end{bmatrix} \qquad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Find all the other eigenvalues and eigenvectors. (9 marks)

(e) At time  $t = 0$  the system is in state 1. What is the probability that it is in state 4 at  $t = 5$ ? (10 marks)

**3** (a) Are the following statements true or false? You do not need to justify your answers. **(9 marks)**

- (i) Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 5$  matrix with linearly independent rows. Then the rank of  $A$  is 5.
- (ii) Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with  $A^T = A$ , and let  $u$  and  $v$  be vectors with  $Au = 2u$  and  $Av = 3v$ . Then  $u \cdot v = 0$ .
- (iii) Let  $U$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix whose columns are all orthogonal to each other. Then  $U^T U = I$ .
- (iv) The list  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  is linearly independent.
- (v) The list  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .
- (vi) Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with  $\text{rank}(A) = 5$ . Then  $A$  is invertible.
- (vii) Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6$  be a linearly independent list of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . Then the list  $u_1, u_3, u_5$  is also linearly independent.
- (viii) Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6$  be a list of vectors that spans  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . Then the list  $u_1, u_3, u_5$  also spans  $\mathbb{R}^6$ .
- (ix) Every subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is either a line or a plane.

(b) Which of the following sets is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ? Here you do need to justify your answers. **(8 marks)**

$$V_1 = \{[w \ x \ y \ z]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid w \geq x\}$$

$$V_2 = \{[w \ x \ y \ z]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid w = x = y = z\}$$

$$V_3 = \{[w \ x \ y \ z]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid w + x + y + z \text{ is an integer}\}$$

$$V_4 = \{[w \ x \ y \ z]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid wxyz = 0\}.$$

(c) Give examples of the following. **(8 marks)**

- (i) A linearly dependent list that spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- (ii) A  $2 \times 2$  matrix that is invertible but not orthogonal.
- (iii) A subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that contains the vector  $[1 \ 2 \ 3]^T$  and has dimension 2.
- (iv) A  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A \neq I_4$  and  $\chi_A(t) = (t - 1)^4$ .

**4** Consider the vectors

$$a_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad a_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad p = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 22 \\ 22 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad q = \begin{bmatrix} 222 \\ -111 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Put  $V = \text{span}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  and  $W = \text{ann}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ .

- (a) Find the canonical basis for  $V$ . *(4 marks)*
- (b) Find the canonical basis for  $W$ . *(8 marks)*
- (c) Find the canonical basis for  $V + W$ . *(5 marks)*
- (d) Use the dimension formula to determine  $V \cap W$ . *(4 marks)*
- (e) Prove that  $p \in V$  and  $q \in W$ . *(4 marks)*

**5** Put

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

You may assume the following row-reductions. (Some of them are useful, and some of them are not.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & -7 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 3 & 7 \\ 3 & -9 & 3 \\ 7 & 3 & -9 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $A$ . *(6 marks)*
- (b) Find an orthogonal matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^T$ . *(10 marks)*
- (c) Express the quadratic form

$$Q = 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 + 6xy + 6yz + 14xz$$

as  $Q = L^2 - M^2$ , where  $L$  and  $M$  are linear forms. Hence find linear forms  $F$  and  $G$  such that  $Q = FG$ . *(7 marks)*

- (d) What are the rank and signature of  $Q$ ? *(2 marks)*

**End of Question Paper**