



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE

IN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ECT AND ETM)

COURSE CODE: MAT 213

COURSE TITLE: LINEAR ALGEBRA

DATE: 12/04/2023

TIME: 3.00-5.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Section A is compulsory any other THREE questions from section B
- Do all the rough work in the answer booklet

TIME: 2 hours

Question One (30 Marks)

- a) Define the following terms
- i) A singular matrix (2 Mark)
 - ii) A linear transformation (2 Mark)
 - iii) A vector (1 Mark)
 - iv) A spanning set of a vector space (2 Marks)
- b) Let $\mathbf{u} = (1, -2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (4, -2, -4)$. Find the dot product $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ and the unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ in the direction of \mathbf{v} . (5 Marks)
- c) Suppose we know for a linear transformation T of \mathbb{R}^2 that $T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ and $T \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the matrix A so that $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$. (6 Marks)
- d) Use elementary row operations to produce the row echelon form of the following matrix. (4 Marks)
- $$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 8 & -7 \\ -3 & 4 & -2 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$$
- e) Find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ hence solve the linear system
- $$3x + y = 3 ; 4x + 2y = -8 \quad (4 \text{ Marks})$$
- f) Let $\mathbf{u} = (2, 5, 3)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (1, 6, 4)$. Express the vector $\mathbf{w} = (7, 7, 3)$ as a linear combination of \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} . (4 Marks)

Question Two (20 Marks)

- a) Determine whether the three vectors $\mathbf{u} = (1, 2, 3, 2)$, $\mathbf{v} = (2, 5, 5, 5)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (2, 6, 4, 6)$ are linearly independent or dependent. (4 Marks)
- b) What is the vector projection of the vector $\mathbf{u} = (2, 3, 1)$ onto $\mathbf{v} = (1, -2, 2)$ (3 Marks)
- c) Find the basis vectors and the dimension for the kernel of a transformation represented by the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 6 & -1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (6 \text{ Marks})$$

- d) Compute the inverse of the matrix $M = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 0 & 5 \\ -3 & 3 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. (7 Marks)

Question Three (20 Marks)

- a) Let $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 5)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 3)$. Show that $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ is a spanning set for \mathbb{R}^2 . (6 Marks)
- b) What is a rank of a matrix? (2 Mark)
- c) Let A be an n square matrix. How would you compare the rank of A when it is invertible and when it is not invertible? If matrix A is not invertible, how do some rows of the matrix relate with one another and what does the row echelon form of the matrix look like? (4 Marks)

d) Find the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & -3 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$ solve and classify the linear system

$$x + y - 2z = 1; y - z = 3; -x + 4y - 3z = 14 \quad \text{(8 Marks)}$$

Question Four (13 Marks)

a). Find the angle and the distance between vectors $\mathbf{v} = (3, -1, 2)$ and $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 2, 3)$.

(8 Marks)

b). Let V and W be vector spaces and $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a transformation. Prove that the image of T is a subspace of W .

(7 Marks)

c). Define the term basis of a vector space hence, state the standard basis vector in the basis of \mathbb{R}^3 .

(5 Marks)

Question Five (13 Marks)

a) For the system $x - y + 3z = 1, y = -2x + 5, 9z - x - 5y + 7 = 0$

i) Write the system in the matrix form $A\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$ for $\mathbf{u} = (x, y, z)$. **(4 Marks)**

ii) Classify the system as either homogenous or non-homogeneous. Explain **(2 Marks)**

iii) Write the augmented matrix for this system and find its row-reduced echelon form **(6 Marks)**

iv) Find the solution of the system and identify the relationship between the planes represented by the system. **(3 Marks)**

b) Let the coordinates of a point A be $A(1, 0, -2)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (4, -2, 3)$ be a vector. Find the vector P such that $P = OA + t\mathbf{v}$ where $t = -2$. **(5 Marks)**