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MA1101R LINEAR ALGEBRA I

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. **Write down your matriculation/student number neatly in the space provided above.**

This booklet (and only this booklet) will be collected at the end of the examination. Do not insert any loose pages in the booklet.

2. This examination paper contains a total of **Five (5)** questions and comprises **Twenty Two (22)** printed pages.

3. Answer **ALL** questions. Write your answers and working in the spaces provided inside the booklet following each question.

4. Total marks for this exam is **100**. The marks for each question are indicated at the beginning of the question.

5. Candidates may use calculators. However, they should lay out systematically the various steps in the calculations.

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Question 1 (a) [10 marks]

Let \mathbf{A} be a 3×5 matrix such that its row echelon form

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Write down a basis for the row space of \mathbf{A} .
- (ii) Is it possible to find a basis for the column space of \mathbf{A} ? Justify your answer.
- (iii) Extend the basis found in (i) to a basis for \mathbb{R}^5 . (Just write down the additional vectors.)
- (iv) Find a basis for the nullspace of \mathbf{A} . Show your working.
- (v) Given $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$ is a particular solution of the system $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ for some $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Write down the general solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$.

Use the space below to write your answer and working

(More working spaces for Question 1 (a))

Question 1 (b) [5 marks]

Give examples of two matrices \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} such that

they have the same first row $(1 \ 1 \ 1)$, and same first column $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, but

$\text{rank}(\mathbf{B}) = 1$ and $\text{rank}(\mathbf{C}) = 2$.

Justify your answers.

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Question 1 (c) [5 marks]

Let \mathbf{P} be an $m \times n$ matrix with $\text{rank}(\mathbf{P}) = n$, and \mathbf{A} an $n \times p$ matrix. Suppose $m > n$. Show that $\text{rank}(\mathbf{PA}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$.

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 2 (a) [12 marks]

Let \mathbf{A} be the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (i) Find all the eigenvalues of \mathbf{A} . Show your working.
- (ii) Find a basis for the eigenspace of \mathbf{A} associated with each of the eigenvalues. Show your working.
- (iii) Write down an orthogonal matrix \mathbf{P} and a diagonal matrix \mathbf{D} such that $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{P}^T$. Briefly explain how you obtain the answers.

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(More working spaces for Question 2 (a))

Question 2 (b) [4 marks]

Let $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$. Show that \mathbf{B} is not diagonalizable for any values a and b .

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 2 (c) [4 marks]

Show that the only possible (real) eigenvalues of an orthogonal matrix are 1 and -1 .

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 3 (a) [10 marks]

- (i) Determine whether the subset $U = \{(1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1, 0)\}$ of \mathbb{R}^4 is linearly independent.
- (ii) Express the subset $V = \{(a + b - 2c, 0, c - a, b) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$ of \mathbb{R}^4 in linear span form if possible (show your working). Is V a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4 ?
- (iii) Show that the subset $W = \{(a, b, a + b, ab) \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ of \mathbb{R}^4 is not a subspace of \mathbb{R}^4

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(More working spaces for Question 3 (a))

Question 3 (b) [6 marks]

Let $S = \{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}\}$ and $T = \{\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}, 2\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\}$ be two bases for a vector space V .

- (i) Write down the transition matrix from T to S .
- (ii) Write down the transition matrix from S to T .
- (iii) Given the coordinate vector of $\mathbf{w} \in V$ with respect to T is $(\mathbf{w})_T = (1, 1)$. Find $(\mathbf{w})_S$.

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 3 (c) [4 marks]

Let $U = \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \mathbf{u}_3\}$ and $V = \text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^5 such that $\dim(U \cap V) = 2$. Suppose W is the smallest subspace of \mathbb{R}^5 that contains both U and V . Determine all possible dimensions of W . Justify your answers.

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 4 (a) [12 marks]

Let V be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 with a basis $\{(1, 1, 0), (1, 3, 2)\}$.

- (i) What geometrical object does V represent in the xyz -space?
- (ii) Applying Gram-Schmidt process to $\{(1, 1, 0), (1, 3, 2)\}$ to find an orthogonal basis for V . Show your working.
- (iii) Let $\mathbf{w} = (1, 1, 1)$. Find \mathbf{p} , the projection of \mathbf{w} onto V . Show your working.
- (iv) Find a vector \mathbf{x} different from \mathbf{w} in (iii), and not belonging to V , such that $d(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{p}) = d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$. Justify your answer.

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(More working spaces for Question 4 (a))

Question 4 (b) [4 marks]

Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a least squares solution of $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$. Show your working.

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Question 4 (c) [4 marks]

True or false: Suppose $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{c}$ are both inconsistent systems that have exactly the same least squares solutions. Then $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$.

Justify your answer.

Use the space below to write your answer and working

Question 5 (a) [15 marks]

Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation given by

$$T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x + y \\ x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) Write down the standard matrix for T .
- (ii) Write down the range $R(T)$ of T as a linear span.
- (iii) Find the kernel of T . Justify your answer.
- (iv) Suppose $S : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a linear transformation with standard matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
Write down the formula for the composition $T \circ S$.
- (v) Is it possible to find a linear transformation $T' : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $T' \circ T$ is the identity map on \mathbb{R}^2 ? Justify your answer.
- (vi) Is it possible to find a linear transformation $Q : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $R(T \circ Q) = \text{span}\{(1, 1, 1)^T\}$? Justify your answer.

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(More working spaces for Question 5 (a))

Question 5 (b) [5 marks]

Given $P : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a linear transformation. Let P^m denote the composition of P with itself m times, i.e.

$$P^m = \underbrace{P \circ P \circ \cdots \circ P}_{m \text{ times}}$$

Show that there is an integer $k > 0$ such that

$$R(P^k) = R(P^{k+1}) = R(P^{k+2}) = \cdots .$$

Use the space below to write your answer and working

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