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**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 201**

**COURSE TITLE: LINEAR ALGEBRA I**

**DATE: 10/5/16**

**TIME: 11.30AM -1.30PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MKS)**

(a) (i) Define a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . (3mks)

(ii) Suppose that the vector  $V$  is the set of positive real numbers (*i. e*  $x > 0$ ) with addition and scalar multiplication defined as follows,

$x + y = xy$  and  $cx = x^c$ . Show that this set under this addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space. (6mks)

(b) Show that the function  $h(x) = 4x^2 + 3x - 7$  lies in the space  $span\{f, g\}$  generated by  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5$  and  $g(x) = x + 1$ . (3mks)

(c) (i) Distinguish between linear dependence and independence. (1mks)

(ii) Determine whether the set  $\{(1,2,0), (0,1,-1), (1,1,2)\}$  is linearly dependent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (2mks)

(d) Prove that  $\{(1,3,-1), (2,1,0), (4,2,1)\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (3mks)

(e) (i) Show that the row space and the column space of a matrix  $A$  have the same dimension. (4mks)

(ii) Find the basis for the row space of the following matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and determine its rank. (3mks)

(f) (i) Define a linear transformation (1mks)

(ii) Prove that the following transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x, y) = (2x, x + y)$  is linear. (2mks)

(g) Define

i) Kernel

ii) Range (2mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MKS)**

(a) Find the kernel and the Range of the linear operator:  $T(x, y, z) = (x, y, 0)$ . (3mks)

(b) Determine the kernel and the Range of the transformation defined by the

$$\text{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6\text{mks})$$

(c) Given  $T: U \rightarrow V$  is a linear transformation, show that

$$\dim \text{Ker}(T) + \dim \text{range}(T) = \dim \text{domain } T. \quad (7\text{mks})$$

(d) Consider the linear transformation :  $T(x, y, z) = (3x + 4y, 5x + 7y)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(i) Prove that  $T$  is invertible and find the inverse of  $T$ . (3mks)

(ii) Determine the pre-image of the vector  $(1, 2)$ . (1mks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MKS)

(a) i) Define a vector subspace (2mk)

ii) Show that the set  $U$  of a  $2 \times 2$  diagonal matrices is a subspace of the vector space  $M_{22}$  of  $2 \times 2$  matrices. (3mks)

iii) Let  $W$  be a set of vectors of the form  $(a, a, a + 2)$ .

Show that  $W$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (3mks)

(b) i) Define a vector basis. (2mks)

ii) Let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be a basis for a vector space  $V$ . If  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  is a set of more than  $n$  vectors in  $V$ . Show that this set is linearly dependent. (3mks)

(c) Prove the following

i) the origin is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

ii) the one dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are lines through the origin.

iii) the two dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are planes through the origin. (5mks)

(d) Let  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be defined by  $T(u) = A(u)$ . Show that the range of  $T$  is spanned by the column vector of  $A$ . (3mks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20MKS)

(a) Show that the linear transformation  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if the

kernel is a zero vector. (4mks)

(b) i) Define an invertible linear transformation on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (2mks)

ii) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $T$  is invertible if and only if it is singular, its inverse is unique and it is linear. (7mks)

(c) i. Define a null space. (2mks)

ii. Show that a null space of an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (5mks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MKS)

(a) Solve the following homogeneous system of linear equations. Interpret the set of solutions as a subspace and sketch the subspace of solutions.

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0$$

$$-x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 0 \quad (7mks)$$

(a) Analyse the solutions to the following system of equations

$$x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = 1 \quad x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4 = 4$$

$$3x_1 - 5x_2 + 5x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 - x_2 - 2x_4 = 3$$

(6mks)

(c) Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \\ -1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute the reduced echelon form of  $A$ . Discuss the implications of the answer. (4mks)

(d) Find a matrix  $A$  such that  $W = \text{Col}A$ .

$$W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 6a - b \\ a + b \\ -7a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad (3mks)$$

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