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**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF INFORMATION**  
**TECHNOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE:** MAT 121

**COURSE TITLE:** LINEAR ALGEBRA I

**DATE:** 12/7/2021

**TIME:** 9 AM - 11 AM

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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### QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Find all values of  $a$  for which  $X = (a^2 - a, -3, -1)$  and  $Y = (2, a - 1, 2a)$  are orthogonal. (5marks)
- b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Compute  $\det(A)$  using a cofactor expansion along row 2. (4marks)
  - Find  $(\text{Adj}(A))$ . (4marks)
  - Find  $\det(2A^{-1}\text{adj}(A))$ . (5marks)
- c) Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be two solutions of the homogenous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . Show that  $r\mathbf{u} + s\mathbf{v}$  (for  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is a solution to the same system. (4marks)
- d) Show that for any  $A, B, C \in M_{n \times n}$ , if  $AB = AC$  and  $|A| \neq 0$ , then  $B = C$ . (4marks)
- e) Find a vector  $X$ , of length 6, in the opposite direction of  $Y = (1, 2, -2)$ . (4marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all constants  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(cA)^T \cdot (cA) = 5$ . (5marks)
- b) Solve the following system using the Gauss-Jordan method. (6marks)
- $$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + 4x_4 &= 1 \\ x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4 &= 0 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 - 2x_3 + 8x_4 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$
- c) Let  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  be two solutions of the non-homogenous system  $A\mathbf{x} = B$ . Show that  $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$  is a solution to the homogenous system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ . (4marks)
- d) Verify that the triangle with vertices  $A(1, 1, 2)$ ,  $B(1, 2, 3)$ , and  $C(3, 0, 3)$  is a right triangle. (5marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- f) Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\|x\| = \|y\|$ . Show that  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$  are orthogonal. (5marks)
- g) Solve the following system  $AX=B$ .  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$  (6marks)
- h) Show that if  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  are in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{y}\|$  (4marks)
- i) Let  $A$  be a square matrix. Show that if  $A = 2A^T$ , then  $A = \mathbf{0}$ . (5marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Let  $\det A = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 7$ , evaluate  $\begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_1 - 3b_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_1 - 3a_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_1 - 3c_3 \end{vmatrix}$  (5marks)
- b) Show that  $U \cdot (V+W) = U \cdot V + U \cdot W$ , for any vectors  $U, V, W \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . (4marks)

- c) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a+e & b+f \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that  $|A| = |B| + |C|$  (5marks)
- d) Solve the following linear system (6marks)

$$x + 3y - z + w = 1$$

$$2x - y - 2z + 2w = 2$$

$$3x + y - z + w = 1$$

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Let  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $|Adj(A)| = -8$ . Find  $2Adj(2A)$ . (5marks)
- a) Let  $A$  be a non-singular  $4 \times 4$  matrix with  $|A^{-1}| = 3$ . Find
- $|adj(A)|$  (4marks)
  - $|\frac{1}{2}A^T Adj(A^{-1})|$  (6marks)
- b) Find all vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which are perpendicular to the vectors  $X = (1, 1, 2, 2)$  and  $Y = (2, 3, 5, 5)$ . (5marks)