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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**SPECIAL / SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**MAT 107: LINEAR ALGEBRA I**

**Date: JULY 2019**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

1. a). Given the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{z} = 0 \\ \frac{2}{x} - \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 3 \\ \frac{3}{x} - \frac{4}{y} + \frac{2}{z} = 4 \end{cases}$$

i. Find the rank. (5 marks)

ii. State the nature of the system. (2 marks)

b). If  $a$  and  $b$  are any scalars, and  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  any vectors in  $\mathbf{V}$ , Show that

i.  $(a+b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{v}$ . (3 marks)

ii.  $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$ . (3 marks)

iii.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{o} = \mathbf{u}$ . (3 marks)

c). Determine if  $w = \{x, -10, z; x, z, cR\}$  is a subspace of  $R^3$ . (3 marks)

d). Let  $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Determine whether the vector  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$  belongs to span

$(v_1, v_2)$ . (5 marks)

e). Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $L \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 + 1 \\ 2u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Determine whether  $L$  is a linear

transformation.

(6 marks)

2. a) Let  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by

$$L \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Is  $L$  onto? (5 marks)
- Find a basis for the range  $L$  and determine the dimension of the range. (5 marks)
- Find Kernel  $L$ . (5 marks)
- Is  $L$  one to one? (1 mark)

b). Let  $L: P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$L(a^2 + bt + c) = \int_0^1 (at^2 + bt + c) dt. \text{ Find } \ker L. \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

3. a). Let  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that vector  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear combination in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(5 marks)

b). In  $p_2$ , let  $v_1 = 2t^2 + t + 2$ ,  $v_2 = t^2 - 2t$ ,  $v_3 = 5t^2 - 5t + 2$  and  $v_4 = -t^2 - 3t - 2$ . Determine whether the vectors  $v = t^2 + t + 2$  belongs to  $\text{span} [v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4]$ . (5 marks)

c). Are the vectors  $v_1 = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2]$ ,  $v_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2]$ ,  $v_3 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 3]$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are linearly dependent or linearly independent? (5 marks)

d). Determine whether the vectors

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ in } M_{22} \text{ are linearly independent?}$$

(5 marks)

4. a). (i) Show that the set  $S = \{t^2 + 1, t - 1, 2t + 2\}$  is a basis for the vector space  $p_2$ .

(5 marks)

(ii). Suppose  $p_2 = 2t^2 + 6t + 13$ . Show that  $S$  is a basis for  $p_2$ . (5 marks)

b). The set  $W$  of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with trace equal to zero is a subspace of  $M_{22}$ . Show that the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ , where

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a basis for } W. \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

c). Distinguish between the following

i. finite and infinite dimensional vector space. (2 marks)

ii. Natural basis and rank of a matrix. (2 marks)

5. a). Let  $L: R_4 \rightarrow R_3$  be defined by

$$L \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (u_1 + u_2), (u_3 + u_4), (u_1 + u_3) \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Find a basis for range } L.$$

(5 marks)

$$\text{b). Do the four vectors } v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } v_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ spans } R^4?$$

(8 marks)

c). Find a basis for the solution space of the homogeneous system  $(\xi I_3 - A)X = 0$  for

$$\xi = -2 \text{ and } A = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

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