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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL /SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

SST 103: LINEAR ALGEBRA

DATE: 29/3/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

### QUESTION ONE 30 Marks (Compulsory)

- a) Find the angle between the following vectors  $4i + 4j + 6k$  and  $i + 2j + 2k$  (4 marks)
- b) Solve the homogenous system by Gauss elimination method

$$2x - 4y + 6z = 20$$

$$3x - 6y + z = 22$$

$$-2x + 5y - 9z = 18 \quad (5$$

marks)

- c) If  $\begin{vmatrix} 4y & 20 \\ 4y & 8y + 4 \end{vmatrix} = 8$  find y (3

marks)

Calculate the cross product of the vectors  $\vec{u} = (2, 2, 3)$  and  $\vec{v} = (-1, 1, 3)$ . (3

marks)

- d) Find the inverse of the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4$$

marks)

- e) Show that the vector  $(2,-6,3)$  is a linear combination of the  $(3,-5,4)$  and  $(1,-2,-1)$
- f) Calculate the  $x$  and  $y$  values for the vector  $(x, y, 1)$  that is orthogonal to the vectors  $(3, 2, 0)$  and  $(2, 1, -1)$ . (4 marks)
- g) Determine if  $(1,2,2,1)$ ,  $(2,3,4,1)$  and  $(3,8,7,5)$  is linearly dependent (4 marks)
- h) Find the dot product of the following vectors  $(3,4, -1)$  and  $(4,6,1)$  (3 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $T(x, y) = x + y$ . Is  $T$  a linear map? (7 marks)
- b) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be defined by  $T(x, y) = \{x + y, x\}$ . Find the kernel of  $T$  (5 marks)
- c) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear mapping defined by  
 $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y - z, y + z, x + y + z)$ . Find the basis and dimension of
- Image of  $T$
  - Kernel of  $T$  (8 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the equation of the plane passing through the point  $(3, -1, 7)$  and perpendicular to the vector  $n = (4, 2, -5)$  (5 marks)
- b) Find the distance from the origin to the plane  $2x + 3y - z = 2$  (5 marks)
- c) Find the parametric equations for the line of intersection of the plane  
 $3x + 2y - 4z - 6 = 0$  and  $x - 3y - 2z - 4 = 0$  (5 marks)
- d) Find the distance  $D$  between the point  $(1, -4, -3)$  and the plane  $2x - 3y + 6z = -1$  (5 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Show that  $w = \{ (x, y, z) | x + y + z = 0 \}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (5 marks)
- b) Show that the vectors  $u=(1,-1,0)$   $v=(1,3,-1)$  and  $w=(5,3,-2)$  are linearly dependent. (5 marks)
- c) Find the rank of the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5

marks)

d) Solve by crammer's Rule

$$x - 2y + 3z = 10$$

$$3x - 6y + z = 22$$

$$-2x + 5y - 2z = -18$$

(5 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Define a vector space

(6

marks)

b) Show that  $W = \{(x, y) / x = 2y\}$  is a subspace for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(4 marks)

c) Prove that the diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular.

(5 marks)

d) Find the parametric and the symmetric equations of the line passing through the point  $(2, 3, -4)$  and parallel to the vector  $(3, 5, -6)$

(5 marks)