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ELECTRONICS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)
BACHELOR OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

ECU106-ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS III

DATE: 26/9/2019

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt *question one (compulsory)* and *any other two* questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30MARKS)

- a) Determine the value of the constant a such that the vectors $2i - j + k$, $i + 2j - 3k$, and $3i + aj + 5k$ are coplanar (3 marks)
- b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the determinant of the matrix A. (3 marks)
- c) Find the equation of the plane determined by the points $A(2, -1, 1)$, $B(3, 2, -1)$ and $C(-1, 3, 2)$. Also find the coordinates of the point where this line meets the plane $z = 0$ (4 marks)

- d) If $\vec{A} = t^2 \hat{i} - t \hat{j} + (2t-1)\hat{k}$, and $\vec{B} = (2t-3)\hat{i} + \hat{j} - t\hat{k}$, evaluate $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\vec{A} \times \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \right]$
(4 marks)
- e) Use Cramer's rule to solve

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y - z &= 1 \\ 3x + 5y + 2z &= 8 \\ x - 2y - 3z &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

(5 marks)
- f) Prove that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other (5 marks)
- g) Express $w = (-7, 7, 11)$ as a linear combination of the vectors $v_1 = (1, 2, 1)$,
 $v_2 = (-4, -1, 2)$ and $v_3 = (-3, 1, 3)$ (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are represented by
 $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
(5 marks)
- b) Find the inverse of the following matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Determine the equation of the plane through $(-1, 2, 3)$ and perpendicular to the
planes $2x - 3y + 4z = 1$
 $3x - 5y + 2z = 3$ (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Transpose the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (3 marks)
- b) Given that $A = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$. Determine
 $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$ (5 marks)
- c) Find the acute angle between the lines
 $\frac{x-1}{5} = \frac{y+2}{4} = \frac{z}{6}$ and $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{7} = \frac{z+1}{-1}$ (5 marks)
- d) If $B = [b_{ij}]$ is obtained from $A = [a_{ij}]$ by adding to each element of the r^{th} row
(column) of A a constant C times the corresponding element of the s^{th} row
(column) $r \neq s$ of A , then $\det B = \det A$. Prove. (7 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Compute

i. $|A|$ (2 marks)

ii. $(adjA)A$ and $A(adjA)$ (3 marks)

iii. $adjA$ (5 marks)

b) Calculate the value of k for the vectors $u = (1, k)$ and $v = (-4, k)$ knowing that they are orthogonal.
(5 marks)

c) Find the rank of the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Find the angle between the given two vectors $a = i + 4j + 8k$ and $b = 5i + 4j + 3k$
(5 marks)

b) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ find $(A+B)^2 - (A^2 + 2AB + B^2)$ (5 marks)

c) Solve by inverse matrix method

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

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 8 \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 10$$