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SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CIVIL ENGINEERING)

ECU 106: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS III

DATE: 11/8/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question one (compulsory) any other two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Define a scalar and a vector quantity and give two examples to each (2 marks)

b) Solve for x , y and z given the following matrix equation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & 2 & -3 \\ 5 & y & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 3 \\ 19 & -5 & 16 \\ 1 & -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

c) If $a = 2i + 3j + 4k$, $b = 4i - j - k$. Evaluate

i. $|a + b|$ (2 marks)

ii. The angle between a and b (3 marks)

d) Given the vectors $a = 3i + 3j - 2k$, $b = -i + 3j + 4k$ and $c = 4i - 2j - 6k$.

Find a unit vector coplanar with a and b but perpendicular to c (5 marks)

e) Solve by Cramer's rule, the following system of equations

$$x + y + z = 7$$

$$2x + 3y + 2z = 17$$

(5 marks)

$$4x + 9y + z = 37$$

- f) Find the eigen values of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(5 marks)

- g) Find an equation of the plane passing through the points $P = (-1, 2, 1)$, $Q = (0, -3, 2)$, and $R(1, 1, -4)$

(5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The position vectors P, Q, R are respectively $P = i + j - k$, $Q = 2k$ and $R = j - 2k$. Find

$$\frac{|QP|}{|PR|}$$

(2 marks)

- b) Find the area of a triangle whose vertices have the position vectors $a = i - j + 2k$, $b = 2j + k$ and $c = j + 3k$

(4

marks)

- c) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$; $B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$; $C = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ verify that $(AB)C = A(BC)$

(5 marks)

- d) Solve the linear system using matrix method

$$3x - y + 2z = 13$$

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

(9 marks)

$$x + 3y - 5z = -8$$

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) If $a = 2i - j + k$, $b = 3i + j - k$, $c = i + \lambda j$, find the value of λ for which

$$a \cdot (b \times c) = -25$$

(3 marks)

- b) If $2A + B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $3A + 2B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, find A and B

(3 marks)

- c) Find the equation of a line passing through the points $A = (1, 0, -1)$ and $B = (-1, -1, 0)$
(4 marks)
- d) Find a unit vector which should lie on the plane determined by $a = 2i + j + k$,
 $b = i + 2j + k$ and perpendicular to $c = i + j + 2k$
(4 marks)
- e) Solve the equations using Gauss's elimination method

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 6 \\ 3x + 3y + 4z &= 20 \\ 2x + y + 3z &= 13 \end{aligned}$$
(6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) If $a = i + j + k$; $b = 2i - 3j + 2k$; $a = 2i - j + k$, $c = i - 2j - k$ find $(a \times b) \times c$
(3 marks)
- b) Find parametric and symmetric equations of the line passing through the points $(1, -1, 2)$
and $(2, 1, 5)$
(4 marks)
- c) Find an equation of the plane passing through the point $P = (1, 6, 4)$ and containing the line
defined by $R(t) = (1 + 2t, 2 - 3t, 3 - t)$
(5 marks)
- d) Find the eigen values and the corresponding eigen vectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) If $a = 2i + j + k$ and $b = i + j - 2k$, find the projection of a in the direction of b
(3 marks)
- b) Given that matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, find
- The eigen values and the corresponding eigen vectors
(8 marks)
 - Obtain $M = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$, hence M^{-1} (the inverse of M)
(6 marks)
 - Obtain AM and finally $M^{-1}AM$
(3 marks)