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## SMA 202: LINEAR ALGEBRA I

DATE: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010

TIME: 2.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

#### Question One- Compulsory

(30 MARKS)

a) Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Show that  $(A B)^T = B^T A^T$

[3 marks]

b) Evaluate i)  $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

[ 2 marks]

ii) Hence find  $\begin{vmatrix} 18 & 21 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 8 & 9 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

[ 1mark]

c) i) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 & -2 \\ 5 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  Find  $A^{-1}$

[ 6 marks]

ii) Hence solve the given system

$$x + 2y + z = 4$$

$$3x - 4y - 2z = 2$$

$$5x + 3y + 5z = -1$$

[ 4 marks]

- d) Solve using Cramer's rule

$$2x - 5y + 2z = 7$$

$$x + 2y - 4z = 3$$

$$3x - 4y - 6z = 5$$

[ 4 marks]

- e) Determine k so that the vectors  $\underline{u} = (2, 3k, -4, 1, 5)$  and  $\underline{v} = (6, -1, 3, 7, 2k)$  are orthogonal.

[3 marks]

- f) Write the vector  $\underline{v} = (1, -2, 5)$  as a linear combination of the vectors  $\underline{e}_1 = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\underline{e}_2 = (1, 2, 3)$  and  $\underline{e}_3 = (2, -1, 1)$ .

[ 6 marks]

- h) Show that the vectors  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(0, 0, 1, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$  form a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$

[ 2 marks]

**Question Two**

**(20 marks)**

- a) Find the value of  $\lambda$  if the matrix A below is singular

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

[2 marks]

- b) Reduce matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  to row-reduced echelon form.

[6 marks]

- c) Use Cramer's rule to solve the system of equations

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

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 2x_3 = 8$$

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

[ 6 marks]

- d) Using Gauss - Jordan method, solve for

$$x_1, x_2 \text{ and } x_3$$

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 20$$

$$3x_1 - 6x_2 + x_3 = 22$$

$$-2x_1 + 5x_2 - 2x_3 = -18$$

[6 marks]