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MAIN CAMPUS

COURSE CODE: WMB9105/SMA103

COURSE TITLE: LINEAR ALGEBRA 1

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: BED AND ACT SCIENCE

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question one (compulsory) and any other two questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in Linear Algebra
- i) Linearly Independent Vectors (1mark)
 - ii) Linearly Dependent Vectors (1mark)
 - iii) Orthogonal Vectors(1mark)
 - iv) Spanning Set (1mark)
- b) Let A be the following matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -2 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$. Compute the matrix
- i) A^2 (2marks)
 - ii) AA^T (3marks)
 - iii) A^{-1} (1marks)
 - iv) Find numbers p and q such that $A^2 = pA + qI$, where I is the 2×2 identity matrix. (4marks)
- c) Consider the set $\{u_1 = (-2,4,1), u_2 = (1,2,3)\}$ of vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 . Determine its dimension. (5marks)
- d) Given $\tilde{u} = (2, -5, -1)$ and $\tilde{v} = (-7, -4, 6)$. Find
- i) $3\tilde{u} + \tilde{v}$ (2marks)
 - ii) the distance between \tilde{u} and \tilde{v} (2marks)
 - iii) normalize each vector (4marks)
- e) Prove that if a, b and c are vectors such that $a + b = a + c$ then, $b = c$ (3marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Let $\tilde{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\tilde{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\tilde{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
- i) Determine if the set $\{\tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2, \tilde{v}_3\}$ is linearly independent (4marks)
 - ii) If possible, find a linearly dependence relation among \tilde{v}_1, \tilde{v}_2 and \tilde{v}_3 . (6marks)
- b) Express the polynomial $p = 6 + 11x + 6x^2$ as a linear combination of $p_1 = 2 + x + 4x^2, p_2 = 1 - x + 3x^2$ and $p_3 = 3 + 2x + 5x^2$ (10marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) i) What is a Vector Space (2mks)
 ii) Determine whether the function $x - 3y = 1$ constitute a vector space (4marks)
- b) Let W be a vector space, \tilde{w} a vector in W , $\tilde{0}$ the zero vector in W , α a scalar and 0 the zero scalar. Prove that
 i) $0\tilde{w} = \tilde{0}$. (2marks)
 ii) $\alpha\tilde{0} = \tilde{0}$ (2marks)
- c) Let $\tilde{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\tilde{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$. Find
 i) $\tilde{a} \cdot \tilde{b}$ (2marks)
 ii) $\tilde{a} \times \tilde{b}$ (3marks)
 iii) The angle between \tilde{a} and \tilde{b} (3marks)
 iv) Projection \tilde{a} onto \tilde{b} (2marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) i) Let $\tilde{v} \in W$ such that $\tilde{v} = (c, c^2, d)$. Consider the subset W of \mathbb{R}^3 consisting of the vectors of the form (c, c^2, d) , where the second component is the square of the first. Determine whether W is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 . (5marks)
 ii.) Prove that if U and W are subspaces of V , then the union $U \cup W$ is a not generally a subspace of V . (5marks)
- b) Prove that for any set S of vectors in W , the set $\text{span}(S)$ is a subspace of W (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine whether $V = \{v_1 = (1, -1, 1), v_2 = (0, 1, 2), v_3 = (3, 0, -1)\}$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 . (5marks)
- b) Consider the plane through the point $(1, 1, 2)$ and perpendicular to the vector product of $u = (1, 2, 3)$ and $v = (3, 0, 1)$. Find the equation of the plane. (5marks)
- c) i) What is a linear transformation? (2marks)
 ii) Determine whether the function $S: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ that swaps vector components $S \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ is a linear transformation (8marks)