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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION

RESIT/SUPPLEMENTARY / SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS EXAMINATION FOR THE  
AWARD OF DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF

MATH 210(201): LINEAR ALGEBRA I

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 3/5/2021

2.30 P.M - 4.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question **ALL** the questions
- Sketch maps and diagrams may be used whenever they help to illustrate your answer
- Do not write on the question paper
- Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely

**QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)**

(a) Solve the following

$$(a) \quad ex = \pi(b) \quad 3x - 4 - x = 2x + 3 \quad (c) \quad 7 + 2x - 4 = 3x + 3 - x \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Consider the system in unknowns  $x$  and  $y$ 

$$\begin{aligned} x - ay &= 1 \\ ax - 4y &= b \end{aligned}$$

Find which values of  $a$  does the system have a unique solution, and for which pairs of values  $(a, b)$  does the system have more than one solution. (5 marks)

(c) Show that the determinant of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$  is given by  $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$  (3 marks)

(d) (i) When is a matrix A said to be in Echelon form? (2 marks)

(ii) Determine the rank of the following matrix by reducing the matrix to echelon form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 6 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

(e) Determine if  $S = \{(1,1), (1 - 1)\}$  is a basis for  $R^2$  (5 marks)

(f) Evaluate the WROSKIAN  $w(\sin x, \cos x, \sin 2x, \frac{3}{4}\pi)$  (3 marks)

(g) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $W = \{(a, b, 0) : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . Determine if  $W$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (2 marks)

**QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)**

(a) Determine the value of 'w' so that following system of equations has

- (i) Unique solution
- (ii) Infinitely many solutions.
- (iii) No solution

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 - 3x_3 &= -3 \\ 2x_1 + ax_2 - x_3 &= -2 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + ax_3 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Find the determinant of matrix A by first partitioning the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 & 3 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ such that } A_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(c) Determine if  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined as  $T(x_1, x_2) = (2x_1, x_1 - x_2, x_2 + 2x_1)$  is a linear transformation. (6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)**

- a) Solve the system of equation using Cramer's Rule

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

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

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

(6 marks)

- b) Let
- $V = \mathbb{R}^3$
- and
- $S = \{(2, 3, 5), (1, 2, 4), (-2, 2, 3)\}$
- . Determine if
- $(10, 1, 4) \in L(S)$
- , where
- $L(S)$
- is a subset of
- $V$
- .

(6 marks)

c) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined as  $(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Find the Basis for  $R(T)$  and the Nullity (T).

(8 marks)

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