



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE), BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS), BACHELOR OF COMPUTER
SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (GENERAL)**

MATH 221: LINEAR ALGEBRA 1

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: FRIDAY[8.30 – 10.30 A.M]

DATE: 12/04/2024

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INSTRUCTIONS: DO QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Given the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Find

i) $Cof_{ij}(A)$ **(9 Marks)**

ii) Cofactor matrix of A **(1 Mark)**

iii) Adjoint of A **(1 Mark)**

iv) Inverse of A **(1 Mark)**

b) At what point is Cramer's rule used to solve a system of linear equations. Hence solve the system

$$CX = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(8 Marks)}$$

c) Determine if the following vectors from $\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$ are linearly independent or linearly dependent.

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(9 Marks)}$$

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ **(10 Marks)**

b) Find a spanning set for the null space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{(10 Marks)}$$

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Determine if the following polynomials are linearly independent or linearly dependent.

$$p(x) = x^2 - 1, \quad q(x) = x^2 + x - 2, \quad r(x) = x^2 + 3x + 2. \quad (10 \text{ Marks})$$

b) Let $M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $M_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Test for linearly independent or linearly dependent. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine whether $V = \{u \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 / \|u\| = 1\}$ is a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 (6 Marks)

- b) Find a basis for the subspace W of $\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1}$ spanned by

$$\{u_1 = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 1], u_2 = [3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1], u_3 = [0 \ 2 \ 4 \ 1], u_4 = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]\}$$

Hence state the dimension of $RT(A)$ (14 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find a basis for the column space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(10 Marks)

- b) Express M as a linear combination of the matrices A , B , and C where

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 17 & 9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10 \text{ Marks})$$