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SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MATH 211**

**COURSE TITLE: LINEAR ALGEBRA I**

**STREAM: Y2S1**

**DAY: WEDNESDAY**

**TIME: 9.00 -11.00P.M**

**DATE: 08/12/2010**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1.Question **ONE** is compulsory.
2. Attempt question **ONE** and any other **TWO**

**PLEASE TURNOVER**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a) Clearly explain the solution to a linear equation and hence find the solution to the equation  $x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 9$  (3 marks)

b) Solve the following system of equation by row-reduction

$$2x + y = 3$$

$$x - 4y = -7$$

(4 marks)

c) Given the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ -7 & 0 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 5 \\ 10 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute  $3A + 2B - 1/2C$

(3 marks)

d) Determine the angle between the following vectors  $\mathbf{a} = (9, -2)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (4, 18)$

(5 marks)

e) An isosceles triangle has vertices  $P(2, 3, 5)$   $Q(-1, 0, -2)$   $R(-4, 1, z)$  Find the value of  $z$ .

(5 marks)

f) Show that the vectors  $\underline{u} = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (2, 5, 7)$  and  $\underline{w} = (1, 3, 5)$  are linearly independent.

(5 marks)

g) Find the Eigen values of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(5 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a) State the conditions necessary for a matrix to be in a canonical form

(3 marks)

b) Find the rank of the matrix

(3 marks)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) Show that the vectors  $\underline{v}_1 = 2a - 3b + c$ ,  $\underline{v}_2 = 3a - 5b + 2c$  and  $\underline{v}_3 = 4a - 5b + c$  are linearly dependent where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants. (6 marks)

d) Compute the inverse of the following matrix using the Gauss Jordan elimination method

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -6 & 3 \\ -7 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Suppose that  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  are two vectors in 3- space show that  
 $\underline{u} \bullet \underline{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3$  (7 marks)
- b) Calculate the scalar triple product of the vectors  $\underline{u} = (3, -1, 6)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (2, 4, 3)$  and  $\underline{w} = (5, -1, 2)$   
(5 marks)
- c) Show that  $\mathbf{u} = (3, 0, 1, 0, 4, -1)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (-2, 5, 0, 2, -3, -18)$  are orthogonal and verify that the Pythagorean Theorem holds (8 marks)
- d) Evaluate  $A^3$  given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  (3 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Show that the following vectors lie on the same plane  $\underline{u} = (1, 4, -7)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (2, -1, 4)$  and  
 $\underline{w} = (0, -9, 18)$  (4 marks)
- b) Given  $\mathbf{u} = (6, -2, 8)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = (4, 0, 2)$  compute  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  each of the following (5 marks)
- c) Find the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{p} = 4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = 8\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  (5 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Solve the following system of equation using Cramer's rule (10 marks)
- $$\begin{aligned} -2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 &= 4 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 &= 13 \\ 3x_1 + x_3 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$
- b) Find the Eigen values and the corresponding Eigen vectors of the matrix (10 marks)

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