



# KENYA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

## END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER 2009 EXAMINATIONS

FACULTY : ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT : COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
UNIT CODE : MATH 110  
UNIT TITLE : LINEAR ALGEBRA I  
TIME : 2 HOURS

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### Instructions:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

### Question 1 (30 marks)

- a) Determine the values of  $a$  so that the following system in unknowns  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  has:
- No solution
  - More than one solution
  - A unique solution

$$x + y - z = 1$$

$$2x + 3y - az = 3$$

$$x + ay - 3z = 2$$

(7 mks)

- b) Find the inverse of the matrix using row reduction method.

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

(6 mks)

- c) Determine whether or not the following system of vectors is linearly dependent.

$$(3,1,2), (2,0,6), (4,1,4)$$

(5 mks)

- d) Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are subspaces of a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $U + W$  is a subspace of  $V$ .

(5 mks)

- e) Let  $W$  be the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  generated by the vectors  $\{(1, -2, 5, -3), (2, 3, 1, -4), (3, 8, -3, -5)\}$ . Find a basis and the dimension of  $W$ .

(7 mks)

### Question 2 (20 marks)

- a) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (z + 2y - z, y + z, x + y - 2z)$$

Find a basis and the dimensions of:

i) Kernel of T

ii) Image of T

(8 mks)

b) Use Cramer's rule to solve the system of equations:

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 = 18$$

$$4x_1 + 5x_2 + 6x_3 = 24$$

$$3x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 = 4$$

(9 mks)

c) Calculate the distance of the plane  $2x - 5y + 3z + 8 = 0$  from origin.

(3 mks)

### Question 3 (20 marks)

a) Find the rank and basis of the matrix:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & -1 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & -7 & -3 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 & -7 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

(7 mks)

b) Let  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation for which  $F(3,1) = (2,-4)$  and  $F(1,1) = (0,2)$

i) Find the formula for F

ii) Find  $F(7,4)$

(7 mks)

c) Find the value of K for the vector  $(1, -2, k)$  to be a linear combination of vectors  $(3, 0, -2)$  and  $(2, -1, -5)$ .

(6 mks)

### Question 4 (20 marks)

a) Show that the matrix is idempotent.  $E = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

(5 mks)

b) Determine whether  $S = \{(2, 1, -1, 0), (1, 2, 1, 3), (-1, -2, 1, -2), (2, 1, 1, -1)\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(7 mks)

c) Find the inverse of the matrix by first finding the adjoint.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence solve:

$$x_1 + x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 - 2x_2 = -1$$

$$2x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

(8 mks)