



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**CIT 106: LINEAR ALGEBRA**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

Time: 12.00 - 3.00 pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Write your registration number on all sheets of the answer book used.
- Use a NEW PAGE FOR EVERY QUESTION attempted, and indicate number on the space provided on the page of the answer sheet.
- Fasten together all loose answer sheets used.
- Mobile phones and PDAs are NOT allowed in the examination room.



SECTION A: COMPULSORY QUESTION [30 MARKS]

QUESTION 1

- a) Find a solution to the system (5 marks)

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$$-x + y + z = -1$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$x + 2y + z = 2$$

- b) Find the inverse of the matrix below (5 marks)

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- c) Using elementary matrix multiplication, implement  $5R_2 \rightarrow R_2$  for (5 marks)

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & -3 \\ 4 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- d) Find the solution of the system using Cramer's rule (5 marks)

$$7x - 2y + z = 15$$

$$x + y - 3z = 4$$

$$2x - y + 5z = 2$$

- e) Find the eigenvectors of (5 marks)

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

are the eigenvectors of  $z$  a basis for  $C^2$

- f) Is the set  $v_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  complete? (5 marks)
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**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS [20 MARKS EACH]**

**QUESTION 2**

- a) What is the elementary matrix that represents  
(i)  $2R_2 + 7R_3 \rightarrow R_3$  for the matrix? (5 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & -7 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (ii)  $5R_1 + 3R_2 \rightarrow R_2$  for the  $2 \times 2$  (5 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and then calculate the product } EA$$

- b) Write the vector (5 marks)

$$u = (2i, 1 + i, 3)$$

as a linear combination of the set

$$v_1 = (1, 1, 1), v_2 = (1, 0, -1), v_3 = (1, -1, 1)$$

- c) Write the polynomial (5 marks)

$$v = 5t^2 - 4t + 1$$

as a linear combination of the polynomials

$$p_1 = 2t^2 + 9t - 1, p_2 = 4t + 2, p_3 = t^2 + 3t + 6$$

**QUESTION 3**

- a) Use row operations to put the matrix below into echelon form and find the rank. (5 marks)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 7 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- b) Find a parametric solution for the system. (5 marks)

$$5w - 2x + y - z = 0$$

$$2w + x + y + z = -1$$

$$-w + 3x - y + 2z = 3$$

c) Find the eigenvalues of

(5 marks)

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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d) Is the set  $(-2,1,1)$ ,  $(4,0,0)$ ,  $(0,2,0)$  linearly independent?

(5 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

a) Use Gauss-Jordan elimination to find the row canonical form of

(5 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 & 6 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 & 1 & 10 & 13 \\ 8 & 8 & -1 & 26 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

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b) Find the commutator of the matrices

(5 marks)

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

c) Find the trace of the matrix.

(5 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 7 & 9 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & -8 & 17 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

d) For the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -1 & 0 \\ 8 & 8 & 4 \\ 16 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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a. Find  $A^T$  and  $B^T$

(2 marks)

b. Show that  $(A+B)^T = (A^T + B^T)$

(3 marks)

**QUESTION 5**

a) Solve the following system

(4 marks)

$$3x - 2y + z = 9$$

$$4x + y + 3z = -1$$

$$-x + 5y + 2z = 7$$

b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

a. Find the cofactors for this matrix

(4 marks)

b. Find the adjugate of the matrix A

(2 marks)

c. Calculate the determinant of matrix A

(2 marks)

d. Find the inverse of matrix A

(2 marks)

c) Let  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $w = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Find

i. The norm of each vector

(3 marks)

ii. Normalize each vector

(3 marks)

**End of Exam**