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EXAMINATION: Techniques of Classical and Linear Algebra

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EXAMINER: Borgersen, Harland, Moghaddam

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The value of each question is indicated in the left hand margin beside the statement of the question. The total value of all questions is 70 points.

**Answer all questions on the exam paper** in the space provided beneath the question. If you need more room, you may continue your work on the reverse side of the page, but **CLEARLY INDICATE** that your work is continued.

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- [8] 1. Use mathematical induction on positive integer  $n \geq 2$  to prove that

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}$$

Solution Let  $P(n)$  stand for the formula

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{n+1}{2n}.$$

We start by showing that  $P(n)$  is true for the first value  $n = 2$ . The left hand side is

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

The right hand side is

$$\frac{2+1}{2(2)} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Since the left hand side is equal to the right hand side,  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = 2$ .

Suppose that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = k \geq 2$ , that is

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) = \frac{k+1}{2k}.$$

(Call the previous statement  $(*)$ ) We will show  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = k + 1$ , that is

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) = \frac{(k+1)+1}{2(k+1)} = \frac{k+2}{2k+2}.$$

Starting with the left hand side we get

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{4^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{k+1}{2k}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \quad \text{by } (*) \\ &= \left(\frac{k+1}{2k}\right) \left(\frac{(k+1)^2 - 1}{(k+1)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{k^2 + 2k}{2k(k+1)} \\ &= \frac{k+2}{2(k+1)} \\ &= RHS \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = k + 1$ .

By the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n \geq 2$ .

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- [6] 2. Use the formula  $\sum_{k=1}^m k^2 = \frac{1}{6} [m(m+1)(2m+1)]$  to evaluate  $\sum_{j=-5}^4 [(j+7)^2 - 2(j+6)]$ .

Solution Using a substitution  $i = j + 6$  we can change the indices of summation from  $j = -5$  to  $4$  to  $i = 1$  to  $10$ . This allows us to use the given formula. Rewriting the substitution yields  $j = i - 6$  and therefore the summation becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Sum} &= \sum_{j=-5}^4 [(j+7)^2 - 2(j+6)] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} [(i-6+7)^2 - 2(i-6+6)] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} [(i-6+7)^2 - 2(i-6+6)] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} [(i+1)^2 - 2i] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} [i^2 + 2i + 1 - 2i] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} (i^2 + 1) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{10} i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{10} 1 \\
 &= \frac{10 \cdot 11 \cdot 21}{6} + 10 \\
 &= 385 + 10 \\
 &= 395.
 \end{aligned}$$

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- [7] 3. Find, in simplified form, the Cartesian form of  $(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}i)^{10}$ .

Solution

Let  $z = \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}i$ . We start by changing  $z$  into exponential form. First we find the modulus of  $z$  to be

$$|z| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{6})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{6 + 2} = \sqrt{8}.$$

Then is  $\theta = \arg(z)$  we get

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

since  $x, y > 0$  implies we get the angle in the first quadrant. Therefore in exponential form

$$z = \sqrt{8}e^{\pi i/6}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} z^{10} &= \left(\sqrt{8}e^{\pi i/6}\right)^{10} \\ &= 8^5 e^{5\pi i/3} \\ &= 8^5 \left( \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) \right) \\ &= 8^5 \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \left( -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{8^5}{2} - \frac{8^5\sqrt{3}}{2}i \quad \text{or} \\ &= 2^{14} - 2^{14}\sqrt{3}i. \end{aligned}$$

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- [7] 4. Find, in simplified form, the complex number  $z$  that satisfies the equation

$$(1 - i)^2(1 + i)^2 + \overline{(4 - 3i)}z = 1 + 4i.$$

Solution

$(1 - i)^2(1 + i)^2$  can be evaluated in a couple ways. Directly we can get

$$(1 - i)(1 - i)(1 + i)(1 + i) = (1 - 2i + i^2)(1 + 2i + i^2) = (1 - 2i - 1)(1 + 2i - 1) = -4i^2 = 4$$

or we can be sneakier and get

$$((1 - i)(1 + i))^2 = (1 - i^2)^2 = (1 + 1)^2 = 4.$$

Either way the equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 4 + \overline{(4 - 3i)}z &= 1 + 4i \\ \Rightarrow (4 + 3i)z &= -3 + 4i \\ \Rightarrow z &= \frac{-3 + 4i}{4 + 3i}. \end{aligned}$$

To put this into Cartesian form, we multiply the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator to get

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{(-3 + 4i)(4 - 3i)}{(4 + 3i)(4 - 3i)} \\ &= \frac{-12 + 9i + 16i - 12i^2}{16 - 12i + 12i - 9i^2} \\ &= \frac{-12 + 9i + 16i + 12}{16 - 12i + 12i + 9} \\ &= \frac{25i}{25} \\ &= i. \end{aligned}$$

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5. Consider the polynomial equation of  $P(x) = 0$  where

$$P(x) = 3x^4 - 18x^3 + 28x^2 + 12x - 20.$$

- [3] (a) Use Descartes' Rule of Signs to find the possible number of positive and negative roots of  $P(x) = 0$ .

Solution

$P(x)$  has 3 sign changes, and therefore there are either 3 or 1 positive zeros. Since  $P(-x) = 3(-x)^4 - 18(-x)^3 + 28(-x)^2 + 12(-x) - 20 = 3x^4 + 18x^3 + 28x^2 - 12x - 20$  has one sign change, there is exactly one negative zero.

- [3] (b) What are the possible rational zeros of  $P(x) = 0$ ?

Solution

The rational root theorem says any rational root  $p/q$  of  $P(x)$  must have  $p$  dividing  $a_0 = -20$  and  $q$  dividing  $a_n = 3$ . Hence  $p$  is one of  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 5, \pm 10, \pm 20$  and  $q$  is one of  $\pm 1$  or  $\pm 3$ . Putting the possible numerators and denominators together leaves us with the list of possible rational zeros to be

$$\pm 1, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm 2, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm 4, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm 5, \pm \frac{5}{3}, \pm 10, \pm \frac{10}{3}, \pm 20, \pm \frac{20}{3}.$$

- [3] (c) Use Bounds Theorem to eliminate some of the possible zeros you found in part (b).

Solution

Any zero  $x$  (not just real or rational) of  $P(x)$  must satisfy

$$|x| < \frac{M}{|a_n|} + 1.$$

Now  $M$  is the maximum of the absolute value of the coefficients (or modulus if they are complex) with is 28. Hence the Bound's Theorem tells us that

$$|x| < \frac{28}{3} + 1 = \frac{31}{3}$$

eliminating only  $\pm 20$  from being a rational zero possibility.

- [6] (d) Given that  $3 + i$  is a root of  $P(x)$ , find all other roots.

Solution

Since the coefficients of  $P(x)$  are all real, any complex zeros of  $P(x)$  will also have its conjugate be a zero as well. Hence  $3 - i$  is a zero. The factor theorem tells us that  $(x - (3 + i))$  and  $(x - (3 - i))$  are both factors and hence

$$(x - (3 + i))(x - (3 - i)) = x^2 - 6x + 10$$

must divide  $P(x)$ . Long division can then tell us that

$$P(x) = (x^2 - 6x + 10)(3x^2 - 2).$$

Solving  $3x^2 - 2 = 0$  leads to the other two solutions

$$3x^2 = 2 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

Therefore the 4 solutions to  $P(x) = 0$  are

$$3 \pm i, \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

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- [6] 6. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find a matrix  $X$  such that  $AB^T - X = I$ .

Solution

Some simple manipulations leads to

$$X = AB^T - I$$

where  $B^T$  is the transpose which is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then we can find

$$AB^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence

$$X = AB^T - I = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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7. For  $a > 0$  let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2a, -a, a \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{w} = \langle 3, 4, 1 \rangle$

[5] (a) Find the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Solution

From  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta$  where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}|} \\ &= \frac{\langle 2a, -a, a \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle}{|\langle 2a, -a, a \rangle| |\langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle|} \\ &= \frac{2a + (-a) + 2a}{\sqrt{(2a)^2 + (-a)^2 + a^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}} \\ &= \frac{3a}{\sqrt{36a^2}} \\ &= \frac{3a}{6a} \quad \text{since } a > 0. \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

[4] (b) Find the value of  $a$  for which  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are perpendicular.

Solution

$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  are perpendicular if  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = 0$ . Hence we are solving for  $a$  where

$$\begin{aligned} &(\langle 2a, -a, a \rangle + \langle 1, 1, 2 \rangle) \cdot \langle 3, 4, 1 \rangle = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &\langle 2a + 1, -a + 1, a + 2 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 4, 1 \rangle = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &(2a + 1)(3) + (-a + 1)(4) + (a + 2)(1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &6a + 3 - 4a + 4 + a + 2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &3a + 9 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow &a = -3. \end{aligned}$$

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8. Consider the point  $P(2, 3, 5)$  and the two planes  $\Pi_1 : 2x + 3y - z = 0$  and  $\Pi_2 : -x + y + z = 0$ .

- [2] (a) Is the point  $P$  on the plane  $\Pi_1$ ?

Solution

The point is on the plane if  $x = 2, y = 3, z = 5$  satisfies the equation. However since

$$2(2) + 3(3) - 5 = 8 \neq 0$$

the point  $P$  is not on the plane  $\Pi_1$ .

- [4] (b) Show that the two planes  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  are perpendicular.

Solution

Two planes are perpendicular if and only if their normal vectors are perpendicular which we can show by showing their scalar (dot) product is 0. A normal vector to  $\Pi_1$  is  $\mathbf{n}_1 = \langle 2, 3, -1 \rangle$  and a normal vector to  $\Pi_2$  is  $\mathbf{n}_2 = \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle$ . Since

$$\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = \langle 2, 3, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle = 2(-1) + 3(1) - 1(1) = 0$$

we know the planes are perpendicular.

- [6] (c) Find parametric equations of the line through the point  $P$  and parallel to the line  $2x + 3y - z = 0$ ,  $-x + y + z = 0$ .

Solution

To find a line, we need a point on the line which we have as  $P(2, 3, 5)$  and a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  parallel to the line. Since the line is parallel to the line of intersection of  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  it must be perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{n}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2$ . Hence we can take  $\mathbf{v}$  to be

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v} &= \langle 2, 3, -1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= (3 - (-1))\hat{\mathbf{i}} - (2 - 1)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (2 - (-3))\hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ &= 4\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} + 5\hat{\mathbf{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the parametric equations are

$$x = x_0 + v_x t = 2 + 4t$$

$$y = y_0 + v_y t = 3 - t$$

$$z = z_0 + v_z t = 5 + 5t$$