



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
STATISTICS**

SMA 204: LINEAR ALGEBRA II.

DATE: APRIL 10, 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and ANY other two Questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Briefly define the following terms;

i) A bilinear form of a vector space V . (2 marks)

ii) A linear functional of a vector space V . (2 marks)

b) Find the determinant of a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion along the first row. (4 marks)

c) Prove that if two $n \times n$ square matrices A and B are similar, then they have the same characteristic polynomial. (4 marks)

d) Find the minimal polynomial of a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. (4 marks)

e) Find the quadratic form $q(x)$ that corresponds to the 2×2 square symmetric matrix

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -3 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$. (3 marks)

f) Show that if A is square matrix and λ is an eigenvalue of A , then $E_A(\lambda) = \text{Ker}(\lambda I - A)$.

(4 marks)

g) Show that if a matrix A is orthogonal, then $\det(A) = \pm 1$.

(4 marks)

h) Let $T : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ be defined by $Tx = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$, where $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$. Show that T is a linear functional on $V = \mathfrak{R}^n$.

(3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Given a 3×3 square matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$. Find;

i) The characteristic polynomial of A .

(3 marks)

ii) Eigenvalues of A .

(3 marks)

iii) Eigenvectors of A .

(5 marks)

b) Find the dual basis $\beta^* = \{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$ given the basis $\beta = \left\{ \overline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \overline{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ of \mathfrak{R}^2 .

(6 marks)

c) Verify that $Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is an orthogonal matrix.

(3 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Find the determinant of a 5×5 square matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 & 7 & 8 \\ -1 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ by use of an

appropriate method.

(7 marks)

b) Prove that a bilinear form f is alternating if and only if it is skew symmetric.

(3 marks)

c) Given a 5×5 square block diagonal matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$. Find;

i) The characteristic polynomial of A . (4 marks)

ii) The minimal polynomial of A . (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Let A and B be 3×3 square matrices given by $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

Determine whether A and B are similar. (6 marks)

b) Let $P_1 = \{a + bt : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ be the vector space of real polynomials of degree ≤ 1 . Find the basis $\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2\}$ of V that is dual to the basis $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$ of V^* defined by $\phi_1(f(t)) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt$

and $\phi_2(f(t)) = \int_0^2 f(t) dt$. (4 marks)

c) Given a 2×2 square matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$,

i) Show that A is diagonalizable. (6 marks)

ii) Compute A^{10} using results in $c(i)$. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Find the orthonormal basis set by use of the Gram Schmidt orthogonalization process given

that $\bar{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, $\bar{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $v_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are basis of an inner product space V . (6 marks)

b) Show that the characteristic polynomial $\chi_A(t)$ and the minimal polynomial $m_A(t)$ of A have the same irreducible factors. (4 marks)

c) Find the polynomial matrix of a 3×3 square matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ given that

$$P(x) = 14 + 19x - 3x^2 - 7x^3 + x^4. \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

d) Express a function $f(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = 3x_1y_1 - 2x_1y_3 + 5x_2y_1 + 7x_2y_2 - 8x_2y_3 + 4x_3y_3 - 6x_3y_3$ in matrix notation, given that $\bar{u} = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\bar{v} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$. (3 marks)

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