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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE PAPER IN PEN.**
- 2. NO CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED.**
- 3. SHOW ALL CALCULATIONS AND MOTIVATE ALL ANSWERS.**
- 4. GOOD LUCK – WE HOPE YOU WRITE WELL :)**

Question 1

[6]

Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Determine the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

(3)

(b) Determine which of the following are eigenvectors of  $A$ :

$$(0, 2, 0), (3, 1, 1), (-1, 3, 1), (1, 0, 1)$$

(2)

(c) Hence, set up a matrix product representing  $A^{13}$  (you need not simplify).

(1)

Question 2

[4]

Consider  $P_1$  equipped with the evaluation inner product:

$$\langle \bar{p}, \bar{q} \rangle = p(-1)q(-1) + p(1)q(1)$$

for  $\bar{p}, \bar{q} \in P_1$ .

(a) Determine  $d(1 + 2x, x)$ . (2)

(b) For which value(s) of  $s$  and  $t$  will the inner product

$$\langle \bar{p}, \bar{q} \rangle = p(s)q(s) + p(t)q(t)$$

coincide with the inner product

$$\langle \bar{p}, \bar{q} \rangle = a_0b_0 + a_1b_1$$

where  $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x$ ,  $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x$ . (2)

Question 3

[6]

(a) Prove that if  $W$  is a subspace of an inner product space  $V$ , then  $W^\perp$  is a subspace of  $V$ . (3)

(b) State the Projection Theorem. (2)

(c) Give a condition on a matrix  $A$  under which it will have a  $QR$  factorization. (1)

Question 4

[5]

Let  $W = \text{span}((1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0))$ , and  $\bar{b} = (1, 2, 2)$ .

(a) Determine  $\text{proj}_{W^\perp} \bar{b}$ .

(3)

(b) Hence, determine a least squares solution to the system:

(2)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & = & 1 \\ x + y & = & 2 \\ x & = & 2 \end{array}$$

Question 5

[8]

Suppose that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 & -3 \\ -3 & 6 & -3 \\ -3 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and the characteristic polynomial for  $A$  is  $-\lambda(\lambda - 9)^2$ .

(a) Determine an orthogonal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $A$ . (4)

(b) Hence, calculate  $P$  and  $D$  that orthogonally diagonalize  $A$ . (2)

(c) Determine a symmetric matrix  $B$  such that  $B^2 = A$ . (2)

Question 6

[4]

Consider the quadratic form  $3x_1^2 + 5x_2^2 + 6x_3^2 + 4x_4^2 - 2x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_4 - x_3x_4$ .(a) Write the quadratic form in matrix form  $\bar{x}^T A \bar{x}$ . (1)

(b) Determine whether the quadratic form is positive definite, negative definite, or indefinite. (2)

(c) Hence, is the  $A$  obtained in (a), invertible? Explain. (1)

Question 7

[6]

Let  $T : P_2 \rightarrow M_{22}$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(\bar{p}) = \begin{bmatrix} p(1) - p(0) & p(2) - p(0) \\ p(-1) - p(0) & p(-2) - p(0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Let  $B = \{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $C = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ . Determine the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to  $B$  and  $C$ . (4)

- (b) Hence, calculate  $[T(1 + 2x + x^2)]_C$ . (2)



Question 8

[6]

- (a) Prove that if  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable, then  $A$  is **symmetric**. (2)

- (b) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation.  
Prove that  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $\ker(T) = \{\bar{0}\}$ . (4)

Question 9

[10]

Let  $T : M_{22} \rightarrow P_2$  be the transformation defined by

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}\right) = (a+b) + (b-c)x + (d-c)x^2$$

(a) Show that  $T$  is linear.

(3)

(b) If  $S : P_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by

$$S(a + bx + cx^2) = (b, c),$$

determine  $S \circ T$  explicitly.

(2)

Question 10

Let  $V$  be the space of skew-symmetric  $[A = -A^T]$   $3 \times 3$  matrices. Identify a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  [the space of all real-valued sequences] to which  $V$  is isomorphic. [2]

Question 11

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  orthogonal matrix. Show that the eigenvalues of  $A$  are either 1 or  $-1$ . [3]