



## JANUARY EXAMINATIONS 2006

Subject MATHEMATICS  
Title of paper MA2102 — LINEAR ALGEBRA  
Time allowed One and a half hours

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**Instructions to candidates**

This paper contains four questions.

Any number of questions may be attempted, but only the best *three* answers will be taken into account. Full marks may be obtained for answers to *three* questions.

All questions carry equal weight.

The Casio FX82, Casio FX83 or Casio FX85 calculator may be used in this examination; no other calculator is allowed.

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1. (a) **(4 marks)** Let  $(V, \langle, \rangle)$  be an inner product space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $U, W \subset V$  be two subspaces of  $V$ . Explain what is meant by the orthogonal complement  $U^\perp$  of  $U$  and what is meant by saying that  $V$  is the direct sum of  $U$  and  $W$ .
- (b) **(6 marks)** Let  $\langle, \rangle: \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  denote the standard inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e.  $\langle \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \rangle := xa + yb + zc$ . Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  denote the subspace generated by the vector  $u := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate  $U^\perp$  and find a basis for  $U^\perp$ .
- (c) **(6 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $U, W \subset V$  be two subspaces such that  $V = U \oplus W$ . Let  $B_U$  be a basis for  $U$  and  $B_W$  a basis for  $W$ . Show that  $B_U \cup B_W$  is a basis for  $V$ . If  $\dim V = n$  and  $\dim U = r$  what is  $\dim W$ ?
- (d) **(4 marks)** Let  $(V, \langle, \rangle)$  be an inner product space over the complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Show that, if  $T$  is self adjoint, i.e.  $\langle T(v), w \rangle = \langle v, T(w) \rangle$ , then  $\langle T(v), v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**Total 20 marks**

2. (a) **(4 marks)** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . Explain what it means to say that the map  $T : V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation.

(b) **(6 marks)** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the map defined by  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} 2x - y \\ -x + 2y \\ x + y \end{pmatrix}$ . Find

the matrix  $A$  of  $T$  w.r.t. the bases  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Calculate the dimension of the kernel and the dimension of the image of  $T$ .

(c) **(5 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , let  $B$  be a basis for  $V$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Show that  $T$  is an isomorphism if and only if the matrix  $A$  of  $T$  w.r.t. the basis  $B$  is invertible.

(d) **(5 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Show that if  $V = \ker T + \operatorname{im} T$ , then  $V = \ker T \oplus \operatorname{im} T$ .

**Total 20 marks**

3. (a) **(4 marks)** Let  $V$  be vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Explain what is an eigenvalue and an eigenvector for  $T$ .

(b) **(6 marks)** Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear map defined by  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} 5x + y \\ -x + 3y \end{pmatrix}$ . Calculate the eigenvalues for  $T$  and an eigenvector for each eigenvalue. Does there exist a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ ?

(c) **(5 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$ , let  $B$  be a basis for  $V$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. Let  $A$  be the matrix for  $T$  w.r.t. the basis  $B$ . Show that if there exists a basis for  $V$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ , then the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable.

(d) **(5 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map. For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we define  $E_\lambda := \{v \in V : T(v) = \lambda v\}$ . Show that, if  $T^2 = T$ , i.e.  $T(T(v)) = T(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , then  $V = E_1 \oplus E_0$ . (Hint:  $v = T(v) + v - T(v)$ .)

**Total 20 marks**

4. Which of the following claims are true and which are false? Justify your answer.

(a) **(2 marks)** The map  $T : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $T(x) := x + 1$  is linear.

(b) **(3 marks)** There exists a linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\operatorname{im} T = \mathbb{R}^3$ .

(c) **(3 marks)** There exists a linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\dim(\ker T) = \dim(\operatorname{im} T) = 1$ .

(d) **(3 marks)** Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $\mathbb{F}$  and let  $U \subset V$  be a subspace. Then there exists a subspace  $W \subset V$  such that  $V = U \oplus W$ .

(e) **(3 marks)** For every linear map  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  there exists a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .

(f) **(3 marks)** The map  $s : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $s(x, y) := 3xy$  defines an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(g) **(3 marks)** Let  $(V, \langle, \rangle)$  be an inner product space such that  $V$  is finite dimensional and  $\dim V \geq 1$ . Then there exists a subspace  $U \subset V$  of  $V$  such that  $U = U^\perp$ .

**Total 20 marks**