



SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Autumn Semester 2009-2010

Mathematics III (Control)

2 hours

Answer **four** questions. If you answer more than four questions, only your best four will be counted.

1. (a) Find the line of intersection of the planes

$$2x - 3y + 5z = 7 \text{ and } 5x - 8y + 7z = 10,$$

giving the equation in parametric form. (9 marks)

- (b) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane which contains the points

$$(2, 5, -1), (3, 1, 7), (-1, 4, -6).$$

(8 marks)

- (c) Find the Hermite form of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 & -5 \\ 0 & -2 & 6 & -4 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & -9 & 6 & -10 \\ 0 & -4 & 17 & -18 & 13 \end{pmatrix},$$

specifying each row operation using any appropriate notation. (8 marks)

2. (i) Show that $(3, 9, -13), (3, 10, 18), (2, 6, -9)$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^3 and that one of $(5, -2), (-10, 4)$ and $(3, 4), (4, 5)$ is a basis for \mathbb{R}^2 , but the other is not. (8 marks)

- (ii) Let T be the linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^2 given by the formula $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y - 3z, 2x + 5y - 2z)$. Find the matrix of T with respect to the bases given in part (i) above. (8 marks)

- (iii) Find bases for \mathbb{R}^3 and \mathbb{R}^2 so that the linear transformation T of part (ii) above is in Smith form. (9 marks)

3. A real 8×8 matrix A has minimum polynomial $x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 12x + 20$.
The trace of A is 4.
The geometric multiplicity of the eigenvalue 2 is 3.
- (i) Find all the eigenvalues of A (5 marks)
- (ii) Find the algebraic multiplicity of the complex eigenvalues. (5 marks)
- (iii) Write down the invariant factors of $xI - A$. (5 marks)
- (iv) Write down the rational form of A . (5 marks)
- (v) Write down the Jordan form of A . (5 marks)
4. Consider the second order differential equation $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 10x = 0$.
- (i) By introducing a new variable y , write this equation in the form $\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = A\mathbf{x}$ where $\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ and A is a matrix. (5 marks)
- (ii) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of A . (The eigenvectors should be scaled so that the first coordinate in each case is equal to 1.) (8 marks)
- (iii) Hence find a matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP = J$, the Jordan form of A . (4 marks)
- (iv) Hence solve the differential equation, using the formula $e^{\pm jq} = \cos q \pm j \sin q$ to write the general solution in the form
- $$x = Be^{-kt} \cos pt + Ce^{-kt} \sin pt$$
- where the values of k and p are to be found. (8 marks)

5. (i) Give a matrix representation of the quadratic form

$$Q(x, y, z) = 15x^2 + 29y^2 + 22z^2 + 12xz + 12yz$$

(5 marks)

- (ii) Show that $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$ is an eigenvector of the matrix and find a normalised eigenvector with the same eigenvalue. (5 marks)

- (iii) Find a normalised eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue 22. (5 marks)

- (iv) By taking the cross product of the eigenvectors in parts (ii) and (iii), or otherwise, find a third eigenvalue and normalised eigenvector of the matrix. (5 marks)

- (v) Hence write $Q(x, y, z)$ as a sum or difference of squares and describe the surface $Q(x, y, z) = 11$. (5 marks)

6. Let $z = (2x^2 + 3y^2)e^{-x^2 - y^2}$.

- (i) Show that there are 5 critical points of z in the (x, y) - plane, and find their coordinates. (11 marks)
- (ii) Find the values of z at the critical points. (3 marks)
- (iii) Using the Hessian matrix classify each critical point as a local maximum, a local minimum or a saddle point. (11 marks)

End of Question Paper

