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MATHEMATICS 211 — L06 Fall 2008

MIDTERM EXAM [October 31, 2008 (Monday)]

**Time: 50 minutes. PLEASE write your Name on the very last page.**

**NO CALCULATORS.**

**Total Marks = 100. Work all problems. Marks are shown in brackets.**

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[Marks]

1. Let  $A$  be the  $3 \times 4$  matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -7 & 11 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find an invertible matrix  $U$  of size  $3 \times 3$  such that the product  $UA = R$  is the reduced row-echelon form of  $A$ .

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Problem 1. continued.

- [2] (b) Write down the system of linear equations whose augmented matrix is  $A$ .
- [12] (c) Use the reduced row-echelon matrix  $R$  of  $A$  from part (a) to find the **general solution to this system** (see part (b)) and specify a **particular** solution to the system. What is the **general solution to the associated homogeneous system**? Find **basic solutions**.

- [6] 2. (a) Use matrix inversion to find  $x$  and  $y$  if

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 1 \\ 3x + 4y = -2. \end{cases}$$

- [8] (b) Find  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$  if  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a linear transformation with  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$   
and  $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

[18]      3. Use row operations to find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

4. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

[8] (a) Compute the determinant of  $A$ ;

[6] (b) Find the  $(2, 3)$ -entry of the inverse  $A^{-1}$  of  $A$ .

- [12] 5. Express the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  as a product of elementary matrices.

6. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 & 1/3 \\ 2/5 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$  be the transition matrix of a Markov chain that starts in state 1.

[6] (a) What is the probability that the chain is in state 2 after 2 transitions?

[10] (b) Explain why this chain is regular and find the steady-state vector for the chain.

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