

This exam consists of 12+1 problems (one additional problem is for extra credits, and can be skipped). Each problem has a maximal score of 6p, and 72p (12 solved problems) is marked as 100% score.

**You must give reasons for your answers. Precision and clarity will be emphasized when evaluating your answers.**

QUESTION 1.

We consider the matrix  $A$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+a & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1+a & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1+a \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute the determinant and rank of  $A$  when  $a = -5$ .
- (b) When  $a = -5$ , find a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\text{span}(\mathbf{v})$  is the set of solutions of  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (c) Determine all values of  $a$  such that  $\text{rk } A = 2$ .
- (d) Find a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $D = P^{-1}AP$  for an invertible matrix  $P$ .

QUESTION 2.

We consider differential equations in the function  $y = y(t)$ .

- (a) Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y' - 6y = 36t$ .
- (b) Solve the differential equation  $ty' - y = \ln(t)$ .
- (c) Show that the differential equation

$$\frac{y - 2t}{ty - t^2} + \frac{t}{ty - t^2} \cdot y' = 1$$

is both linear and exact, and solve it.

QUESTION 3.

We consider the functions  $f(x, y, z) = 9 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2xz$  and  $g(x, y, z) = \ln(10 - f(x, y, z))$ .

- (a) Explain that  $f$  is concave, and find its maximum value.
- (b) Find all stationary points of  $g$ .
- (c) Determine whether  $g$  has a maximal and/or a minimal value. Give your answer as the interval of possible values  $w = g(x, y, z)$  of  $g$ . It is not necessary to compute the Hessian matrix of  $g$ .

QUESTION 4.

We consider the following Kuhn-Tucker problem:

$$\max f(x, y, z) = 9 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2xz \quad \text{subject to} \quad x + y - z \geq 2$$

- (a) Write down all Kuhn-Tucker conditions for this problem.
- (b) Solve the Kuhn-Tucker problem and find its maximum value.

Consider the function  $f_a(x, y, z) = 9 - x^2 - ay^2 - z^2 + 2xz$  with parameter  $a$ , and the Kuhn-Tucker problem where the objective function  $f$  is replaced by  $f_a$ .

- (c) Explain that the new Kuhn-Tucker problem has a maximum value when  $a > 0$ , and estimate this maximum value when  $a = 1.25$ .