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EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER - Take-home examination

GRA 00351 Mathematics

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This exam consists of 11 problems. You must give reasons for all your answers. To get full score, your answers should be short, clear, and precise.

- You must hand in your exam papers as a single PDF file. It must be handwritten.
- The answer paper must be written and prepared individually. Collaboration with others is not permitted and is considered cheating.
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Question 1.

We consider the matrix given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) (6p) Find a base of Null(A), and determine the eigenvalues of A.
- (b) (6p) Find a base of Col(A). If possible, find a vector in \mathbb{R}^4 not in Col(A).
- (c) (6p) Determine the definiteness of the quadratic form $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$.
- (d) (6p) Explain how to use eigenvalues and eigenvectors to find the maximal and minimal value of $f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$ on $D = {\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} = 1}$. You should lay out a procedure for how to do this, and express the answers in terms of eigenvalues and eigenvectors (numerical values are not necessary).

Question 2.

- (a) (6p) Solve max $f(x, y, z) = \ln(5 x^2 + xy y^2 + yz z^2 xz)$.
- (b) (6p) Determine whether $D = \{(x, y, z, w) : xw + yz \le -2\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$ is a compact set.
- (c) (6p) Find all points satisfying the Kuhn-Tucker conditions, and the value of the objective function at each of these points:

$$\min f(x, y, z, w) = x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 + w^2$$
 subject to $xw + yz \le -2$

Question 3.

- (a) (6p) Solve the difference equation $y_{t+2} y_{t+1} 2y_t = 4t$, and find y_{17} when $y_0 = y_1 = 1$.
- (b) (6p) Determine whether $t^2y' + 2ty = 1$ is (i) separable, (ii) linear, (iii) exact. Use this to solve the differential equation in at least two different ways.
- (c) (6p) Find a linear second order differential equation with $y = 3e^{-2t} 5e^t + 12e^{-3t}$ as solution.
- (d) (6p) Find a 3×3 matrix A such that $\mathbf{y}' = A\mathbf{y}$ has a solution $\mathbf{y} = (y, y', y'')$ with y as in (c).