

You must give reasons for your answers.

**Question 1.**

We consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 6 & -3 \\ 6 & 3 & 6 \\ -3 & 6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) **(6p)** Compute the determinant of  $A$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Determine the dimension of the column space of  $A$ .
- (c) **(6p)** Determine the values of  $a$  and  $\lambda$  such that  $\mathbf{v}$  is in the eigenspace  $E_\lambda$  of  $A$ .
- (d) **(6p)** Find all eigenvalues of  $A$ .

**Question 2.**

- (a) **(6p)** Solve the difference equation:  $y_{t+2} - 2y_{t+1} - 8y_t = -9t$
- (b) **(6p)** Solve the differential equation:  $y' = 2t - 4ty$
- (c) **(6p)** Solve the system of differential equations:  $u' = v$ ,  $v' = 8u + 2v + 24$
- (d) **(6p)** Find the particular solution of  $ty' = e^{-y}$  for  $t > 0$  satisfying the initial condition  $y(1) = 0$ .

**Question 3.**

Let  $f$  be the quadratic form given by  $f(x, y, z, w) = 2x^2 - 2xy + 6xz + y^2 + 10z^2 + 2zw + w^2$ , and consider the Lagrange problem

$$\min f(x, y, z, w) = 2x^2 - 2xy + 6xz + y^2 + 10z^2 + 2zw + w^2 \text{ when } 3x + y + 8z - 4w = 33$$

- (a) **(6p)** Determine the definiteness of the quadratic form  $f$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Find all points  $(x, y, z, w; \lambda)$  with  $w = -4$  that satisfy the Lagrange conditions.
- (c) **(6p)** Find the minimum value in the Lagrange problem, if it exists.
- (d) **(6p)** Find the range of the function  $p(x, y, z, w) = u^2 - 4u + 7$ , where  $u = f(x, y, z, w)$ .