

## This exam has 8 questions

### Question 1.

A  $4 \times 6$  linear system  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has 3 degrees of freedom. Which statement is true?

- (a)  $\text{rk}(A) = 4$
- (b)  $\text{rk}(A) = 3$
- (c)  $\text{rk}(A) = 2$
- (d)  $\text{rk}(A) = 1$
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

### Question 2.

Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  given by

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ t \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$$

Which statement is true?

- (a) The vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  are linearly independent for all  $t$
- (b) The vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  are linearly dependent for all  $t$
- (c) The vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  are linearly dependent when  $t = 4$ , and linearly independent otherwise
- (d) The vectors  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$  are linearly independent when  $t = 4$ , and linearly dependent otherwise
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

### Question 3.

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ t & -1 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which statement is true?

- (a) For all values of  $t$ , we have that  $\text{rk}(A) = 3$
- (b) There is one value of  $t$  such that  $\text{rk}(A) = 2$ , otherwise  $\text{rk}(A) = 3$
- (c) There is one value of  $t$  such that  $\text{rk}(A) = 3$ , otherwise  $\text{rk}(A) = 2$
- (d) For all values of  $t$ , we have that  $\text{rk}(A) = 2$
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

### Question 4.

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which statement is true?

- (a)  $A$  has three distinct eigenvalues
- (b)  $A$  has an eigenvalue of multiplicity two, and another eigenvalue of multiplicity one
- (c)  $A$  has an eigenvalue of multiplicity three
- (d)  $A$  has one eigenvalues of multiplicity one, and no other eigenvalues
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

**Question 5.**

Consider the matrix  $A$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -s \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Which statement is true?**

- (a)  $A$  is diagonalizable for all  $s$
- (b)  $A$  is diagonalizable exactly when  $s \neq 1$
- (c)  $A$  is not diagonalizable for any value of  $s$
- (d)  $A$  is diagonalizable exactly when  $s = 0$
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

**Question 6.**

A  $3 \times 4$  linear system  $A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  has infinitely many solutions and 1 degree of freedom. **Which statement is true?**

- (a)  $\dim \text{Null}(A) = 1$
- (b)  $\dim \text{Null}(A) = 2$
- (c)  $\dim \text{Null}(A) = 3$
- (d)  $\dim \text{Null}(A) = 0$
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

**Question 7.**

Consider the quadratic form

$$f(x, y, z, w) = 5x^2 + 4xy + y^2 + 3z^2 + 2zw + w^2$$

**Which statement is true?**

- (a)  $f$  is positive semi-definite but not positive definite
- (b)  $f$  is positive definite
- (c)  $f$  is negative definite
- (d)  $f$  is indefinite
- (e) I prefer not to answer.

**Question 8.**

Consider the function  $f(x, y, z) = x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3(x + y + z)$ . **Which statement is true?**

- (a)  $f$  has a local maximum point, but not a local minimum point
- (b)  $f$  has a local minimum point, but not a local maximum point
- (c)  $f$  has a local maximum point and a local minimum point, but no saddle points
- (d)  $f$  has a local maximum point, a local minimum point, and one or more saddle points
- (e) I prefer not to answer.