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Linear Algebra Exam (18/06/2019):

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**Question 1.** Which one of the following sets is not formed by linearly independent vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  ?

- (A)  $\{e_1 + e_2, e_3 + e_4, -2e_1 - 2e_2, e_3\}$ .
- (B)  $\{e_1 + e_2, e_1 + e_3, e_1 - e_4, e_1\}$ .
- (C)  $\{e_1 + e_2, e_1 + e_3, e_1 - e_4, e_2\}$ .
- (D)  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ .

**Question 2.** Given the following two vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = 2i - j$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3j + k$ , where  $i, j, k$  are the basis unit vectors of an orthogonal cartesian coordinate system, their cross product  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is:

- (A)  $-i - j + 6k$
- (B)  $-i - 2j + 6k$
- (C)  $-2i - j + 6k$

**Question 3.** Let  $\phi$  be an endomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $A = M_{\phi}^{\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}}$  its matrix with respect to the canonical basis  $\mathcal{E}$ . Knowing that  $\phi$  is simple and that there exists a matrix  $P \in \text{GL}(n)$  such that  $A = P D P^{-1}$  where  $D$  is diagonal with  $\lambda_j$  diagonal elements, then:

- (A)  $A^2$  is in general not diagonalisable.
- (B)  $A^2$  is diagonalisable and an eigenvectors basis of  $A$  is still an eigenvectors basis of  $A^2$ .
- (C)  $A^2$  is diagonalisable with the same eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  found for the matrix  $A$ .

**Question 4.** Let  $W_1, W_2$  be two vector subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . If  $W_1 = \mathcal{L}(e_1 + e_2, e_1 - e_2)$  and  $W_2 = \mathcal{L}(e_1 + e_2 + e_3)$  then:

- (A)  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \mathcal{L}(e_1 + e_2)$
- (B)  $W_1 + W_2 = \mathcal{L}(e_1, e_2)$ .
- (C) The sum  $W_1 + W_2$  is direct and  $W_1 \oplus W_2 = \mathbb{R}^3$

**Question 5.** The determinant of a square matrix  $A = (a_{i,j}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n,n}$  can be written as:

- (A)  $\det(A) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n} \text{sgn}(\sigma) a_{1,\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n,\sigma(n)}$
- (B)  $\det(A) = a_{1,\sigma(1)} \cdots a_{n,\sigma(n)}$
- (C)  $\det(A) = a_{1,1} \cdots a_{n,n}$

**Question 6.** Which one of the following is not a property of the determinant of a square matrix ?

- (A) A square matrix and its transpose have the same determinant.
- (B) The determinant of a matrix does not change when adding, to the elements of a row, the elements of another row each one multiplied by a scalar  $\lambda$ .
- (C) If two rows (or two columns) of a matrix are identical, then the determinant of the matrix is 1.

**Question 7.** The characteristic polynomial  $p_A(T)$  of a matrix  $A = M_{\phi}^{\mathcal{B},\mathcal{B}}$  of  $\phi \in \text{End}(V)$  in the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  is:

- (A)  $p_A(T) = (-1)^n T^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(A) T^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)$
- (B)  $p_A(T) = (-1)^n T^n + (-1)^{n-1} \det(A) T^{n-1} + \dots + \text{tr}(A)$
- (C)  $p_A(T) = (-1)^n T^n + (-1)^{n-1} \text{tr}(A)^n T^{n-1} + \dots + \det(A)^n$

**Question 8.** In the euclidean space  $E^n$  let's consider the orthogonal projection  $P_W$  onto a subspace  $W$  of  $E^n$ . Then it is:

- (A)  $P_W^2 = I + P_W$
- (B)  $P_W^2 = I - P_W$
- (C)  $P_W^2 = P_W$

**Question 9.** In the affine plane, let's consider the line  $r : \{(x, y) \mid ax + by + c = 0\}$ . In which case does  $r$  represent a vector subspace:

- (A)  $c = -a$
- (B)  $c = 0$
- (C)  $c = -a - b$

**Question 10.** The dimension of  $\mathbb{C}^2 = \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ , when considered as a real vector space, is:

- (A)  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{C}^2) = 2$
- (B)  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{C}^2) = 3$
- (C)  $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{C}^2) = 4$

**Question 11.** For which of the following pairs of vectors  $a, b$  does the equality holds in the triangle inequality  $\|a + b\| \leq \|a\| + \|b\|$  ?

- (A)  $a = (1, 2)$  and  $b = (-2, -3)$
- (B)  $a = (-1, -2)$  and  $b = (3, 4)$
- (C)  $a = (2, 3)$  and  $b = (1, \frac{3}{2})$

**Question 12.** Let's consider the following subset of the orthogonal matrices  $O(n)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n,n}$ :  $\text{SO}(n) = \{A \in O(n) : \det(A) = 1\}$ . If  $A, B \in \text{SO}(n)$  then:

- (A) As multiplication of matrices is not commutative, if  $C = AB$  belongs to  $\text{SO}(n)$ ,  $D = BA$  may not belong to  $\text{SO}(n)$ .
- (B) The product  $C = AB$  still belongs to  $\text{SO}(n)$ .
- (C) As  $\text{SO}(n)$  is a vector space any linear combination  $C = \alpha A + \beta B$  still belongs to  $\text{SO}(n)$ .

**Question 13.** Given the matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  the product  $AB$  is:

- (A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 6 & 11 \end{pmatrix}$
- (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$
- (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 7 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$

**Question 14.** An endomorphism  $f$  of the polynomials vector space  $V = \mathbb{R}[X]_2$  is defined as:

$$f(a + bX + cX^2) = 2a - b + 3cX^2.$$

The associated matrix with respect to the basis  $\mathcal{B} = (1, X, X^2)$  is:

(A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$       (B)  $(2 \quad -1 \quad 3)$       (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

**Question 15.** A self-adjoint endomorphism  $\phi$  of the euclidean space  $E^n$  has two distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , with  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  and  $v_1, v_2$  eigenvectors, respectively. Then:

- (A)  $v_1 \in [\mathcal{L}(v_2)]^\perp$   
(B)  $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)v_1 \cdot v_2 = 1$   
(C)  $\phi(v_1) \cdot v_2 = \phi(\lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2) \cdot (v_1/\lambda_1 + v_2/\lambda_2)$