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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
ICS 1205/CNS 1205: LINEAR ALGEBRA

DATE: 13th December 2024

TIME: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer Question **ONE** (COMPULSORY) and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE (30Marks)

1. (a) Show that the solutions (4 marks)

$$x = 19s - 35$$

$$y = 25 - 13s$$

$$z = s$$

is a solution of

$$2x + 3y + z = 5$$

$$5x + 7y - 4z = 0$$

- (b) Write the system of linear equations in row echelon form and solve the system (5 marks)

$$3x + y - 4z = -1$$

$$x + 10z = 5$$

$$4x + y + 6z = 1$$

- (c) Write a simple algorithm in R-studio that can be used to solve the system of linear equations (5marks)

$$x_2 + x_3 - 2x_4 = -3$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 = 2$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3 - 3x_4 = -2$$

$$x_1 - 4x_2 - 7x_3 - x_4 = -19$$

- (d) Find the inverse of the matrix A using Gaussian -Jordan elimination method (5 marks)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -6 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (e) Using Cramer's rule to solve the system of linear equations (5 marks)

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 = 10$$

$$3x_1 - 5x_2 = 11$$

- (f) Write the vector $\mathbf{W}=(1, 1, 1)$ as a linear combination of vectors in the set \mathbf{S} . (6 marks)

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-1, 0, 1)\}$$

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

2. (a) Solve the system of linear equations using Gaussian elimination method (6marks)

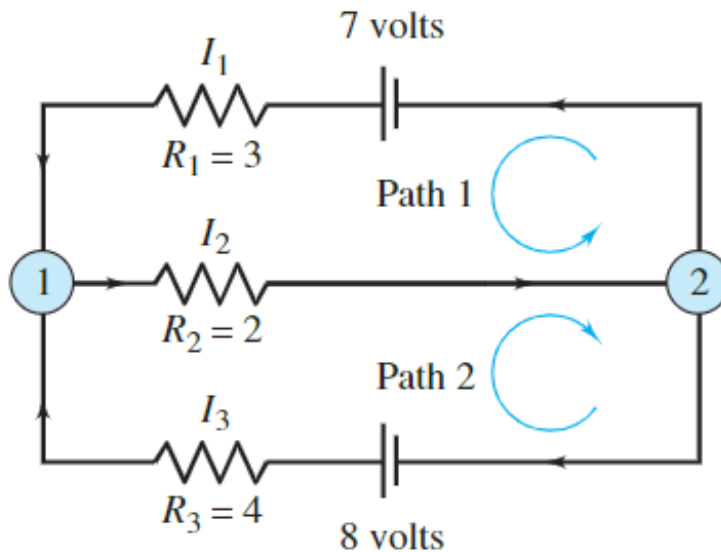
$$x_1 - 3x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 - x_2 - 2x_3 = 2$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = 1$$

- (b) Determine the polynomial $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ whose graph passes through the points (1,4),(2,0) and (3,12) (7 marks)

- (c) Determine the currents I_1, I_2 and I_3 for the network shown below . (7 marks)



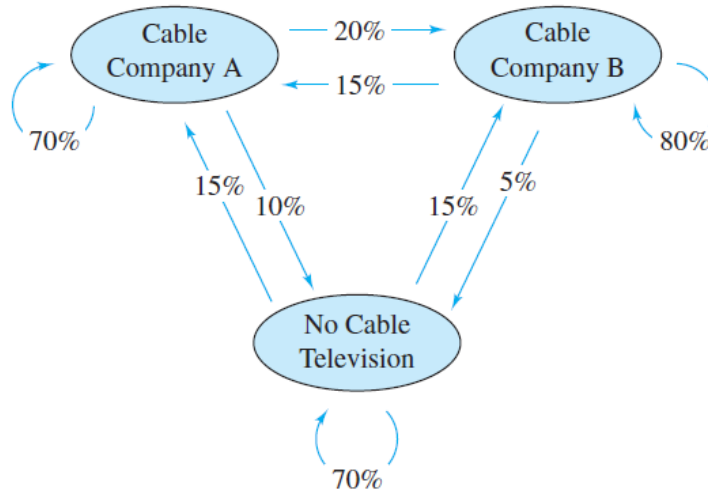
QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

3. (a) Find the determinant of $|AB|$ (6 marks)

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

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Find the least squares regression line for points (1,1),(2,2),(3,4),(4,4) and (5,6) (7 marks)
- (c) Two competing companies offer cable television service to a city of 100,000 households. The changes in cable subscriptions each year. Company A now has 15,000 subscribers and Company B has 20,000 subscribers. How many subscribers will each company have 1 year from now? (7 marks)



QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

4. (a) Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrix (7 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) i Write the uncoded row matrices of size (1 × 3) for the message **MEET ME MONDAY** (3 marks)
 ii Use the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

to encode the message **MEET ME MONDAY**. (6 marks)

- (c) Use Cramer's Rule to solve the system of linear equations for x, y, z (7 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 2y - 3z &= 1 \\ 2x + z &= 0 \\ 3x - 4y + 4z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

5. (a) Provided that $X = (-1, -2, -2)$, $u = (0, 1, 4)$, $v = (-1, 1, 2)$ and $w = (3, 1, 2)$ in R^3 . Find scalars a, b and c such that (5 marks)

$$X = au + bv + cw$$

- (b) Show that the set of points on the line $x + 2y = 0$ is a subspace of R^2 (5 marks)
- (c) Show that set $S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$ spans R^3 (5 marks)
- (d) Determine whether the set of vectors in R^3 is linearly independent or linearly dependent (5 marks)

$$S = \{(1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1)\}$$