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## Examination paper for **TMA4110 Mathematics 3 - Linear algebra**

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**Examination time (from–to):** 09:00–13:00

**Permitted examination support material:** C: Specified printed and hand-written support material is allowed. A specific basic calculator is allowed (Casio fx-82ES PLUS, Casio fx-82EX, Citizen SR-270X, Citizen SR-270X College, Hewlett Packard HP30S).

**Other information:**

The exam consists of 10 subproblems. All subproblems are given equal weight. Give reasons for all answers. This year we specify that NO printed or handwritten support material is allowed.

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**Problem 1** Determine all roots of  $p(z) = z^4 + 16$  and plot the roots in the complex plane. Factorize  $p(z)$  in terms of linear factors.

**Problem 2** Consider the three points

$$(0, -3), (1, -1) \text{ og } (2, 5)$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Find the polynomial  $p(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  of degree two that passes through all these points and apply the method of least squares to determine the polynomial  $q(x) = dx + e$  of degree one that is the best fit for the three points.

**Problem 3** Let  $A$  be the  $3 \times 3$ -matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a-1 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 6 & a+1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- a) Determine all real numbers  $a$  such that  $\det A \neq 0$ . Determine the dimension of  $\text{Col } A$  (the column space of  $A$ ) for all values of  $a$ .
- b) Depending on  $a$ , find all real numbers  $b$  such that the system

$$A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ b \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a solution.

**Problem 4** Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \\ \sqrt{3}/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the linear transformation given by  $T(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x}$ .

- a) Give a geometric interpretation of the action of this linear transformation, and calculate  $A^{2021}$ .
- b) Determine the eigenvalues of  $A$  and give a geometric interpretation of the fact that they are not real numbers.

**Problem 5** Let  $V = \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$  be the vector space of all continuous functions  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and consider the subspace  $U = \text{Sp}\{1, x\}$ . Let  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)dx$ . This gives an inner product for  $V = \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ .

a) Determine an orthogonal basis for  $U$ .

b) Let  $h(x) = e^x$ . Compute  $\text{Proj}_U(h(x))$ .  
Hint:  $((x-1)e^x)' = xe^x$ .

**Problem 6** Find a real  $2 \times 2$ -matrix  $A$  that is associated with the system of differential equations  $\mathbf{y}'(t) = A\mathbf{y}(t)$  having solutions

$$e^{2t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ og } e^{2t} \left( \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

**Problem 7**

Let

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 \end{bmatrix},$$

Find an invertible  $3 \times 3$ -matrix  $A$  satisfying

$$3A = A^2 - AB$$

and explain why there does not exist an invertible  $3 \times 3$ -matrix  $A$  such that

$$2A = A^2 - AB.$$