



**KISII UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**SPECIAL EXAMINATION**

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED STATISTICS  
SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022  
(JULY, 2022)**

**MATH 116: MATRIX ALGEBRA**

**STREAM: Y1 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: TUESDAY, 11.30 AM – 1.30 PM**

**DATE: 26/07/2022**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.***

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)**

a) Calculate the determinant of the following matrices:

i)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 4 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$     ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -7 & 6 \\ -2 & 4 & 0 \\ 5 & 7 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  (6marks)

b) Determine the inverse of the following matrices:

i)  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix}$     ii)  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$  (7marks)

c) Use matrices to solve:

i)  $3x + 5y - 7 = 0$   
 $4x - 3y - 19 = 0$  (3marks)

ii)  $3a + 4b - 3c = 2$

$$7a - 5b + 4c = 26$$

$$-2a + 2b + 2c = 15$$

(5marks)

- d) A circuit comprises of three loops. Applying Kirchoff's laws to the closed loops gives the following equations for current flow in mA.

$$2I_1 + 3I_2 - 4I_3 = 26$$

$$I_1 - 5I_2 - 3I_3 = -87$$

$$-7I_1 + 2I_2 + 6I_3 = 12$$

(5marks)

- e) Use Cramer's rule to solve:

$$5T_1 + 5T_2 + 5T_3 = 7.0$$

$$T_1 + 2T_2 + 4T_3 = 2.4$$

$$4T_1 + 2T_2 = 4.0$$

(4marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- a) Use Gauss-Elimination method to solve:

$$10x - 2y - 3z = 205$$

$$2x - 10y + 2z = -154$$

$$2x + y - 10z = -120$$

(6marks)

- b) Find the eigenvalues of the matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(7marks)

- c) State and prove the Cayley-Hamilton Theorem. (7marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

- a) Find the characteristic polynomial of the matrix

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

Hence find  $A^{-1}$ . (7marks)

- b) Show that the vector (1, 1, 2) is an eigenvector of the matrix

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

corresponding to eigenvalue 2. (3marks)

- c) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(10marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)**

Find the modal matrix P and the resulting diagonal matrix D of A, if:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20\text{marks})$$

**QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)**

- a) Reduce quadratic form to canonical form using orthogonal transformation. Also find the nature, index and signature of the resulting matrix.

$$10x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 + 6x_2x_3 - 10x_3x_1 - 4x_1x_2$$

(14marks)

- b) The relationship between the displacement,  $s$ , velocity,  $v$ , and acceleration,  $a$ , of a piston is given by the equations:

$$s + 2v + 2a = 4$$

$$3s - v + 4a = 25$$

$$3s + 2v - a = -4$$

Use matrices to determine the values of  $s$ ,  $v$  and  $a$ .

(6marks)

