

**Bago University**  
**Department of Mathematics**

**Second Semester Examination, September 2019**

**Second Year( B.Sc )**  
**( Mathematics Specialization)**

**Math 2107**  
**Linear Algebra I**  
**Time Allowed: (3) Hours**

**Answer All Questions.**

1.(a) Show that the set of all  $(x, y, z)$  such that  $x + y = 3z$  of elements in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  form a subspace.

(b) Let  $c > 0$  be a rational number, and let  $\gamma$  be a real number such that  $\gamma^2 = c$ . Show that the set of all numbers which can be written in the form  $a + b\gamma$ , where  $a, b$  are rational numbers, is a field.

2.(a) Show that the vectors  $(1, 1)$  and  $(-1, 2)$  form a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

(b) Find the coordinates of the vector  $X$  with respect to the vectors  $A, B, C$ .

$$X = (0, 0, 1), A = (1, 1, 1), B = (-1, 1, 0), C = (1, 0, -1).$$

3.(a) Let  $V = K^3$  for some field  $K$ . Let  $W$  be the subspace generated by  $(1, 0, 0)$ , and let  $U$  be the subspace generated by  $(1, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1, 1)$ . Show that  $V$  is the direct sum of  $W$  and  $U$ .

(b) Let  $F: V \rightarrow W$  be a linear map whose kernel is  $\{0\}$ . If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent elements of  $V$ , prove that  $F(v_1), \dots, F(v_n)$  are linearly independent elements of  $W$ .

4.(a) Let  $X = (0, 1, 0)$ , and let  $A$  be an arbitrary  $3 \times 3$  matrix. How would you describe  $XA$ ? What if  $X = (0, 0, 1)$ ? Generalize to similar statements concerning  $n \times n$  matrices and their products with unit vectors.

(b) Let  $A$  be a square matrix. In general, if  $A^n = O$  for some positive integer  $n$ , show that  $I - A$  is invertible.

5.(a) Let  $F$  be the mapping defined by  $F(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{3}, \frac{y}{4}\right)$ . What is the image under  $F$  of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$ ?

(b) Determine which of the following mappings  $F$  are linear.

(i)  $F: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  defined by  $F(X) = -X$ .

(ii)  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $F(x, y) = xy$ .

6.(a) Let  $U, V, W$  be vector spaces over a field  $K$ . Let  $F: U \rightarrow V$  be a linear mapping, and let  $G, H$  be two linear mappings of  $V$  into  $W$ . Prove that  $(G + H) \circ F = G \circ F + H \circ F$ .

(b) Show that the image under a linear map of a convex set is convex. Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear map and  $c$  be a number. Show that the set  $S$  consisting of all points  $A$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $L(A) > c$  is convex.

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