

1. Consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $v$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 2 \\ -6 & 2 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad v = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (5%) (a) Show that  $v$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  and find the corresponding eigenvalue.

- (b) Diagonalize  $A$  by finding the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors. Write down an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

Check that  $AP = PD$ .

- (10%) Find  $P^{-1}$ .

- (c) The system of linear difference equations  $x_t = Ax_{t-1}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= -x_{t-1} + y_{t-1} + 2z_{t-1} \\ y_t &= -6x_{t-1} + 2y_{t-1} + 6z_{t-1} \\ z_t &= y_{t-1} + z_{t-1} \end{aligned} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (20%) Solve the system. (Show that  $x_t = A^t x_0$  and express  $A^t$  in terms of  $P$ ,  $P^{-1}$  and  $D$ .)  
Write down expressions for  $x_t$ ,  $y_t$ ,  $z_t$ .  
Find the value of  $z_5$  from your solution.

2. Consider the system of linear equations  $Ax = b$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are constants:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & \lambda \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 7 \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

- (5%) (i) Calculate the determinant of  $A$ ,  $|A|$

- (20%) (ii) Determine for which values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  this system has:  
(a) a unique solution  
(b) no solutions  
(c) infinitely many solutions.

In case (a), use Cramer's rule to find the value of  $z$  in terms of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

In case (c), solve the system using Gaussian elimination and express the solution in vector form,  $x = p + tv$ .

3. (a) Find and classify the stationary points of the function:  
 $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = 4x^2y - 9y - 7x^2$$

(10%) Does  $f$  have any global extrema?

- (b) (i) Find the overall minimum for the joint cost function

$$C(x, y) = 3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 - 32x - 32y + 163$$

for a company producing goods  $x$  and  $y$ .

The production function for the company for the goods  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$P(x, y) = 100x^{\frac{1}{4}}y^{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

Evaluate the production when cost is minimised.

(10%)(ii) Show that when the production must be at least 300, the cost of production is minimised when  $(x, y) = (9, 9)$ .

(10%)(iii) Given that the production must be at least 100, find the quantities for which the cost of production is minimised.

- (c) (i) Sketch a clear map of the contours of the surface

$$z = 3x^2 - 10xy + 3y^2$$

(10%) { in the  $xy$  plane, roughly indicating the directions of their gradient vectors.  
 (ii) Find, if they exist, the points where the function  
 $f(x, y) = 3x^2 - 10xy + 3y^2$  attains its maximum and minimum values subject to the constraints

$$x + y \leq 5, \quad y \geq 0$$