

# Test 3

This test is graded out of 38 marks. No books, notes, watches or cell phones are allowed. You are only permitted to use the Sharp EL-531XG or Sharp EL-531X calculator. Give the work in full; – unless otherwise stated, reduce each answer to its simplest, exact form; – and write and arrange your exercise in a legible and orderly manner. If you need more space for your answer use the back of the page.

**Question 1.** Given:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_1 & : (x, y, z) = (1, 0, 1) + t_1(-2, -1, 0) \\ \mathcal{L}_2 & : (x, y, z) = (-2, -1, 2) + t_2(1, 0, 1) \text{ where } t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}.\end{aligned}$$

- (3 marks) Determine whether the two lines intersect, are parallel or are skew lines.
- (5 marks) Find a point on each line which is closest to the other line, are those points unique?
- (3 marks) Find the equation of a plane that contains the line which passes through the point on each line which is closest to the other line. Is the plane unique?

**Question 2.** (3 marks) Given a parallelepiped generated by the vectors  $\vec{u} = (1, -1, -1)$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with volume 2017 and  $\frac{\vec{v} \times \vec{w}}{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{w}\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(1, 2, 3)$ . Find the area of the base defined by  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ .

**Question 3.** Given two planes:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}_1 & : x + z = 1 \\ \mathcal{P}_2 & : y + z = 1\end{aligned}$$

- (1 mark) Give a point of intersection of the two planes, by inspection.
- (1 mark) Give a geometrical argument to explain why the intersection of the two planes is a line.
- (2 marks) Find the direction vector for the intersection of the two planes without solving for the solution set. Justify.
- (1 mark) Find the solution set of the system of linear equations determined by  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $\mathcal{P}_2$  by only using part a) and part c). Justify.

**Question 4.** The number of leading 1's in a row echelon form of  $A$  is called the *rank* of  $A$ . Let  $V = \{M \mid M \in \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2} \text{ and } \text{rank}(M) = 2\}$  with the following vector addition and scalar multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ae & bf \\ cg & dh \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } k \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^k & b^k \\ c^k & d^k \end{bmatrix}$$

- a. (3 marks) Is the zero vector an element of  $V$ ? Justify.
- b. (3 marks) Determine whether the following axiom holds:  $(rs)M = r(sM)$  where  $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M \in V$

**Question 5.** (3 marks) Determine whether  $W = \{a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 \mid a_0a_1a_2 = 0\}$  is a subspace of  $P_2$ .

**Question 6.** Given  $\vec{u} = (1, -1, 1), \vec{v} = (-1, 1, \lambda), \vec{w} = (1, 2, 3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and the set  $S = \{\vec{u}, \vec{v}, (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w}\}$ .

- (2 marks) Find the value(s), if any, of  $\lambda$  for which  $S$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- (2 marks) Find the value(s), if any, of  $\lambda$  for which  $S$  spans a plane.
- (2 marks) Find the value(s), if any, of  $\lambda$  for which  $S$  spans a line.

**Question 7.** Given  $W = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid a + 2b + 3c + 4d = 0 \text{ and } b + c + d = 0 \right\}$  a subspace of  $\mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}$ .

- (3 marks) Find a basis  $B$  for  $W$ .
- (1 mark) State the  $\dim(W)$  and  $\dim(\mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2})$ .

**Bonus Question.** from Wikipedia (3 marks)

Given  $R = \{x \mid x \notin x\}$ . Discuss the following statement:  $R \in R \iff R \notin R$ .