

This exam consists of 12+1 problems (one additional problem is for extra credits, and can be skipped). Each problem has a maximal score of 6p, and 72p (12 solved problems) is marked as 100% score.

**You must give reasons for your answers. Precision and clarity will be emphasized when evaluating your answers.**

**Question 1.**

We consider the matrix  $A$  and the vector  $\mathbf{v}$  given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 8 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) **(6p)** Compute the rank of  $A$ , and find a base of the column space of  $A$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Show that  $\mathbf{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$ , and find the corresponding eigenvalue.
- (c) **(6p)** Find the determinant of  $A$ .

Let  $S$  be a symmetric  $3 \times 3$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\lambda = 4$ .

- (d) **(6p)** Show that  $S$  has an inverse matrix, and determine the definiteness of  $S^{-1}$ .

**Question 2.**

- (a) **(6p)** Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y' = 6e^{3t}$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Solve the differential equation  $t(y' - y) = y$ .
- (c) **(6p)** Solve the difference equation  $y_{t+2} + 3y_{t+1} - 4y_t = 5$ .
- (d) **(6p)** Solve the system of differential equations:

$$\mathbf{y}' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Question 3.**

Let  $g(x, y, z, w) = 3x^2 + 2xy + 8xz - 2xw + y^2 + 4yz + 2yw + 7z^2 + 4w^2$ , and consider the Kuhn-Tucker problem given by

$$\max f(x, y, z) = x + y + z + w \text{ subject to } g(x, y, z, w) \leq 18$$

- (a) **(6p)** Determine the definiteness of the quadratic form  $g$ .
- (b) **(6p)** Write down the Kuhn-Tucker conditions of the problem in matrix form.
- (c) **(6p)** Write down the non-degenerate constraint qualification in this problem, and find all admissible points where this condition does not hold (if there are any).
- (d) **(6p)** Solve the Kuhn-Tucker problem.
- (e) **Extra credit (6p)** Determine whether the set  $D = \{(x, y, z, w) : g(x, y, z, w) \leq 18\}$  of admissible points is a compact set.