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***PART 2 - Structured Question Paper***  
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**(ONE HOUR)**

**To be completed by the candidate**

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**Important Instructions:**

- The duration of the paper is **1 (One) hour**.
- The medium of instruction and questions is English.
- This paper has **3 questions** and **8 pages**.
- **Answer all questions.**
- **Question 2 (40% marks) and other questions (30% marks).**
- **Write your answers** in English using the space provided **in this question paper**.
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- Note that questions appear on both sides of the paper.  
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**Questions Answered**

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) the numbers of the questions answered.

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To be completed by the examiners:			

1) Consider the following system of three linear equations.

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - 3z &= -1 \\3x - y + 2z &= 8 \\5x + 3y - 4z &= 6\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Transform this system of linear equations into matrix form and identify the coefficient matrix.
- (ii) Let the coefficient matrix be denoted by  $A$ . Is  $A$  invertible? Justify your answer.
- (iii) Write down the **three elementary row operations** used in matrix algebra.
- (iv) Apply elementary row operations to solve the given system of linear equations.
- (v) Is the given system of linear equations consistent? Justify your answer.

(30 Marks)

**ANSWER IN THIS BOX**

(i) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 8 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(ii) Not invertible.  $|A| = 0$ .

(iii) 1 Interchanging two rows of a matrix

2 Multiplying a row by a non-zero constant

3 Adding a non-zero multiple of one row to another row

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(iv) Multiplying the first row by  $-3$  and adding it to the second row we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 \\ 5 & 3 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying the first row by  $-5$  and adding it to the third row we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying row 2 by  $-1$  and adding to row 3 we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & -7 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 11 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying row 2 by  $-1/7$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -11/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -11/7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiplying row 2 by  $-2$  and adding to row 1, we obtain

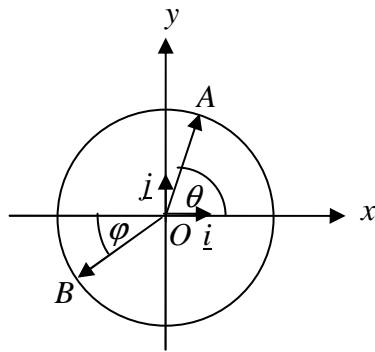
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1/7 \\ 0 & 1 & -11/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15/7 \\ -11/7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This system has infinitely many solutions of the form

$$z = k, y = \frac{11}{7}(k-1), x = \frac{1}{7}(15-k)$$

(v) Consistent. As shown in (iv), it has infinitely many solutions.

- 2) Consider the follow figure of a unit circle with centre at the origin and  $0 < \theta, \varphi < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .



- (i) Write down the position vector of A and of B in terms of the unit vectors  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{j}$ .
- (ii) Find the dot product  $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB}$  and the cross product  $\vec{OA} \times \vec{OB}$ .
- (iii) Using (ii), prove that
- $\cos(\theta - \varphi) = \cos \theta \cos \varphi + \sin \theta \sin \varphi$  and
  - $\sin(\theta - \varphi) = \sin \theta \cos \varphi - \cos \theta \sin \varphi$

**(40 Marks)**

**ANSWER IN THIS BOX**

(i)  $\vec{OA} = \cos \theta \underline{i} + \sin \theta \underline{j}$

$\vec{OB} = -\cos \varphi \underline{i} - \sin \varphi \underline{j}$

(ii)  $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = (\cos \theta \underline{i} + \sin \theta \underline{j}) \cdot (-\cos \varphi \underline{i} - \sin \varphi \underline{j})$

$= -\cos \theta \cos \varphi - \sin \theta \sin \varphi \text{ ----- (1)}$

$$\vec{OA} \times \vec{OB} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-\cos \theta \sin \varphi + \sin \theta \cos \varphi) \underline{k} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

(iii)  $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = |\vec{OA}| |\vec{OB}| \cos \gamma$  where  $\gamma$  is the angle between  $\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OB}$ .

$$|\vec{OA}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} = 1, \quad |\vec{OB}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi} = 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = (1)(1) \cos(\pi + \varphi - \theta) = -\cos(\varphi - \theta) = -\cos(\theta - \varphi) \text{ -----}$$

(3)

$$\text{By (1) and (3), } -\cos(\theta - \varphi) = -\cos \theta \cos \varphi - \sin \theta \sin \varphi$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \cos(\theta - \varphi) = \cos \theta \cos \varphi + \sin \theta \sin \varphi$$

$$\vec{OA} \times \vec{OB} = |\vec{OA}| |\vec{OB}| \sin \gamma \underline{k} = (1)(1) \sin(\pi + \varphi - \theta) \underline{k}$$

$$= -\sin(\theta - \varphi) \underline{k} \text{ ----- (4)}$$

$$\text{By (2) and (4), } -\sin(\theta - \varphi) = (-\cos \theta \sin \varphi + \sin \theta \cos \varphi)$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sin(\theta - \varphi) = \sin \theta \cos \varphi - \cos \theta \sin \varphi$$

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- 3) Let  $X$  be the continuous random variable which is defined as '*the length of a random access memory (RAM) card*', in centimeters (cm), produced by a particular manufacturer. The probability density function (pdf) of  $X$  is given as follows.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx & 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Calculate the value of  $k$ .
- (ii) Calculate the probability that the length of a RAM card is not more than 5 cm.
- (iii) Calculate the probability that the length of a RAM card is at least 5 cm.
- (iv) Evaluate the expected value of  $X$ .
- (v) Evaluate the standard deviation of  $X$ .

**(30 Marks)**

**ANSWER IN THIS BOX**

(i)

$$\text{since } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^6 kx dx = 1$$

$$k \int_0^6 x dx = 1$$

$$k \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^6 = 1$$

$$k \left[ \frac{6^2}{2} - 0 \right] = 1$$

$$k \frac{36}{2} = 1$$

$$18k = 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{k = \frac{1}{18}}}$$

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(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}P[X \leq 5] &= \int_0^5 \frac{1}{18} x dx = \frac{1}{18} \int_0^5 x dx = \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^5 \\&= \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{5^2}{2} - 0 \right] = \frac{25}{36} \\&= 0.6944 \\ \therefore \underline{\underline{P[X \leq 5]}} &= 0.6944\end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}P[X \geq 5] &= 1 - P[X < 5] = 1 - \frac{25}{36} = \frac{11}{36} \\&= 0.3056 \\ \therefore \underline{\underline{P[X \geq 5]}} &= 0.3056\end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}E[X] &= \int_0^6 x \frac{1}{18} x dx = \frac{1}{18} \int_0^6 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^6 = \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{6^3}{3} - 0 \right] \\&= \frac{6 \times 6 \times 6}{18 \times 3} = \frac{216}{54} \\&= 4 \\ \therefore \underline{\underline{E[X]}} &= 4cm\end{aligned}$$

(v)

$$\begin{aligned}E[X^2] &= \int_0^6 x^2 \frac{1}{18} x dx = \frac{1}{18} \int_0^6 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^6 = \frac{1}{18} \left[ \frac{6^4}{4} - 0 \right] \\&= \frac{6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6}{18 \times 4} = \frac{1296}{72} \\&= 18 \\ \therefore \underline{\underline{E[X^2]}} &= 18\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V[X] &= E[X^2] - [E[X]]^2 \\&= 18 - 4^2 \\&= 18 - 16 \\&= 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Therefore standard deviation} = \sqrt{2} = 1.414cm}}$$

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