MS-A0003 Matrix algebra (Aalto University) Turunen / Saari

First mid-term exam (19.11.2013, 5pm-7pm)

Please fill in the required information onto each answer sheet.

Calculators and mathematical tables are not allowed.

About grading: Every exam problem will be graded from 0 to 6 points. Harmless small errors do not prevent from getting maximal points. You will get points if your answer contains at least some information (relevant definitions, pictures, calculations etc) — empty answer is surely worth zero.

1. Let
$$u, v, x \in \mathbb{R}^3$$
, where
$$\begin{cases} u = (6/7, 2/7, -3/7), \\ v = (2/7, 3/7, 6/7), \\ x = (19, 11, 2013). \end{cases}$$

- a) Find norm ||u||.
- b) Find cross product $w = u \times v$.
- c) Find $(x \cdot u)u + (x \cdot v)v + (x \cdot w)w$, where $w = u \times v$.
- 2. Find the smallest positive integers x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 in the methanol burning reaction formula

$$x_1 \text{ CH}_3\text{OH} + x_2 \text{ O}_2 \rightarrow x_3 \text{ CO}_2 + x_4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}.$$

Solve this problem in matrix form by using Gauss' elimination process.

3. Let $A = P D P^{-1}$, where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{ja} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Find all solutions
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$
 to equation $A\mathbf{x} = 8\mathbf{x}$.

(Remark: This can be solved quickly without finding matrices P^{-1} and A. You may compute these matrices, if you don't find other solution method.)