

# Centre for Research and Advanced Study at IPN

## Department of Mathematics

### Master' Degree Program Admission Examination

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#### 1. Linear Algebra

Solve all the problems in the two first sections.

1.1 Let it be

$$H_t := \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\pi t & \cos \frac{\pi}{6}t \\ \sin 2\pi t & \sin \frac{\pi}{6}t \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Calculate the range of the matrix  $H_t$  for  $0 \leq t < 12$ . . Particularly, determine the  $t$  values for the matrix with range 1.

1.2 Calculate the determinant of the following matrix  $n \times n$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & \dots & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

1.3 Let  $A : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation of a vector space of dimension 2, with one appropriate value  $\lambda$  and be  $E_\lambda$  the corresponding subspace of appropriate vectors. Prove that  $Aw - \lambda w \in E_\lambda$ , for each  $w \in V$ .

#### 2. Calculus

2.1 Determine if the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^n$  converges for  $0 < x < 1$ . If true, calculate the value of the such series.

2.2 Demonstrate that the function defined by  $f(x) = x|x|$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

is differentiable for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $f''(x)$  exists for each  $x \neq 0$ , but that  $f''(0)$  does not exist. Draw graphs for  $f, f', f''$ .

2.3 What is the solution of  $y'(t) = \frac{\sin t}{t}$ , that satisfies  $y(3) = -18$ ?

### 3. Additional Problems

3.1 Calculate the following integral:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 + 1}.$$

3.2 Consider the space  $C[0, 1]$  with the norm  $\|f\|_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} f(x)$ .

Demonstrate that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  does not come from an internal product.

3.3 How many abelian groups of order 24 exist (except isomorphisms)

3.4 Let  $SU(2)$  the group of unitary matrices  $2 \times 2$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ , with determinant 1:

$$SU(2) = \{A \in M_2(\mathbb{C}) \mid AA^* = I, \det A = 1\}$$

with the topology of subspace of  $M_2(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^4 \cong \mathbb{R}^8$  and  $A^* = \overline{A}^t$ . Prove that  $SU(2)$  is homeomorphic to  $S^3$ , the unitary sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

3.5 Which of the following topological spaces are homeomorphisms among them? Justify your answer.

- $\mathbb{R}$
- $(0, 1)$
- $[0, 1]$
- $\mathbb{R}^2$