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LINEAR ALGEBRA TAKE HOME EXERCISE FOR
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS STATISTICS YEAR ONE OF MAKERERE
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ACADEMIC YEAR: 2023/2024 SEMESTER I

Instructions

- i). Do this in a group of Ten (10)
 - ii) Clearly indicate the names and registration numbers of the group members
 - iii). Clearly show your working and computations
 - iv). Submit your work not later than 20th October 2023. This will be a physical submission during the Linear Algebra lecture.
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Question One

Suppose you want to find values for a, b and c such that the parabola $y=ax^2+bx+c$ passes through the points (1,1),(2,4) and (-1,1). Find (but do not solve) a system of linear equations whose solutions provide values for a, b and c. How many solutions would you expect this system of equations to have and why?

(5 marks)

Question Two

Solve the following system for x, y and z.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{y} - \frac{4}{z} &= 1 \\ \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{8}{z} &= 0 \\ \frac{-1}{x} + \frac{9}{y} + \frac{10}{z} &= 5\end{aligned}$$

(5 marks)

Question Three

Consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 3 & a \\ 4 & -2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 for some variable 'a'. Find all values of 'a', which will prove that Matrix A has eigenvalues 0, 3, and -3.

(7 marks)

