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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES, M.Sc (P/C/M/G)
II SEMESTER END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2017

SUBJECT: LINEAR ALGEBRA [MAT 606]

(REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM)

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MAX. MARKS: 50

Note: (i) Answer all FIVE full questions

(ii) All questions carry equal marks (3+3+4).

1. A) Show that the following are equivalent for an $(n \times n)$ matrix A .
 - (i) A is invertible
 - (ii) The homogeneous system of equation $AX = 0$ has only the trivial solution $X = 0$.
 - (iii) The system of equations $AX = Y$ has a solution X for each $(n \times 1)$ matrix Y .

B) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V . Let W be a vector space over the same field F and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ be any vectors in W . Then show that there is precisely one linear transformation T from V to W such that $T(\alpha_i) = \beta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

C) Let W_1 and W_2 are finite dimensional subspaces of a vector space V . Then show that $(W_1 + W_2)$ is also finite dimensional and

$$\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 = \dim(W_1 + W_2) + \dim(W_1 \cap W_2).$$
2. A) Let T be a linear operator on a finite dimensional vector space V . Let C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k be the distinct characteristic values of T and W_i be the null space of $(T - C_i I)$. Then show that the following are equivalent
 - (i) T is diagonalizable
 - (ii) The characteristic polynomial for T is

$$f = (x - C_1)^{d_1} (x - C_2)^{d_2} \dots (x - C_k)^{d_k} \text{ and } \dim W_i = d_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$
 - (iii) $\dim W_1 + \dim W_2 + \dots + \dim W_k = \dim V$.

B) Define an affine combination. Show that a subset A of a vector space V is a flat if and only if A is closed under affine combinations.

- C) Let $n > 1$ and let D be an alternating $(n - 1)$ -linear function on $(n - 1) \times (n - 1)$ matrices over K , a commutative rings with identity. Then show that, for each $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, the function E_j is defined by $E_j(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i+j} A_{ij} D_{ij}(A)$ is an alternating n -linear function on $n \times n$ matrices A . Also show that if D is a determinant function, so is each E_j .
3. A) Let e be an elementary row operation and E be the corresponding elementary matrix of order $m \times m$. Then show that, for every $m \times n$ matrix A , $e(A) = EA$.
- B) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix with entries in a field F . Then show that the $\text{row rank}(A) = \text{column rank}(A)$.
- C) Show that the subspace spanned by a non-empty subset S of a vector space V is the set of all linear combinations of vectors in S .
4. A) Let S and T be subspaces of a vector space V over a field F . Then show that the sum $S+T$ is direct if and only if there exists bases A of S and B of T such that $A \cup B$ is a basis for $S + T$.
- B) Let V and W be vector spaces over the field F , and let T be a linear transformation from V into W . Then, show that the null space of T^t is the annihilator of the range of T . Also show that if V and W are finite-dimensional, then $\text{Rank}(T^t) = \text{Rank}(T)$.
- C) Let V and W be n - dimensional and m - dimensional vector spaces over the same field F , respectively. Then show that $L(V, W)$ is finite dimensional and has dimension mn .
5. A) Let K be a commutative ring with identity, and let A and B be $n \times n$ matrices over K . Then show that $\det(AB) = \det(A) \cdot \det(B)$.
- B) Let V be an inner product space, then show that , for every vectors α, β in V and $c \in F$,
 (i) $|\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle| \leq \|\alpha\| \|\beta\|$ (ii) $\|\alpha + \beta\| \leq \|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|$
- C) Consider the three linear transformations on R^4 given by,
 $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + 2x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4, f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 2x_2 + x_4$
 $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = -2x_1 - 4x_3 + 3x_4$. Find the subspace W annihilated by the above transformation.

6. A) Let R be the field of real numbers, and let D be a function on 2×2 matrices over R , with values in R , such that $D(AB) = D(A)D(B)$ for all A, B . Suppose also that

$$D\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \neq D\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Prove the following.

- (a) $D(0) = 0$;
- (b) $D(A) = 0$ if $A^2 = 0$;
- (c) $D(B) = -D(A)$ if B is obtained by interchanging the rows of A ;
- (d) $D(A) = 0$ if one row of A is 0.

- B) Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Check whether A is diagonalizable by computing the

dimensions of the eigen spaces and find its minimal polynomial of A .

- C) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let T be a linear operator on V . Then show that T is diagonalizable if and only if the minimal polynomial for T has the form $p(x) = (x - c_1)(x - c_2) \dots (x - c_k)$ where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k are distinct elements of F .
