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### LINEAR ALGEBRA

Q1. Prove that the characteristic roots of a Hermitian matrix are all real and a characteristic root of a skew-Hermitian is either zero or a pure imaginary number.

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q2. Transform the following to diagonal forms and give the transformational employed:

$$x^2 + 2y, 8x^2 - 4xy + 5y^2$$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q3. State Cayley-Hamilton theorem and use it to calculate the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q4. Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition of a real quadratic form  $X'AX$  to be positive definite is that the leading principal minors of  $A$  are all positive.

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q5. For what values of  $\eta$  do the following equations

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$x + 2y + 4z = \eta$$

$$x + 4y + 10z = \eta^2, \text{ Have solutions? Solve then completely in each case.}$$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q6. Let  $T: M_{2,1} \rightarrow M_{2,3}$  be a linear transformation defined by (with usual notations)

$$T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, T\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ Find } T\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q7. Verify which of the following are linear transformations?

- I.  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x) = (2x, -x)$
- II.  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x) = (xy, y, x)$
- III.  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x) = (x + y, y, x)$
- IV.  $T: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x) = (1, -1)$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q8. Let  $S = \{(x, y, z) / x + y + z = 0\}$ ,  $x, y, z$  being real. Prove that  $S$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find a basis of  $S$ .

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q9. Let  $V$  and  $U$  be vector spaces over the field  $K$  and let  $V$  be of finite dimension. Let  $T : V \rightarrow U$  be a linear map.  $\dim V = \dim R(T) + \dim N(T)$

(Year 1992)

(20 Marks)

Q10. Determine the following form as definite, semi-definite or indefinite:

$$2x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 4x_2x_3 - 4x_1x_3 + 2x_1x_2$$

(Year 1993)

(20 Marks)

Q11. Find the rank of the matrix given below by reducing to canonical form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 & -4 \\ 5 & 3 & 3 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 1993)

(20 Marks)

Q12. A matrix  $B$  of order  $n \times n$  is of the form  $\lambda A$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar and  $A$  has unit elements everywhere except in the diagonal which has elements  $\mu$ . Find  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that  $B$  may be orthogonal.

**(Year 1993)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q13. Show that any two Eigen vectors corresponding to two distinct Eigen values of

- I. Hermitian Matrix
- II. Unitary matrix are orthogonal

**(Year 1993)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q14. If  $A$  be an orthogonal matrix with the property that  $-1$  is not an Eigen value, then show that  $a$  is expressed as  $(I - S)(S + S)^{-S}$  for some suitable skew-symmetric matrix  $S$ .

**(Year 1993)**

(20 Marks)

Q15. Prove that the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} A & O \\ B & C \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & O \\ C^{-1}BA^{-1} & C^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $A, C$  are non-singular matrices and hence find the inverse of:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 1993)

(20 Marks)

Q16. If the matrix of a linear operator  $T$  on  $R^2$  relative to the standard basis  $\{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , what is the matrix of  $T$  relative to the basis  $B = \{(1, 1), (1, -1)\}$ ?

(Year 1993)

(20 Marks)

Q17. Define rank and nullity of a linear transformation  $T$ . if  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $T$  a linear operator on  $V$  such that  $\text{rank } T^2 = \text{rank } T$ , then prove that the null space of  $T^2 =$  the null space of  $T$  and the intersection of the range space and null space to  $T$  is the zero subspace of  $V$

(Year 1993)

**(20 Marks)**

Q18. Show that the set  $S = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0)\}$  spans the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ ) but it is not a basis set.

**(Year 1993)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q19. Reduce the following symmetric matrix to a diagonal form and interpret the result in

terms of quadratic forms:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 1994)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q20. Show that a matrix congruent to a skew-symmetric matrix is skew-symmetric. Use the result to prove that the determinant of skew-symmetric matrix of even order is the square of a rational function of its element.

**(Year 1994)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q21. Prove that the Eigen vectors corresponding to the distinct Eigen values of a square matrix are linearly independent.

**(Year 1994)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q22. Show that  $f_1(t) = 1$ ,  $f_2(t) = t - 2$ ,  $f_3(t) = (t - 2)^2$  form a basis of  $P_3$ , the space of polynomials with degree  $\leq 2$ . Express  $3t^2 - 5t + 4$  as a linear combination of  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ .

**(Year 1994)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q23. Let  $A$  and for every. Show that  $A$  is a non-singular matrix. Hence or otherwise prove that the Eigen values of  $A$  lie in the discs in the complex plane.

**(Year 1995)**



**(20 Marks)**

Q24. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be square matrices of order  $n$ . Show that  $AB - BA$  can never be equal to unit matrix.

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q25. Let  $A$  be a symmetric matrix. Show that  $A$  is positive definite if and only if its Eigen values are all positive.

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q26. If  $a$  and  $b$  complex numbers such that and  $H$  is a Hermitian matrix, show that the Eigen values of lie on a straight line in the complex plane.

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q27. Let A and B be matrices of order 'n'. Prove that if  $(I - AB)$  is invertible, then  $(I - BA)$  is also invertible and  $(I - BA)^{-1} = I + B(I - AB)^{-1}A$ . Show that AB and BA have precisely the same characteristic.

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q28. Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable and hence determine  $A^5$ .

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q29. Define a similar matrix. Prove that the characteristic equation of two similar matrices is the same. Let 1, 2, and 3 be the Eigen – values of a matrix. Write down such a matrix. Is such a matrix unique ?

**(Year 1995)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q30. Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order 'n'. Prove that  $AX = b$  has solution if and only if  $b \in R^n$  is orthogonal to all solutions  $Y$  of the system  $A^T Y = 0$

(Year 1995)

(20 Marks)

Q31. Let  $T$  be the linear operator in  $R^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + x_3, -2x_1 + x_2, -x_1 + 2x_2 + 4x_3)$ . What is the matrix of  $T$  in the standard ordered basis of  $R^3$ ? What is a basis of range space of  $T$  and a basis of null space of  $T$ ?

(Year 1995)

(20 Marks)

Q32. Reduce to canonical form the orthogonal matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & -2/3 & 1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 & -2/3 \\ 1/3 & 2/3 & 2/3 \end{bmatrix}$

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q33. Let A and B be  $n \times n$  matrices such that  $AB = BA$ . Show that A and B have a common characteristic vector.

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q34. Find the inverse of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 by computing its characteristic polynomial.

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q35. Solve

$$x + y - 2z = 1$$

$$2x - 7z = 3$$

$$x + y - z = 5$$
 by using Cramer's Rule.

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q36. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces such that  $\dim V \geq \dim W$ . Show that there is always a linear map from  $V$  onto  $W$ .

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q37. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be linear map defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (x + z, -2x + y, -x + 2y + z)$ . What is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $(1, 0, 1)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 1)$ ? Using this matrix, write down the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $(0, 1, 2)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 1)$  and  $(0, 1, 1)$

(Year 1996)

(20 Marks)

Q38. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be a linear transformation such that by writing the matrix of  $T$  with respect to another basis, show that the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is similar to } \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(Year 1996)

**(20 Marks)**

Q39. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $v \in V, v \neq 0$ . Show that there exists a linear functional 'f' on  $V$ .

**(Year 1996)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q40. Let  $W_1$  be the space generated by  $(1, 1, 0, -1), (2, 6, 0)$  and  $(-2, -3, -3, 1)$  and let  $W_2$  be the space generated by  $(-1, -2, -2, 2), (4, 6, 4, -6)$  and  $(1, 3, 4, -3)$ . Find a basis for the space  $W_1 + W_2$ .

**(Year 1996)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q41. Find an invertible matrix  $P$  which reduces  $Q(x, y, z) = 2xy + 2yz + 2zx$  to its canonical form.

**(Year 1997)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q42. Find the characteristics roots and their corresponding vectors for the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(Year 1997)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q43. Define a positive definite matrix. Show that a positive definite matrix is always non – singular. Prove that its converse does not hold.

**(Year 1997)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q44. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a square matrix of order  $n$  such that  $|a_{ij}| \leq M$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $\lambda$  be an Eigen-value of  $A$ . Show that  $|\lambda| \leq nM$ .

**(Year 1997)**

**(20 Marks)**

- Q45. Show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$  and find a matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal. Hence determine  $A^{25}$ .

(Year 1997)

(20 Marks)

- Q46. Let a square matrix  $A$  of order 'n' be such that each of its diagonal elements is  $\mu$  and each of its off diagonal elements is 1. If  $B = \lambda A$  is orthogonal, determine the value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

(Year 1997)

(20 Marks)

- Q47. Let  $V$  be the vector space of  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine whether the matrices  $A, B, C \in V$  are dependent where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ -4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

(Year 1997)



(20 Marks)

Q48. Verify that the transformation defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2, x_2)$  is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find its range, null space and nullity.

(Year 1997)

(20 Marks)

Q49. Let  $V$  be the vector space of polynomials over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Find a basis and dimension of the subspace  $W$  of  $V$  spanned by the polynomials

$$v_1 = t^3 - 2t^2 + 4t + 1, v_2 = 2t^3 - 3t^2 + 9t - 1, v_3 = t^3 + 6t^2 - 5, v_4 = 2t^3 - 5t^2 + 7t + 5$$

(Year 1997)

(20 Marks)

Q50. Reduce to diagonal matrix by rational congruent transformation the symmetric matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 1998)

**(20 Marks)**

Q51. Find all real  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A$  whose characteristic roots are real and which satisfy  $AA' = I$

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q52. Let  $A$  be a matrix. Then show that the sum of rank and nullity of  $A$  is  $n$

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q53. Prove that a necessary and sufficient condition for a  $n \times n$  real matrix to be similar to a diagonal matrix  $A$  is that the set of characteristic vectors  $A$  of includes a set of linearly independent vector.

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q54. If  $T$  is a complex matrix of order  $2 \times 2$  such that  $\text{tr}T = \text{tr}T^2 = 0$ , then show that  $T^2 = 0$ .

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q55. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices of order  $2 \times 2$  such that  $A$  is skew Hermitian and  $AB = B$  then show that  $B = 0$ .

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q56. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_2, x_3 - cx_1, x_2 - ax_3)$  where  $a, b, c$  are fixed real numbers. Show that  $T$  is a linear transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and that  $A^3 + aA^2 + ba = cI = 0$  where  $A$  is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q57. If  $V$  is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and if  $f$  and  $g$  are two linear transformations from  $V$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\forall v (f(v) = 0 \implies g(v) = 0)$ , then prove that  $g = \lambda f$  for some  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q58. Given two linearly independent vectors  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, -1, 1, 1)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  find a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which included these two vectors.

**(Year 1998)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q59. Test for the positive definiteness of the quadratic form  $2x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 - 2xz$ .

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q60. If  $A$  is a skew symmetric matrix of order  $n$ . Prove that  $(I - A)(I + A)^{-1}$  is orthogonal.

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q61. Test for congruency of the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Prove that  $A^{2n} = B^{2m}I$  when  $n$  and  $m$  are positive integers.

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q62. Diagonalize the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q63. If the matrix of a linear transformation  $T$  on  $V_2(\mathbb{R})$  with respect to the basis, then what is the matrix of with respect to the ordered basis  $B = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  then what is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the ordered basis.

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q64. Let  $V$  be the vector space of functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  (the real numbers). Show that  $f, g, h$ , in  $V$  are linearly independent where  $f(t) = e^{2t}$ ,  $g(t) = t^2$  and  $h(t) = t$ .

**(Year 1999)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q65. Reduce the equation  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz + 2zx + x - y - 2z + 6 = 0$  into canonical form and determine the nature of the quadratic.

**(Year 2000)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q66. Prove that two similar matrices have the same characteristic roots. Is its converse true ?  
Justify your claim.

**(Year 2000)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q67. Prove that a system  $AX = B$  if non-homogeneous equations in unknowns have a unique solution provided the coefficient matrix is non-singular.

**(Year 2000)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q68. Prove that a real symmetric matrix  $A$  is positive definite if and only  $A = BB'$  if for some non-singular matrix  $B$ . Also show that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 7 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$  is positive definite and find the matrix  $B$  such that  $A = BB'$

**(Year 2000)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q69. Show that if  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix  $A$  then  $\lambda^{-1}$  is a characteristic root of  $A^{-1}$ .

**(Year 2000)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q70. Let  $V$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $T = \{(x, y) | x, y \in v\}$ . Define addition in component wise and scalar multiplication by complex number  $\alpha + i\beta$  by  $(\alpha + i\beta)(x, y) = (\alpha x + \beta y, \beta y + \alpha y)$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $T$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**(Year 2000)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q.71. Show that the real quadratic form  $\phi = n(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2) - (x_1x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2$  in  $n$  variables is positive semi-definite.

**(Year 2001)**

**(15 Marks)**



Q72. Determine an orthogonal matrix P such that it is a diagonal, where =  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 & -1 \\ -4 & -1 & -8 \end{bmatrix}$

(Year 2001)

(15 Marks)

Q73. When is a square matrix A said to be congruent to a square matrix B ? Prove that every matrix congruent to skew-symmetric matrix is skew symmetric.

(Year 2001)

(15 Marks)

Q74. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  show that for every integer  $n \geq 3$ ,  $A^n = A^{n-2} + A^2 - I$ . Hence determine  $A^{50}$ .

(Year 2001)

(15 Marks)

Q75. If  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix A then prove that  $|A|/\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $\text{Adj}.A$

**(Year 2001)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q76. Show that the vectors  $(1, 0, -1)$ ,  $(0, -3, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, 1)$  form a basis for the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .

**(Year 2001)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q77. Use Cayley – Hamilton theorem to find the inverse of the following matrix: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(Year 2002)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q78. Solve the following system of linear equations:

$$x_1 - 2x_2 - 3x_3 + 4x_4 = -1$$

$$-x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 - 5x_4 - 2x_5 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 + 3x_4 - 4x_5 = 17$$

**(Year 2002)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q79. Let  $A$  be a real  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix with Eigen values 0, 0 and 5. If the corresponding Eigen-vectors are  $(2, 0, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 0, -2)$  then find the matrix  $A$ .

**(Year 2002)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q80. Let  $\mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  be a linear mapping given by  $T(a, b, c, d, e) = (b - d, +e, b, 2d + e, b + e)$ . Obtain bases for its null space and range space.

**(Year 2002)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q81. A square matrix  $A$  is non-singular if and only if the constant term in its characteristic polynomial is different from zero.

**(Year 2002)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q82. Show that the mapping  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $T(a, b, c) = (a - b, d - c, a + c)$  is linear and non singular.

**(Year 2002)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q83. Reduce the quadratic form given below to canonical form and find its rank and signature

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 + u^2 - 12yz + 6zx - 4xy - 2xu - 6zu$$

**(Year 2003)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q84. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  the find a diagonal matrix D and a matrix B such that  $A = BDB'$  where B' denotes the transpose of B.

**(Year 2003)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q85. If H is a Hermitian matrix, then show that  $A = (H + iI)^{-1} (H - iI)$  is a unitary matrix. Also show that every unitary matrix can be expressed in this form, provided 1 is not an Eigen value of A.

**(Year 2003)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q86. Prove that the Eigen vectors corresponding to distinct Eigen values of a square matrix are linearly independent.

**(Year 2003)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q87. if  $f = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  then find the matrix represented by

$$2A^{10} - 10A^9 + 14A^8 - 6A^7 - 3A^6 + 15A^4 - 21A^3 + 9A^2 + A - 1$$

**(Year 2003)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q88. Let  $S$  be any non-empty subset of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . Show that the set  $\{a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \dots + a_n\alpha_n : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in F, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n \in S, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is the subspace generated by  $S$ .

**(Year 2003)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q89. Define a positive definite quadratic form, Reduce the quadratic form to canonical form. Is this quadratic form positive definite ?

**(Year 2004)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q90 Find the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Hence find  $A^{-1}$  and  $A^6$

(Year 2004)

(15 Marks)

Q91. Verify whether the following system of equations is consistent or not

$$-2x + 5y - z = 0$$

$$-x + 4y + z = 4$$

(Year 2004)

(15 Marks)

Q92. Show that the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which is represented by the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is one-to-one. Find a basis for its image.}$$

(Year 2004)

(12 Marks)

Q93. Show that  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{IR}$  is a linear transformation, where  $f(x, y, z) = 3x + y - z$  what is the dimension of the kernel ? Find a basis for the kernel.

(Year 2004)

(12 Marks)

Q94. Let S be space generated by the vectors  $\{(0, 2, 6), (3, 1, 6), (4, -2, -2)\}$  what is the dimension of the space S ? Find a basis for S

(Year 2004)

(12 Marks)

Q95. Reduce the quadratic form  $6x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 - 4x_1x_2 - 2x_2x_3 + 4x_3x_1$  to the sum of squares. Also find the corresponding linear transformation, index and signature.

(Year 2005)

(15 Marks)



- Q96. If  $S$  is a skew-Hermitian matrix, then show that  $A = (I + S)(I - S)^{-1}$  is a unitary matrix. Also show that  $-1$  is not an Eigen value of  $A$ .

(Year 2005)

(15 Marks)

- Q97. Find the inverse of the matrix given below using elementary row operations only:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 2005)

(15 Marks)

- Q98. Let  $T$  be a linear transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  whose matrix relative to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ find the matrix of } T \text{ relative to the basis } \beta = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

(Year 2005)

(15 Marks)

Q99. Let  $V$  be the vector space of polynomials in  $x$  degrees  $\leq n$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove that the set  $\{1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n\}$  is a basis for the set of all polynomials in  $x$ .

(Year 2005)

(12 Marks)

Q100. Find the values of  $k$  for which the vectors  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 3, -2, k)$ ,  $(2, 2k - 2, -k - 2, 3k - 1)$  and  $(3, k + 2, -3, 2k + 1)$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^4$

(Year 2005)

(12 Marks)

Q101. Find the quadratic form  $q(x, y)$  corresponding to the symmetric matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -3 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  Is this quadratic form positive definite? Justify your answer.

(Year 2006)

(15 Marks)

Q102. Investigate the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the equations  $x + y + z = 6$ ,  $x + 2y + 3z = 10$ ,  $x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$  have

- I. No solution
- II. Unique solution
- III. An infinite number of solutions

(Year 2006)

(15 Marks)

Q103. Using elementary row operations, find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 2006)

(15 Marks)

Q104. If  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $T(x, y) = (2x - 3y, x + y)$  compute the matrix of  $T$  relative to the basis  $\beta\{(1, 2), (2, 3)\}$

(Year 2006)

(15 Marks)

Q105. State Cayley – Hamilton theorem and using it, find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 2006)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q106. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field  $F$ . Prove that  $V$  has dimension 4 by exhibiting a basis for  $V$ .

**(Year 2006)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q107. Let  $S$  be the vector space of all polynomials,  $p(x)$  with real coefficients, of degree less than or equal to two considered over the real field  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $p(0)$  and  $p(1) = 0$ . Determine a basis for  $S$  and hence its dimension.

**(Year 2007)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q108. Let  $T$  be the linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (2x_1 + x_2 + x_3x_1, x_2x_1 + x_3, 3x_1 + x_2 = 2x_3)$  for each  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}$ . determine a basis for the Null space of  $T$ . What is the dimension of the Range space of  $T$  ?

**(Year 2007)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q109. Let  $W$  be the set of all  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  does it form a subspace of the vector space of the  $3 \times 3$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  ? In case it does, construct a basis for this space and determine its dimensions.

**(Year 2007)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q110 Consider the vector space  $X = \{p(x)\}$  is a polynomials degree less than or equal to 3 with real coefficients. Over the real field  $\mathbb{R}$  define the map  $D : X \rightarrow X$  by  $(Dp)(x) := P_1 + 2P_2x + 2P_3x^2$  where  $p(x) = P_0 + P_1x + P_2x^2 + P_3x^3$  is  $D$  a linear transformation on  $X$  ? If it is then construct the matrix representation for  $D$  with respect to the order basis  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  for  $X$ .

**(Year 2007)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q111. Reduce the quadratic form  $q(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 - 4xz - 4yz + 7z^2$  to canonical form. Is it positive definite ?

**(Year 2007)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q112. Show that the matrix  $A$  is invertible if and only if the  $\text{adj}(A)$  is invertible. Hence find  $|\text{adj}(A)|$

**(Year 2008)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q113 Let  $S$  be a non-empty set and let  $V$  denote the set of all functions from  $S$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $V$  is vector space with respect to the vector addition  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and scalar multiplication  $(c.f)(x) = cf(x)$

**(Year 2008)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q114. Show that  $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation such that  $T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $T(1, 1, 0) = (1, 1, 1)$  and  $T(1, 1, 1) = (1, 1, 0)$ . Find  $T(x, y, z)$

**(Year 2008)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q115. Let  $A$  be a non-singular matrix. Show that if  $I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^n = 0$ , then  $A^{-1} = A^n$

**(Year 2008)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q116. Find the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  spanned by the set  $\{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, 1), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$ . Hence find a basis for the subspace.

**(Year 2008)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q117. Find a Hermitian and skew-hermitian matrix each whose sum is the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2i & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 + 3i & 2 \\ -i + 1 & 4 & 5i \end{bmatrix}$$

(Year 2009)

(12 Marks)

Q118. Prove that the set  $V$  of the vectors  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  in which  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfy the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0$  and  $2x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 0$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . What is the dimension of this subspace? Find one of its bases.

(Year 2009)

(12 Marks)

Q119. Let  $\beta = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$  and  $\beta' = \{(2, 1), (1, 2, 1), (-1, 1, 1)\}$  be the two ordered bases of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then find a matrix representing the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  which transforms  $\beta$  into  $\beta'$ . Use this matrix representation to find  $T(x)$ , where  $x = (2, 3, 1)$ .

(Year 2009)

(20 Marks)



Q120. Find a  $2 \times 2$  real matrix  $A$  which both orthogonal and skew-symmetric. Can there exist a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix for which both orthogonal and skew-symmetric? Justify your answer.

**(Year 2009)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q121. Let  $L: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by  $L = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (x_3 + x_4 - x_1 - x_2, x_3 - x_2, x_4 - x_1)$ . Then find the rank and nullity of  $L$ . Also, determine null space and range space of  $L$ .

**(Year 2009)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q122. Prove that the set  $V$  of all  $3 \times 3$  real symmetric matrices forms a linear subspace of the space of all  $3 \times 3$  real matrices. What is the dimension of this subspace? Find at least of the bases for  $V$ .

**(Year 2009)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q123. If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  are the Eigen values of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 26 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 21 & 4 \\ 44 & 2 & 28 \end{bmatrix}$  show that

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2} \leq \sqrt{1949}$$

(Year 2010)

(12 Marks)

Q124. What is the null space of the differential transformation  $d/dx : p_n \rightarrow p_n$  is the space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq n$  over the real numbers? What is the null space of the second derivatives as a transformation of  $p_n$ ? What is the null space of the  $k$ th derivative  $p_n$ ?

(Year 2010)

(12 Marks)

Q125. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  Find the unique linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  so that  $M$  is the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $\beta = \{v_1 = (1, 0, 0), v_2 = (1, 1, 0), v_3 = (1, 1, 1)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\beta' = \{w_1 = (1, 0), w_2 = (1, 1)\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Also find  $T(x, y, z)$

(Year 2010)

(20 Marks)

Q126. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  matrices over real's. Show that  $BA$  is invertible if  $I - AB$  is invertible. Deduce That  $AB$  and  $AB$  have same Eigen values.

**(Year 2010)**

**(20 Marks)**

Q127. In the spacer  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Determine whether or not the  $\{e_1 - e_2, e_2 - e_3, \dots, e_{n-1} - e_n\}$  set is linearly independent.

**(Year 2010)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q128. Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from a vector  $V$  space over real's into  $V$  such that  $T - T^2 = I$ . Show that is invertible.

**(Year 2010)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q129. Let A be a non-singular  $n \times n$ , square matrix. Show that  $A \cdot (\text{adj}A) = |A| \cdot I_n$ . Hence show that  $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}A)| = |A|^{(n-1)^2}$

(Year 2011)

(10 Marks)

Q130. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$  Solve the system of equations given by  $AX = B$  using the above, also solve the system of equations  $A^T X = B$  where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose matrix of A.

(Year 2011)

(10 Marks)

Q131. Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the Eigen values of a  $n \times n$  square matrix A with corresponding Eigen vectors  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . If B is a matrix similar to show that the Eigen values of B are same as that of A. Also find the relation between the Eigen vectors of B and Eigen vectors of A.

(Year 2011)

(10 Marks)

Q132. Show that the subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by two sets of vectors  $\{(1, 1, -1), (1, 0, 1)\}$  and  $\{(1, 2, -3), (5, 2, 1)\}$  are identical. Also find the dimension of this subspace.

**(Year 2011)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q133. Find the nullity and a basis of the null space of the linear transformation  $A : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$

given by the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 2011)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q134. Show that the vectors  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$  are linearly independent in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + 3z, x + 2y + 5z, 2x + 4y + 6z)$  show that the images of above under are linearly dependent. Give the reason for the same.

**(Year 2011)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q135. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C$  be a non-singular matrix of order  $3 \times 3$ . Find the Eigen values of the matrix  $B^3$  where  $B = C^{-1}AC$ .

**(Year 2011)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q136. Prove or disapprove the following statement: if  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^5$  and  $V$  is a two dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^5$ , then  $V$  has a basis made of two members of  $B$ .

**(Year 2012)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q137. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$T(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (\alpha + 2\beta - 3\gamma, 2\alpha + 5\beta - 4\gamma, \alpha + 4\beta + \gamma)$ . Find a basis and the dimension of the image of  $T$  and the kernel of  $T$ .

**(Year 2012)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q138. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over the field of real numbers. Let  $W$  be the set consisting of all matrices with zero determinant. Is  $W$  a subspace of  $V$ ? Justify your answer

**(Year 2012)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q139. Find the dimension and a basis for the space  $W$  of all solutions of the following homogeneous system using matrix notation:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 + 4x_5 = 0$$

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 8x_3 + x_4 + 9x_5 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + 13x_3 + 4x_4 + 14x_5 = 0$$

**(Year 2012)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q140. Consider the mapping  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $f(x, y) = (3x + 4y, 2x - 5y)$ . Find the matrix  $A$  relative to the basis  $(1, 0), (0, 1)$  and the matrix  $B$  relative to the basis  $(1, 2), (2, 3)$

**(Year 2012)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q141. If  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of a non-singular matrix A then prove that  $|A|/\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $\text{Adj}.A$

(Year 2012)

(8 Marks)

Q142 Let  $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & 2+i \\ -i & 2 & 1-i \\ 2-i & 1+i & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  be a Hermitian matrix. Find a non-singular matrix P such that  $D = P^T H P$  is diagonal.

(Year 2012)

(20 Marks)

Q143. Find the inverse of matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  By using elementary row operations.

Hence solve the system of linear equations

$$x + 3y + z = 10$$

$$2x - y + 7z = 12$$

$$3x + 2y - z = 4$$

(Year 2013)

(10 Marks)



Q144. Let  $A$  be a square matrix and  $A^*$  be its adjoint, show that the Eigen values of matrices  $AA^*$  and  $A^*A$  are real. Further show that  $\text{trace}(AA^*) = \text{Trace}(A^*A)$

**(Year 2013)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q145. Let  $P_n$  denote the vector space of all real polynomials of degree at most  $n$  and  $T : P_2 \rightarrow P_3$  be linear transformation given by  $T(f(x)) = \int_0^x p(t)dt$ ,  $p(x) \in P_2$ . Find the matrix of  $T$  with respect to the bases  $\{1, x, x^2\}$  and  $\{1, x, 1 + x^2, 1 + x^3\}$  of  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  respectively. Also find the null space of  $T$ .

**(Year 2013)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q146. Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space and  $T : V \rightarrow V$  be an invertible linear operator. If  $\beta = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , show that  $\beta' = \{TX_1, TX_2, \dots, TX_n\}$  is also a basis of  $V$ .

**(Year 2013)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q147. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $\omega (\neq 1)$  is a cube root of unity. If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ , denote the Eigen values of  $A^2$ , show that  $|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_2| + |\lambda_3| \leq 9$

**(Year 2013)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q148. Find the rank of the matrix  $A \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 12 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 12 & 17 \\ 3 & 5 & 8 & 17 & 23 \\ 8 & 12 & 17 & 23 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 2013)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q149. Let  $A$  be a Hermitian matrix having all distinct Eigen values  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are corresponding Eigen vectors then show that the  $n \times n$  matrix  $C$  whose  $k$ th column consists of the vector  $X_k$  is non singular.

**(Year 2013)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q150. Show that the vectors  $X_1 = (1, 1 + I, i)$ ,  $X_2 = (I, -I, 1 - i)$  and  $X_3 = (0, 1 - 2i, 2 - i)$  in  $C^3$  are linearly independent over the field of real numbers but are linearly dependent over the field of complex numbers.

**(Year 2013)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q151. Using elementary row or column operations, find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(Year 2014)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q152. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be the following subspaces of  $R^4$ :  $V = \{(a, b, c, d) : b - 2c + d = 0\}$  and  $W = \{(a, b, c, d) : a = d, b = 2c\}$ . Find a basis and the dimension of  $V$ ,  $W$ ,  $V \cap W$ .

**(Year 2014)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q153. Investigate the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the equations  $x + y + z = 6$ ,  $x + 2y + 3z = 10$ ,  $x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$  have

- I. No solution
- II. Unique solution
- III. An infinite number of solutions

(Year 2014)

(10 Marks)

Q154. Verify Cayley – Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and hence find its inverse.  
Also find the matrix representation  $A^5 - 4A^4 - 7A^3 + 11A^2 - A - 10I$

(Year 2014)

(10 Marks)

Q155. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the Eigen values of A and the corresponding Eigen vectors.

(Year 2014)

(8 Marks)

Q156. Prove that Eigen values of a unitary matrix have absolute value 1.

**(Year 2014)**

**(7 Marks)**

Q157 The vectors  $V_1 = (1, 1, 2, 4)$ ,  $V_2 = (2, -1, -5, 2)$ ,  $V_3 = (1, -1, -4, 0)$  and  $V_4 = (2, 1, 1, 6)$  are linearly independent. Is it true ? Justify your answer.

**(Year 2015)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q158 Reduce the following matrix to row echelon form and hence find its rank:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 & 5 & 7 \\ 8 & 1 & 14 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(Year 2015)**

(10 Marks)

Q159. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  then find  $A^{30}$ .

(Year 2015)

(10 Marks)

Q160. Find the Eigen values and Eigen vectors of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(Year 2015)

(12 Marks)

Q161. Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $T \in A(V)$ , for all  $a_i \in A(V)$ , be defined by

$T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (2a_1 + 5a_2 + a_3, -3a_1 + a_2 - a_3, a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3)$ . What is the matrix  $T$  relative to the basis  $V_1 = (1, 0, 1)$ ,  $V_2 = (-1, 2, 1)$ ,  $V_3 = (3, -1, 1)$  ?

(Year 2015)

(12 Marks)

Q162. Find the dimension of the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , spanned by the set

$\{(1, 0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0, 0), (1, 2, 0, 1), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}$ . Hence find its basis.

**(Year 2015)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q163. Using elementary row operations, find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**(Year 2016)**

**(6 Marks)**

Q164. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  then find  $A^{14} + 3A - 2I$

**(Year 2016)**

(4 Marks)

Q165. Using elementary row operation find the condition that the linear equations have a solution:

$$x - 2y + z = a$$

$$2x + 7y - 3z = b$$

$$3 + 5y - 2z = c$$

(Year 2016)

(7 Marks)

Q166. If

$w_1 = \{(x, y, z) | x + y - z = 0\}$ ,  $w_2 = \{(x, y, z) | 3x + y - 2z = 0\}$ ,  $w_3 = \{(x, y, z) | x - 7y + 3z = 0\}$   
then find  $\dim(w_1 \cap w_2 \cap w_3)$  and  $\dim(w_1 + w_2)$ .

(Year 2016)

(3 Marks)

Q167. If  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  is space of real matrices of order  $2 \times 2$  and  $P_2(x)$  is the space of real polynomials of degree at most 2, then find the matrix representation of  $T: M_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow P_2(x)$  such that

$T \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = a + b + c + (a - d)x + (b + c)x^2$ , with respect to the standard bases of  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $P_2(x)$   
further find null space of  $T$ .

(Year 2016)

(10 Marks)



Q168. If  $T: P_2(x) \rightarrow P_3(x)$  is such that  $T(f(x)) = f(x) + T(f(x)) = f(x) + 5 \int_0^x f(t)dt$ , then choosing  $\{1, 1 + x, 1 - x^2\}$  and  $\{1, x, x^2, x^3\}$  as bases of  $P_2(x)$  and  $P_3(x)$  respectively find the matrix of  $T$ .

**(Year 2016)**

**(6 Marks)**

Q169. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find the Eigen values and Eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**(Year 2016)**

**(6 Marks)**

Q170. Prove that Eigen values of a Hermitian matrix are all real.

**(Year 2016)**

**(8 Marks)**

Q171. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  is the matrix representation of a linear transformation  $T: P_2(x) \rightarrow P_2(x)$  with respect to the bases  $\{1 - x, x(1 - x), x(1 + x)\}$  and  $\{1, 1 + x, 1 + x^2\}$  then find  $T$ .

(Year 2016)

(18 Marks)

Q172. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a non-singular matrix  $P$  such that  $P^{-1}AP$  is diagonal matrix.

(Year 2017)

(10 Marks)

Q.173. Show that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.

(Year 2017)

(10 Marks)

Q174 Suppose  $U$  and  $W$  are distinct four dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , when  $\dim V = 6$ . Find the possible dimensions of subspace  $U \cap W$ .

**(Year 2017)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q175 Consider the matrix mapping  $A: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & 8 & 13 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a basis and dimension of the image of  $A$  and those of kernel  $A$ .

**(Year 2017)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q176.. Prove that the distance non-zero eigen vectors of a matrix are linearly independent.

**(Year 2017)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q177. Consider the following system of equation in  $x, y, z$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 1$$

$$x + ay + 3z = 3$$

$$x + 11y + az = b$$

- I. For which values of 'a' does that system have a unique ?
- II. For which of values (a, b) does the system have more than one solution?

**(Year 2017)**

**(15 Marks)**

Q178. Let A be a  $3 \times 2$  matrix and B a  $2 \times 3$  matrix. Show that  $C = A.B$  is a singular matrix.

**(Year 2018)**

**(10 Marks)**

Q179 Show that if A and B are similar  $n \times n$  matrices, then they have the same Eigen values.

**(Year 2018)**

**(12 Marks)**

Q180. For the system of linear equations

$$x + 3y - 2z = -1$$

$$5y + 3z = -8$$

$x - 2y - 5z = 7$ , determine the following statements, which are true or false:

- I. The system has no solution
- II. The system has unique solution
- III. The system has infinitely many solutions

(Year 2018)

(12 Marks)

Q181. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear map such that  $T(2, 1) = (5, 7)$  and  $T(1, 2) = (3, 3)$ . If  $A$  is the matrix corresponding to  $T$  with respect to the standard bases  $e_1, e_2$ , then find  $\text{Rank}(A)$ .

(Year 2019)

(10 Marks)

Q182. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

The show that  $AB = 6I_3$ . Use this result to solve the following system of equations:

$$2x + y + z = 5$$

$$x - y = 0$$

$$2x + y - z = 1$$

(Year 2019)

(10 Marks)

Q183. Let A and B be two orthogonal matrices of same order and  $\det A + \det B = 0$ , show that  $A + B$  is a singular matrix.

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(15 Marks)

Q184. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -8 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- I. Find the rank of the matrix A.
- II. Find the dimension of the subspace

$$V = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \right\}$$

(Year 2019)

(15 + 5 Marks)

Q185.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , State the Cayley-Hamilton theorem. Use this theorem to find  $A^{100}$ .

(Year 2019)

(15 Marks)

**CIVIL SERVICES****PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS****SEGMENT- WISE****LINEAR ALGEBRA**

1. Prove that any set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors in a vector space  $V$  of dimension  $n$  constitutes a basis for  $V$ . [2022][10]
2. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation such that  $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $T \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . [2022][10]
3. Find all solutions to the following system of equations by row-reduced method:  
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 &= 2 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 &= 5 \\ -x_1 - 3x_2 + 8x_3 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$
[2022][15]
4. Let the set  $P = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{aligned} x - y - z &= 0 \\ 2x - y + z &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$  be the collection of vectors of a vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ . Then
  - (i) Prove that  $P$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
  - (ii) Find a basis and dimension of  $P$ . [2022][10+10]
5. Find a linear map  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which rotates each vector of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by an angle  $\theta$ . Also, prove that for  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $T$  has no eigenvalue in  $\mathbb{R}$ . [2022][15]
6. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then show that  $A^2 = A^{-1}$  (without finding  $A^{-1}$ ). [2021][10]
7. Find the matrix associated with the linear operator on  $V_3(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $T(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}, 2\mathbf{c})$  with respect to the ordered basis  $\mathbf{B} = \{(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}), (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0})\}$ . [2021][10]
8. Show that  $S = \{(x, 2y, 3x) : x, y \text{ are real numbers}\}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ . Find two bases of  $S$ . Also find the dimension of  $S$ . [2021][15]

9. Prove that the eigen vectors, corresponding to two distinct eigen values of a real symmetric matrix, are orthogonal. [2021][8]

10. For two square matrices  $A$  and  $B$  of order 2, show that  $\text{trace}(AB) = \text{trace}(BA)$ .

Hence show that  $AB - BA \neq I_2$ , where  $I_2$  is an identity matrix of order 2 [2021][7]

11. Reduce the following matrix to a row-reduced echelon form and hence also, find its rank:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 & 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 9 & 1 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad [2021] [10]$$

12. Find the eigen values and the corresponding eigen vectors of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , over the complex-number field. [2021][10]

13. Consider the set  $V$  of all  $n \times n$  real magic squares. Show that  $V$  is a vector space over  $R$ . Give examples of two distinct  $2 \times 2$  magic squares. [2020][10]

14. Let  $M_2(R)$  be the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices. Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose  $T: M_2(R) \rightarrow M_2(R)$  is a linear transformation defined by  $T(A) = BA$ . Find the rank and nullity of  $T$ . Find a matrix  $A$  which maps to the null matrix. [2020][10]

15. Define an  $n \times n$  matrix as  $A = I - 2u \cdot u^T$ , where  $u$  is a unit column vector.

(i) Examine if  $A$  is symmetric.

(ii) Examine if  $A$  is orthogonal.

(iii) Show that  $\text{trace}(A) = n - 2$ .

(iv) Find  $A_{3 \times 3}$ , when  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . [2020][20]

16. Let  $F$  be a subfield of complex numbers and  $T$  a function from  $F^3 \rightarrow F^3$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3, 2x_1 - x_2, -3x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$ . What are the conditions on  $a, b, c$  such that  $(a, b, c)$  be in the null space of  $T$ ? Find the nullity of  $T$ . [2020][15]



17. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 2 & 2 \\ -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

(i) Find  $AB$ .

(ii) Find  $\det(A)$  and  $\det(B)$ .

(iii) Solve the following system of linear equations:

$$x + 2z = 3, 2x - y + 3z = 3, 4x + y + 8z = 14 \quad [2020][15]$$

18. Find the locus of the point of intersection of the perpendicular generators of the hyperbolic paraboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$ . [2020][15]

19. Find an extreme value of the function  $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , subject to the condition  $2x + 3y + 5z = 30$ , by using Lagrange's method of undetermined multiplier. [2020] [20]