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MATHEMATICS
MAT1C02 : Linear Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer **four** questions from this part. **Each** question carries **4** marks.

1. Let T be a linear operator on \mathbb{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 for \mathbb{R}^3 .

2. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over the field F and let W be a subspace of V . Then prove that $\dim W + \dim W^\perp = \dim V$.

3. Find a 3×3 matrix for which the minimal polynomial is x^2 .

4. Let W be an invariant subspace for T . The characteristic polynomial for the restriction operator T_W divides the characteristic polynomial for T . Then prove that the minimal polynomial for T_W divides the minimal polynomial for T .

5. Let T be the linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 which is represented in the standard ordered

basis by the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Prove that T has no cyclic vector.

6. Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to the vectors $\beta_1 = (3, 0, 4)$, $\beta_2 = (-1, 0, 7)$,

$\beta_3 = (2, 9, 11)$, to obtain an orthonormal basis for \mathbb{R}^3 with standard inner product.

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PART – B

Answer 4 questions from this part without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks.

Unit – I

7. a) Let T be a linear transformation from V into W . Then prove that T is non-singular if and only if T carries each linearly independent subset of V onto a linearly independent subset of W .
- b) If S is any subset of a finite dimensional vector space V , then prove that $(S^\circ)^\circ$ is a subspace spanned by S .
8. a) Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space over the field F and let $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ be an ordered basis for V . Let W be a vector space over the same field F and let β_1, \dots, β_n be any vectors in W . Then prove that there is precisely one linear transformation T from V into W such that $T\alpha_j = \beta_j$, $j = 1, \dots, n$.
- b) If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with entries in the field F , then prove that row rank $(A) =$ column rank (A) .
9. a) Let V be an n -dimensional vector space over the field F and let W be an m -dimensional vector space over F . Then prove that the space $L(V, W)$ is finite-dimensional and has dimension mn .
- b) Let $B = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$ be the basis for C^3 defined by $\alpha_1 = (1, 0, -1)$, $\alpha_2 = (1, 1, 1)$, $\alpha_3 = (2, 2, 0)$. Find the dual basis of B .

Unit – II

10. a) Let T be a linear operator on a finite-dimensional space V . Let c_1, \dots, c_k be the distinct characteristic values of T and let W_i be the null space of $(T - c_i I)$. Then prove that following are equivalent.
- T is diagonalizable.
 - The characteristic polynomial for T is $f = (x - c_1)^{d_1} \dots (x - c_k)^{d_k}$ and $\dim W_i = d_i$, $i = 1, \dots, k$.
 - $\dim W_1 + \dots + \dim W_k = \dim V$.
- b) Prove that similar matrices have the same characteristic polynomial.



11. a) State and prove Cayley – Hamilton Theorem.
b) Let T be the linear operator on \mathbb{R}^2 , the matrix of which in the standard ordered basis is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Prove that the only subspaces of \mathbb{R}^2 invariant under T are \mathbb{R}^2 and the zero subspace.
12. a) Let \mathcal{F} be a commuting family of diagonalizable linear operators on the finite-dimensional vector space V . Prove that there exists an ordered basis for V such that every operator in \mathcal{F} is represented in that basis by a diagonal matrix.
b) Find a projection E which projects \mathbb{R}^2 onto the subspace spanned by $(1, -1)$ along the subspace spanned by $(1, 2)$.

Unit – III

13. a) State and prove primary decomposition theorem.
b) If V is the space of all polynomials of degree less than or equal to n over a field F , prove that the differentiation operator on V is nil potent.
14. a) Let F be a field and let B be an $n \times n$ matrix over F . Then prove that B is similar over the field F to one and only one matrix which is in rational form.
b) Let T be the linear operator on \mathbb{R}^3 which is represented in the standard ordered basis by the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$. Prove that T has no cyclic vector.
What is the T -cyclic subspace generated by the vector $(1, -1, 3)$?
c) Verify that the standard inner product on F^n is an inner product.
15. a) Let V be an inner product space and let $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$ be any independent vectors in V . Then construct orthogonal vectors $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ in V such that for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ the set $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$ is a basis for the subspace spanned by β_1, \dots, β_k .
b) Let V be a real or complex vector space with an inner product. Show that the quadratic form determined by the inner product satisfies the parallelogram law $\|\alpha + \beta\|^2 + \|\alpha - \beta\|^2 = 2\|\alpha\|^2 + 2\|\beta\|^2$.