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Answer all question

Time: Three hours

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1. Define what is meant by a subspace of a vector space.

- (a) Let  $V = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i : a_i \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$  be the set of polynomials in one variable with real coefficients. The vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined as follows

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^m a_i X^i \right) + \left( \sum_{j=0}^n b_j X^j \right) = \sum_r (a_r + b_r) X^r$$

where  $a_r = 0$ , if  $r > m$  and  $b_r = 0$ , if  $r > n$ , and

$$\alpha \cdot \left( \sum_{i=0}^n a_i X^i \right) = \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha a_i X^i, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prove that  $V$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be two subspaces of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$  and let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be two non-empty subsets of  $V$ . Prove with the usual notations that
- $W_1 + W_2 = \langle W_1 \cup W_2 \rangle$ ;
  - if  $\langle A_1 \rangle = W_1$  and  $\langle A_2 \rangle = W_2$  then  $\langle A_1 \cup A_2 \rangle = W_1 + W_2$ .

2. (a) Define the following terms:

- i. a linearly independent set of vectors;
- ii. a basis of a vector space.

(b) Prove that the non-zero vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  of a vector space  $V$  over the  $F$  are linearly dependent if and only if one of them say  $v_i, i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is a linear combination of the preceding vectors.

(c) i. State and prove the dimension theorem for two subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space.

ii. Let  $U = \langle \{(1, 1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 3, 0), (2, 3, 3, -1)\} \rangle$  and

$W = \langle \{(1, 2, 2, -2), (2, 3, 2, -3), (1, 3, 4, -3)\} \rangle$ .

Find  $\dim(U + W)$  and  $\dim(U \cap W)$ .

3. (a) Let  $T$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V$  into another vector space  $W$ . Define:

i. range space  $R(T)$ ;

ii. null space  $N(T)$ .

Find  $R(T), N(T)$  of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x - y + 2z, 2x + y, -x - 2y + 2z), \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Verify the equation  $\dim V = \dim(R(T)) + \dim(N(T))$  for this linear transformation.

(b) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation defined by

$T(x, y) = (x + 2y, 2x - y, -x)$  and let  $B_1 = \{(0, 1), (1, 1)\}$  and

$B_2 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)\}$  be bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively.

Find the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $B_1$  and

with respect to the basis  $B_2$  by using the transition matrix.

4. (a) Define the following terms as applied to a matrix:

- i. rank;
- ii. echelon form;
- iii. row reduced echelon form.



(b) Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that:

- i. row rank of  $A$  is equal to column rank of  $A$ ;
- ii. if  $B$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix, obtained by performing an elementary row operation on  $A$ , then  $r(A) = r(B)$ .

(c) i. Find the row rank of the matrix 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 & -3 & 6 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

ii. Find the row reduced echelon form of the matrix 
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

5. (a) Define the following terms as applied to an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ :

- i. cofactor  $A_{ij}$  of an element  $a_{ij}$ ;
- ii. adjoint of  $A$ .

Prove with the usual notations that

$$A \cdot (\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A) \cdot A = \det A \cdot I$$

(b) i. if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then use the mathematical induction to prove

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2n & -4n \\ n & 1 - 2n \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for every positive integer } n.$$

ii. show that  $\det A = (x - y)(x - z)(x - w)(y - z)(y - w)(z - w)$  for

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 & x^3 \\ 1 & y & y^2 & y^3 \\ 1 & z & z^2 & z^3 \\ 1 & w & w^2 & w^3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. (a) State the necessary and sufficient condition for a system of linear equations to be consistent.

Reduce the augmented matrix of the following system of linear equations to its row reduced echelon form and hence determine the conditions on the scalars  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}, b_1$  and  $b_2$  such that the system has

- (i) a unique solution;
- (ii) no solution;
- (iii) more than one solution.

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 = b_2.$$

- (b) Using row reduced echelon form, check whether the following system of equations is consistent, if so, find the solution(s).

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

$$4x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 = 20$$

$$3x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 - 2x_4 = 18$$

$$5x_1 - 3x_2 + 4x_3 - 3x_4 = 32.$$

- (c) Solve the following system of linear equations by using Cramer's rule.

$$x + 2y + 3z = 10$$

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

$$3x + y - 2z = 9.$$