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REPEAT

MT 201 - VECTOR SPACES AND MATRICES

Answer all questions

Time: Three hours

1. (a) Explain what is meant by

i. a vector space,

ii. a subspace of a vector space.

[20 marks]

(b) Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $W$  be a non-empty subset of  $V$ . Prove that  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$  if and only if  $ax + by \in W$  for every  $x, y \in W$  and for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ .

[35 marks]

(c) Let  $M_{m \times n}$  be the set of all real  $m \times n$  matrices. For any two matrices  $A = [\alpha_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  and  $B = [\beta_{ij}]_{m \times n}$  in  $M_{m \times n}$ , and for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  define an addition  $\oplus$  and scalar multiplication  $\odot$  as follows:

$$[\alpha_{ij}]_{m \times n} \oplus [\beta_{ij}]_{m \times n} = [\alpha_{ij} + \beta_{ij}]_{m \times n},$$

$$\lambda \odot [\alpha_{ij}]_{m \times n} = [\lambda \alpha_{ij}]_{m \times n}.$$

Prove that  $(M_{m \times n}, \oplus, \odot)$  is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ .

[45 marks]

2. (a) Define the following:
- (i) a linearly independent set of vectors,
  - (ii) a basis for a vector space,
  - (iii) dimension of a vector space. [15 marks]

(b) Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space. Prove the following:

- (i) A linearly independent set of vectors of  $V$  with  $n$  elements is a basis for  $V$ ;
- (ii) Any linearly independent set of vectors of  $V$  may be extended to a basis for  $V$ .

[50 marks]

- (c) i. Let  $V$  be a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $(x, y, z)$  is linearly independent sequence of vectors in  $V$ . Let  $u = x - y$ ,  $v = y - z$ ,  $w = z + \alpha x$ , where  $\alpha$  is a scalar. Prove that the sequence  $(u, v, w)$  is linearly dependent if and only if  $\alpha = -1$ .

- ii. In a vector space the sequence of vectors  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is given to be linearly independent and  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$  where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  are scalars with  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ . Prove that the sequence  $(y, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$  is also linearly independent.

[20 marks]

- (d) Extend the subset  $\{(1, -2, 5, -3), (0, 7, -9, 2)\}$  to a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

[15 marks]

3. (a) State and prove the dimension theorem for two subspaces of a finite dimensional vector space. [30 marks]

(b) Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be a basis of a finite  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$ .

- i. Prove that for each  $s$  in the range 1 to  $n - 1$ , inclusive,

$$V = \langle \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s\} \rangle \oplus \langle \{u_{s+1}, u_{s+2}, \dots, u_n\} \rangle.$$

ii. Show that if  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are two direct complements of  $S$  in  $V$ , then

$$\dim V - 2\dim S \leq \dim(S_1 \cap S_2) \leq \dim V - \dim S.$$

[45 marks]

(c) Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space and  $W$  be a subspace of  $V$ .

Prove that the quotient space  $V/W$  is also finite dimensional and

$$\dim(V/W) = \dim V - \dim W.$$

[25 marks]

4. (a) Define

(i) Range space  $R(T)$ ,

(ii) Null space  $N(T)$

of a linear transformation  $T$  from a vector space  $V$  into another vector space  $W$ .

[20 marks]

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

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + 2y + 3z, x - y + z, x + 5y + 5z), \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

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

[30 marks]

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

$$T(x, y, z) = (2x + y + 3z, 3x - y + z, -4x + 3y + z), \quad \forall (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Let  $B_1 = \{(1, 1, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1)\}$  and  $B_2 = \{(1, 1, 1), (1, 2, 3), (2, -1, 1)\}$

be bases for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Find

(i) the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $B_1$ ;

(ii) the matrix representation of  $T$  with respect to the basis  $B_2$  by using the transition matrix.

[50 marks]

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

- i. Rank,
- ii. Echelon form,
- iii. Row reduced echelon form.

[15 marks]

(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  $r(A) = r(B)$ .

[45 marks]

(c) Find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 7 & -3 & 6 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

[20 marks]

(d) Find the row reduced echelon form of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 11 & -5 & 3 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

[20 marks]

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

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= e \\ cx + dy &= f \end{aligned}$$

to its row reduced echelon form and hence determine the conditions on  $a, b, c, d, e$  and  $f$  such that the system has

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

[30 marks]

(b) The system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y + z &= 5 \\ 3x + 2y - 4z + 7t &= k + 4 \\ x + y - z + 2t &= k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

is known to be consistent. Find the value of  $k$  and general solution of the system.

[30 marks]

(c) State Cramer's rule for  $3 \times 3$  matrix and use it to solve the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 - 5x_2 + 2x_3 &= 7 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 - 4x_3 &= 3 \\ 3x_1 - 4x_2 - 6x_3 &= 5. \end{aligned}$$

[30 marks]