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**3 (Sem-5 /CBCS) MAT HC 2**

**2021**

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**MATHEMATICS**

**(Honours)**

Paper : MAT-HC-5026

**( Linear Algebra )**

Full Marks : 80

Time : Three hours

***The figures in the margin indicate  
full marks for the questions.***

1. Answer the following as directed :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

(i) Is  $\mathbb{R}^2(\mathbb{R})$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$  ?

(ii) Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 4$  matrix. If null space of  $A$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  then what is  $k$ ?

(iii) Let  $S$  be a subset of a vector space  $V(F)$  and  $S$  contains zero vector of  $V$ . Then  $S$  is

(A) linearly independent

(B) linearly dependent

*Contd.*

(C) Both linearly independent and linearly dependent

(D) None of the above

(Choose the correct option)

(iv) Write the standard basis of the vector space of polynomial in  $x$  with real coefficient of degree  $\leq 3$ .

(v) "The eigenvalues of a triangular matrix are the entries on its main diagonal." (State True or False)

(vi) Define inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(vii) Which vector is orthogonal to every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

(viii) How do you explain  $\dim W = 1$  geometrically where  $W$  is a subspace of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ ?

(ix) Let  $A$  be the  $4 \times 4$  real matrix,

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

Then the characteristic polynomial for  $A$  is

(A)  $x^2(x-1)^2$

(B)  $(x-1)^2(x+1)^2$

(C)  $x^2(x+1)^2$

(D) None of the above

(Choose the correct option)

(x) What do you mean by the length of a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?

2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(i) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all functions from the real field  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $W = \{f : f(7) = 2 + f(1)\}$  is not a subspace of  $V$ .

(ii) Show that every subset of an independent set is independent.

(iii) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Is  $v$  an eigenvector of  $A$ ?

(iv) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(a, b, c) = (a + b, b + c, 0)$ . Show that the  $xy$ -plane  $= \{(x, y, 0) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(v) Let  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $u = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the orthogonal projection of  $y$  onto  $u$ .

3. Answer **any four** questions :  $5 \times 4 = 20$

(i) Prove that the non-zero vectors  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly dependent if and only if one of them is a linear combination of the preceding vectors.

(ii) Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be non-zero eigenvectors of an operator  $T: V \rightarrow V$  corresponding to distinct eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . Prove that  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly independent.

(iii) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two similar matrices of order  $n \times n$ . Prove that  $A$  and  $B$  have the same characteristic polynomial and hence the same eigenvalues.

(iv) Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . An eigenvalue of  $A$  is 2. Find a basis for the corresponding eigenspace.

(v) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find a formula for  $A^2$ , given that  $A = PDP^{-1}$  where  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(vi) Define an orthogonal set. If  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  is an orthogonal set of non-zero vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then prove that  $S$  is linearly independent and hence is a basis for the subspace spanned by  $S$ .

4. (i) If a vector space  $V$  has a basis  $B = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , then prove that any set in  $V$  containing more than  $n$  vectors must be linearly dependent. Also show that every basis of  $V$  must consist of exactly  $n$  vectors. 5+5=10

**OR**

Let  $U$  and  $V$  be vector spaces over the same field. Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be a basis of  $U$  and let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be any arbitrary vectors in  $V$ . Prove that there exists a unique linear mapping  $f: U \rightarrow V$  such that

$$f(u_1) = v_1, f(u_2) = v_2, \dots, f(u_n) = v_n \quad 10$$

- (ii) Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . 10

**OR**

State Cayley-Hamilton theorem for matrices. Use it to express  $2A^5 - 3A^4 - A^2 - 4I$  as a linear polynomial in  $A$ , when  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . 10

- (iii) Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (2y + z, x - 4y, 3x)$$

- (a) Find the matrix of  $T$  in the basis  $\{e_1 = (1, 1, 1), e_2 = (1, 1, 0), e_3 = (1, 0, 0)\}$

- (b) Verify that  $[T]_e[v]_e = [T(v)]_e$  for any vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . 4+6=10

**OR**

An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable if and only if  $A$  has  $n$  linearly independent eigen-vectors. 10

- (iv) Define orthonormal set and orthonormal basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \\ 1/\sqrt{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{6} \\ 2/\sqrt{6} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{66} \\ -4/\sqrt{66} \\ 7/\sqrt{66} \end{bmatrix} \quad 1+1+8=10$$

**OR**

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