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Bachelor Level/First Year/ Second Semester/ Science  
**Computer Science and Information Technology**  
(MTH.155 – Linear Algebra)

Full Marks: 80  
Pass Marks: 32  
Time: 3 hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.  
The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

**Attempt all questions:**

**Group A**

**(10 x 2 = 20)**

1. When is system of linear equation consistent or inconsistent?
2. Write numerical importance of partitioning matrices.
3. How do you distinguish singular and non-singular matrices?
4. If A and B are n x n matrices, then verify with an example that  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$ .
5. Calculate the area of the parallelogram determined by the columns of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

6. Determine if  $w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\text{Nul}(A)$ , where,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 & -3 \\ 6 & -2 & 0 \\ -8 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
7. Determine if  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , where  $v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $v_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .
8. Find the characteristic polynomial for the eigen values of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .
9. Let  $\vec{v} = (1, -2, 2, 0)$ . Find a unit vector  $\vec{u}$  in the same direction as  $\vec{v}$ .
10. Let  $\{u_1, \dots, u_p\}$  be an orthogonal basis for a subspace W of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then prove that for each  $y \in W$ , the weights in  $y = c_1u_1 + \dots + c_pu_p$  are given by

$$c_j = \frac{y \cdot u_j}{u_j \cdot u_j} \quad (j = 1, \dots, p)$$

**Group B****(5 x 4 = 20)**

11. Prove that any set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if  $p > n$ .
12. Consider the Leontief input – output model equation  $x = cx + d$ , where the consumption matrix is

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} .50 & .40 & .20 \\ .20 & .30 & .10 \\ .10 & .10 & .30 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Suppose the final demand is 50 units of manufacturing, 30 units of agriculture, 20 units for services.  
Find the production level  $x$  that will satisfy the demand.

13. What do you mean by basis of a vector space? Find the basis for the row space of

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 & 8 & 0 & -17 \\ 1 & 3 & -5 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 11 & -19 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 & -13 & 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**OR**

State and prove the unique representation theorem for coordinate systems.

14. What do you mean by eigen values, eigen vectors and characteristic polynomial of a matrix? Explain with suitable examples.

15. Define the Gram-Schmidt process. Let  $W = \text{span}\{x_1, x_2\}$ , where  $x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then construct an orthogonal basis  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  for  $w$ .

**Group C****(5 x 8 = 40)**

16. Given the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 15 \end{bmatrix},$$

discuss the forward phase and backward phase of the row reduction algorithm.

17. Find the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , if it exists, by using elementary row reduce the augmented matrix.

18. What do you mean by change of basis in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ? Let  $b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $c_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -4 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $c_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ , and consider the bases for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $B=\{b_1, b_2\}$  and  $C=\{c_1, c_2\}$ . Find the change of coordinates matrix from B to C.

19. Diagonalize the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , if possible

**OR**

Find the eigen value of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.50 & -0.60 \\ 0.75 & 1.1 \end{bmatrix}$ , and find a basis for each eigen space.

20. Find a least-square solution for  $Ax = b$  with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -6 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . What do you mean by least squares problems?

**OR**

Define a least-squares solution of  $Ax = b$ , prove that the set of least squares solutions of  $Ax = b$  coincides with the non-empty set of solutions of the normal equations  $A^T Ax = A^T b$ .