Chapter: Linear Algebra

Topic: Special Types of Matrices

- 1. If $A^T = A^{-1}$, where A is a real matrix, then A is
 - (a) Normal
- (b) Symmetric
- (c) Hermitian
- (d) Orthogonal
- 2. Match the items in columns I and II.

	Column I		Column II
P.	Singular Matrix	1.	Determinant is not
			defined
Q.	Non-square	2.	Determinant is
	matrix		always one
R.	Real symmetric	3.	Determinant is zero
S.	Orthogonal matrix	4.	Eigenvalues are
			always real
		5.	Eigenvalue are not
			defined

- (a) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2
- (b) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1
- (c) P-3, Q-2, R-5, S-4
- (d) P-3, Q-4, R-2, S-1
- 3. [A] is a square matrix which is neither symmetric nor skew-symmetric and [A]^T is its transpose. The sum and difference of these matrices are defined as [S] = [A] + [A]^T and [D] = [A] [A]^T, respectively. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (a) Both [S] and [D] are symmetric
 - (b) Both [S] and [D] are skew-symmetric
 - (c) [S] is skew-symmetric and [D] is symmetric
 - (d) [S] is symmetric and [D] is skew-symmetric

- **4.** If A and B are square matrices of the same order such that AB = A and BA = B, then A and B are both
 - (a) Singular
- (b) Idempotent
- (c) Involutory
- (d) None of these
- 5. The matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & -8 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ is
 - (a) Idempotent
- (b) Involutory
- (c) Singular
- (d) None of these
- **6.** Every diagonal element of a Skew- Hermitian matrix is
 - (a) purely real
- (b) 0
- (c) purely imaginary (d) 1
- 7. If A is Hermitian, then iA is
 - (a) symmetric
- (b) Skew-symmetric
- (c) Hermitian
- (d) Skew-Hermitian
- **8.** Every diagonal element of a Skew-symmetric matrix is
 - (a) 1
 - (b) 0
 - (c) Purely real
 - (d) None of these
- 9. The matrix, $A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$ is
 - (a) Orthogonal
- (b) Idempotent
- (c) Unitary
- (d) None of these
- **10.** If A and B are non zero square matrices, then AB = 0 implies
 - (a) A and B are orthogonal
 - (b) A and B are singular
 - (c) B is singular
 - (d) A is singular

Answer Key

1. (d)

2. (a)

3. (d)

4. (b)

5. (b)

6. (c)

7. (d)

8. (b)

9. (c)

10. (d)





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