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**MATH-244 (Linear Algebra); Final Exam; Semester 432**

**Max. Marks: 40****Max. Time: 3 hours**

**Note: Attempt all the five questions!**

**Question 1** [3+2+2 marks]:

- a) If  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then find  $\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A))$ .
- b) Find the values of  $k$  that makes the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3k-2 \\ k^2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  symmetric.
- c) Let  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . Explain! Why the matrix  $B$  can be expressed as a product of elementary matrices?

**Question 2** [3+3 marks]:

- a) Solve the linear system of equations with augmented matrix:

$$[A:B] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 \end{array} \right]$$

- b) Solve the following linear system of equations by Cramer's Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 1 \\ -2x + 3y - 4z &= 0 \\ -2x + 3y - 3z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3** [2+2+2+3 marks]:

- a) Show that  $E = \{ax - 2ax^4 + (a-b)x^6 + (3a+2b)x^7 : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subspace of the real vector space  $P_7$  of polynomials with *degree*  $\leq 7$ .
- b) Find a basis and dimension of the vector space  $E$ .
- c) Show that  $\langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle = x_1y_1 + 2x_2y_2 + 3x_3y_3$  defines an inner product on the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- d) Find an orthogonal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , with respect to the inner product defined above in Part c), by using the Gram-Schmidt algorithm on  $\{u_1 = (1, 1, 1), u_2 = (1, 1, 0), u_3 = (0, 1, 0)\}$ .

**Question 4** [3+3+3 marks]:

Let  $B = \{u_1 = (1, -1), u_2 = (1, 1)\}$  and  $C = \{v_1 = (1, 1, 0), v_2 = (1, 0, 1), v_3 = (1, 1, 1)\}$  be bases of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation such that  $T(1, -1) = (3, 5, 2)$ ,  $T(1, 1) = (2, -1, -3)$ . Then find:

- $T(1, 0)$  and  $T(0, 1)$ .
- The matrix  $[T]_B^C$  of the linear transformation  $T$  with respect to the bases  $B$  and  $C$ .
- The coordinate vector  $[T(0, 1)]_C$  by using  $[T]_B^C$ .

**Question 5** [2+2+2+3 marks]:

Let  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$  and  $\lambda_3 = -1$  be the eigenvalues of  $8 \times 8$  matrix  $A$  with algebraic multiplicities 3, 2 and 3, respectively. Let  $\dim(E_{\lambda_1}) = 3$ ,  $\dim(E_{\lambda_2}) = 2$  and  $\dim(E_{\lambda_3}) = 3$ , where  $E_{\lambda_j}$  denotes the eigenspace with respect to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$ .

- Find the characteristic polynomial  $q_A(\lambda)$  of the matrix  $A$ .
- Explain, why the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable?
- Find the diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $A = PDP^{-1}$ , where  $P$  is an invertible matrix.
- Find  $A^{11}$ .

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**Note:** In answering the questions other than Question 2/b), if a student has used some method/s different from the one/s being preferred and used in this solution key then the respective instructor should award the student appropriately.

**Solution of Question 1:** a)  $|A^{-1}| = 1$  so that  $|A| = 1$ . [1 mark]

Hence,  $\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A)) = |A|^{3-2}A = A$  [1 mark]

$$= (A^{-1})^{-1} = |A| \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [1 \text{ mark}]$$

b) By the symmetricity,  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3k-2 \\ k^2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & k^2 \\ 3k-2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . [1 mark]

So,  $k^2 - 3k + 2 = 0$ . Thus,  $k = 1, 2$ . [1 mark]

c)  $|B| = -30 \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow B$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow B$  is a product of elementary matrices. [0.5+0.5+1 mark]

**Solution of Question 2:** a)  $[A:B] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 & -2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -1 & -1 \end{array} \right] \sim \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -4 & -4 \end{array} \right]$ . [1.5 marks]

Hence, solution set of the system =  $\{(4, -1, t, -4) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . [1.5 marks]

b) Let  $A$  denote the matrix of coefficients. Then:

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 1, |A_x| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & 3 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 7, |A_y| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 6, |A_z| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1. \quad [2 \text{ marks}]$$

Hence,  $x = \frac{|A_x|}{|A|} = 7$ ,  $y = \frac{|A_y|}{|A|} = 6$ ,  $z = \frac{|A_z|}{|A|} = 1$ . [1 mark]

**Solution of Question 3:**

a) The zero polynomial =  $ax - 2ax^4 + (a - b)x^6 + (3a + 2b)x^7 \in E$  with  $a = b = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . [0.5 mark]

Next, for any  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, \lambda, \delta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have: [2.5 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda(a_1x - 2a_1x^4 + (a_1 - b_1)x^6 + (3a_1 + 2b_1)x^7) + \delta(a_2x - 2a_2x^4 + (a_2 - b_2)x^6 + (3a_2 + 2b_2)x^7) \\ &= (\lambda a_1 + \delta a_2)x - 2(\lambda a_1 + \delta a_2)x^4 + ((\lambda a_1 + \delta a_2) - (\lambda b_1 + \delta b_2))x^6 + (3(\lambda a_1 + \delta a_2) + 2(\lambda b_1 + \delta b_2))x^7 \in E. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $E$  is a vector subspace of  $P_7$ .

b)  $ax - 2ax^4 + (a - b)x^6 + (3a + 2b)x^7 = a(x - 2x^4 + x^6 + 3x^7) + b(-x^6 + 2x^7)$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . [0.5 mark]

Moreover,  $x - 2x^4 + x^6 + 3x^7$  and  $-x^6 + 2x^7$  are linearly independent polynomials in  $E$ . [0.5 mark]

Hence,  $\{x - 2x^4 + x^6 + 3x^7, -x^6 + 2x^7\}$  is a basis of  $E$  and  $\dim(E) = 2$ . [0.5+0.5 mark]

c) For any  $(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3), (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ;  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle = x_1y_1 + 2x_2y_2 + 3x_3y_3 = \langle (y_1, y_2, y_3), (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rangle;$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \langle (x_1, x_2, x_3) + (y_1, y_2, y_3), (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rangle = \langle (x_1 + y_1, x_2 + y_2, x_3 + y_3), (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rangle \\
& = (x_1 + y_1)z_1 + 2(x_2 + y_2)z_2 + 3(x_3 + y_3)z_3 = x_1z_1 + 2x_2z_2 + 3x_3z_3 + y_1z_1 + 2y_2z_2 + 3y_3z_3 \\
& = \langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rangle + \langle (y_1, y_2, y_3), (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rangle; \\
& \langle \alpha(x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle = \langle (\alpha x_1, \alpha x_2, \alpha x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle = (\alpha x_1)y_1 + 2(\alpha x_2)y_2 + 3(\alpha x_3)y_3 \\
& = \alpha(x_1y_1 + 2x_2y_2 + 3x_3y_3) = \alpha \langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (y_1, y_2, y_3) \rangle; \\
& \langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rangle = x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally,  $\langle (x_1, x_2, x_3), (x_1, x_2, x_3) \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + 3x_3^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3) = (0, 0, 0)$ . Q.E.D. [2 marks]

d)  $v_1 = u_1 = (1, 1, 1); v_2 = u_2 - \frac{\langle u_2, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-1}{2}\right);$  [0.5+1 mark]

$$v_3 = u_3 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_1 \rangle}{\|v_1\|^2} v_1 - \frac{\langle u_3, v_2 \rangle}{\|v_2\|^2} v_2 = \left(\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0\right). \quad [1.5 \text{ marks}]$$

**Solution of Question 4:** a)  $(1, 0) = \alpha(1, -1) + \beta(1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1, -\alpha + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$ .

So that  $(1, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(1, -1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, 1)$ . Similarly,  $(0, 1) = -\frac{1}{2}(1, -1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, 1)$ . [1 mark]

Hence,  $T(1, 0) = T\left(\frac{1}{2}(1, -1) + \frac{1}{2}(1, 1)\right) = \frac{1}{2}T(1, -1) + \frac{1}{2}T(1, 1) = \frac{1}{2}((3, 5, 2) + (2, -1, -3)) = \frac{1}{2}(5, 4, -1)$  and  $T(0, 1) = \frac{1}{2}(-1, -6, -5)$ . [2 marks]

b)  $(3, 5, 2) = T(1, -1) = \alpha(1, 1, 0) + \beta(1, 0, 1) + \gamma(1, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 3, \alpha + \gamma = 5, \beta + \gamma = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 1, \beta = -2, \gamma = 4. \text{ So, } [T(u_1)]_C = [T(1, -1)]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Similarly, } [T(u_1)]_C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}. \quad [2 \text{ marks}]$$

Hence,  $[T]_B^C = \begin{bmatrix} [T(u_1)]_C & [T(u_2)]_C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ . [1 mark]

c)  $[T(0, 1)]_C = [T]_B^C [(0, 1)]_B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ -2 & 3 \\ 4 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{5}{2} \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ . [1.5+1+0.5 marks]

**Solution of Question 5:** a)  $q_A(\lambda) = (\lambda - 0)^3(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 1)^3 = \lambda^3(\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda + 1)^3$ . [2 marks]

b) Because algebraic multiplicity of eigenvalue  $\lambda_j$  = the geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda_j, \forall j = 1, 2, 3$ . [2 marks]

c)  $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  [2 marks]

d)  $A^{11} = (PDP^{-1})^{11} = PD^{11}P^{-1} = PDP^{-1} = A$ . [3 marks]

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